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Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota*


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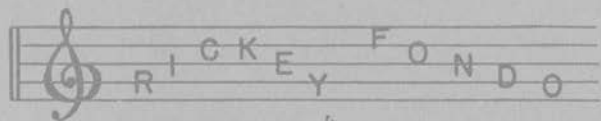


I mailed your
Christmas card to the
wrong address so am
sending you this one
a bit late.

We are looking
forward to meeting
again.
Affectionately
Ada & Silvio Zanetti

This reproduction of "The White Church" is from an original painting by Grandma Moses who began painting in 1936 at the age of 76, and today is recognized as an outstanding primitive artist.

Wishing you happiness
on Christmas
and through the New Year



January 3, 1951

Dear Laura Jane

Just a little
note to thank
you for the lovely
Sewing Kit. It
will be perfect

for the road, I'm
quite fond of it
Thanks again.

Let me hear from
you when you
come back.

Lore

"Riikü"



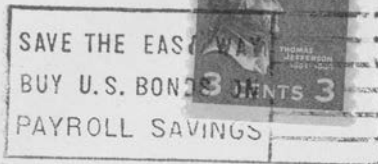
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minn.

Students of Mrs. Arthur Bestul
will present a
Piano Recital, on Friday
May 18th, at 8 p. m., in Auditorium
of Little Falls High School

We will be happy to have you
attend, and bring others if you like.

-Phyllis



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

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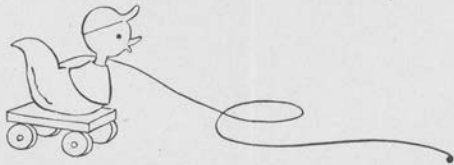


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You may have heard
the rumor,
And here's the
confirmation--

Someone new
has just arrived
To change
the population!



Name
James Simon
Arrived
Dec. 27, 1950
Weight
8 lbs. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.
Parents
Pat & Dick Worthing

Jan. 2, 1951

Dear Laura Jane:

Again I want to thank you for the wonderful album - I've not had much time to enjoy it yet for I came in on the 26th. We are going home in a day or so. The baby, the big, had a rough beginning. The cord was around his neck, so he was blue for about a day and was in oxygen, then he got jaundice - He's doing fine now, tho. Spent my third New Year Eve here -

Be sure to come out or call when you can

dear and thanks again
for remembering me at
Christmas.

As Ever,
Patty



34 Ash
Cambridge, Mass.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hills

Little Falls, Minnesota

Box 305
Vestal, N.Y.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
The Buckingham Hotel
101 W. 57th Street
New York, N.Y.

Room 1104



June 13, 1951

Dear Laura Jane,

I think belated
birthday cards were
invented especially
for me, but I doubt
that those who design
them ever imagined anyone
could be as tardy with a
greeting as I. I am very
sorry I missed your birthday
and I hope you celebrated
it very happily. I wonder
where you are now — I'm
sending this to New York as

Although this greeting
missed the day
It brings best wishes,
anyway,
For happiness
and good luck, too,
On every day
the whole year through!

I'm sure it will be forwarded
if you're not there. What
are your plans for the
summer? Do you expect to be
in Little Falls during August?
We are looking forward to
(insert)

our bi-annual visit home and it would be very nice if we could see you then.

I am sorry, too, that I haven't written sooner in answer to your last letter; but we moved into our new house on April 2nd, and since then I have done little letter-writing. Between getting settled and a siege of illness in the family, I've been in a state of perpetual exhaustion. The cold weather hangs on - tonight the temperature is in the forties! - and we can't seem to get rid of our colds.

The children are all coming along nicely. Lorna runs around the house spouting a continuous stream of chatter which contains a few intelligible words. Last Tuesday I registered Ingrid for kindergarten in the fall. It hardly seems possible it's time for that, already, but she is well ready for something more than play. She learns very quickly, and I think she'll do well in school. I do hope you'll be in L. F. when we are so you'll get a chance to see the children.

Our new mailing address is Box 305, Vestal, N. Y., but our house number is 3 Kimble Road. I shall be eager to hear whether we shall see you this summer.

How are your parents? I read in the

Transcript of their trip
to Florida last winter, so
I know they must be quite
well to undertake so long
a trip by car. Please
greet them for me.

Must close now. Shall
hope to see you soon. If
not, I'll not let so long
a time elapse before
writing again.

Love,
Lillian



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See by your post marks you
are in N.Y. Have fun-
wish you were there too-
Love M.A.H.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

Greetings



THE BEAUTY OF A CANDLE
TOUCHES ME.

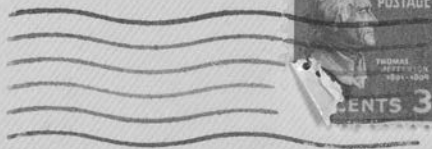
IT IS SO SOFTLY GAY . .

SO STEADFAST

AND SO CARELESS . .

GIVING ITSELF AWAY.

Mary Ann Horneman



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls,
Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane,

When I opened your book I was just
thrilled - Laura Jane the stationery
is really lovely. You know its the first
time I have seen my M^d initials in
print so you know how exciting it
was for me. I wrote Bill right
away and told him and sent it.

Laura Jane you are so dear
to think of me always. I hope that

You will come to Cleveland to see
us soon.

After the first of August I will be
here for a few days perhaps we can
have a golf game together.

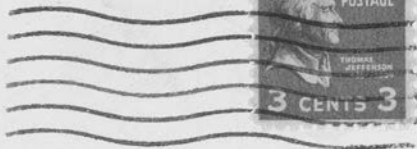
I thank you again for the lovely
stationery.

Love,

Barbara

July 15, 1951

Litch Falls, Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Messer
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane,

The two lovely
sterling computers which
you gave John and
me have already been
initiated. Yes, indeed
they have been filled
up twice with chocolates!

We are anxious for
the time when we will
be able to use them in
the proper setting but
in the meantime we are
also enjoying them.

It was so wonderful
of you to think of us.
Thank you ever so much!

Sincerely,
Ray



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minn.

Ellie

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you so much for
this lovely stationery - I can't
tell you how thrilled I was
when I opened your box - it's
perfectly beautiful and is going
to be used just for very special

Letters and notes.

Harry and I are looking forward
to having you out to our little
apartment sometime when you're down.
Our Telephone number is KE 6844 and
we sincerely hope that you will
call if you ever can spend an
evening or a Saturday or Sunday with
us. We are still using foot stools and
folding chairs but I know you won't mind
too much -

With Love,
Dorance

July 23, 1951

miss yourself, and your
company. Perhaps we can
see you next year.

Keep this under your
hat, Laura Jane, I think I may be
married to Peter before the year's
out. Don't divulge that bit,
news to the Samuels - whom I
mentioned before. I told them
we were married - with the
marriage viewpoint in mind.

Let's hear from you soon.

Love to your folks -

Ernest

May 29, 1951



Dearest Laura Jane,
My trip to N.Y. was
quite a memorable incident.
A friend of mine and I
flew. We enjoyed our
stay there and didn't
go in much for a
rollicking time. We
took it rather easily - not
too much excitement.

N.Y. is still as exciting,
neurotic and breathless as
ever. We saw "Kiss me Kate"
and "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

I do hope you have and
are having a restful delightful

2
line at home. Flying across
country and seeing all these
beautiful countryside was
just exhilarating. Just give me
the wide open spaces.

My mother is planning
to go to Honolulu sometime
this week and I'm arranging
for her departure.

Laura Jane, there's someone
I'd be interested for you to know -
his Gerhard Samuel - a fellow
talented along the musical lines.
He was and perhaps will be

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with the Minneapolis symphony
orchestra. You're such a great
promoter, I thought you might be
interested in doing something
for him. He's the son of
a very dear friend of mine, Mr.
and Mrs. Samuel.

Most sorry to say, Laura
Jane, I haven't played chess
since I played with you. I'm
still looking for a partner or
anyone who can play.

Laura Jane, I do so



OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) PERRY W. VAN KIRK

167TH INFANTRY

Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina
25 December 1951

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Musses,

How thoughtful you were to remember Mary and me at Christmas with a gift. We have not decided just how to use it but we think we are going to get a small electric phonograph which plays the long records. We have seen one which is suitable for people who are often in transit.

We have had a happy Christmas day together. I took several soldiers to a private home for Christmas dinner. Then Mary and I ate with one of our companies where many wives and friends were eating. Mary had gone to church while I acted taxi driver. This afternoon the two of us opened our presents. Later we saw the movie of "Kon-Tiki" and now we are writing notes.

You can see that we have had a full day. But we have missed the snow of Minnesota. I have not even worn an



OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) PERRY W. VAN KIRK

167TH INFANTRY

over coat. The only semblance of winter we have is the icicles upon the Christmas trees. I put many icicles upon the tree in the Chapel. These people from Dixie decided they liked the way we do trees.

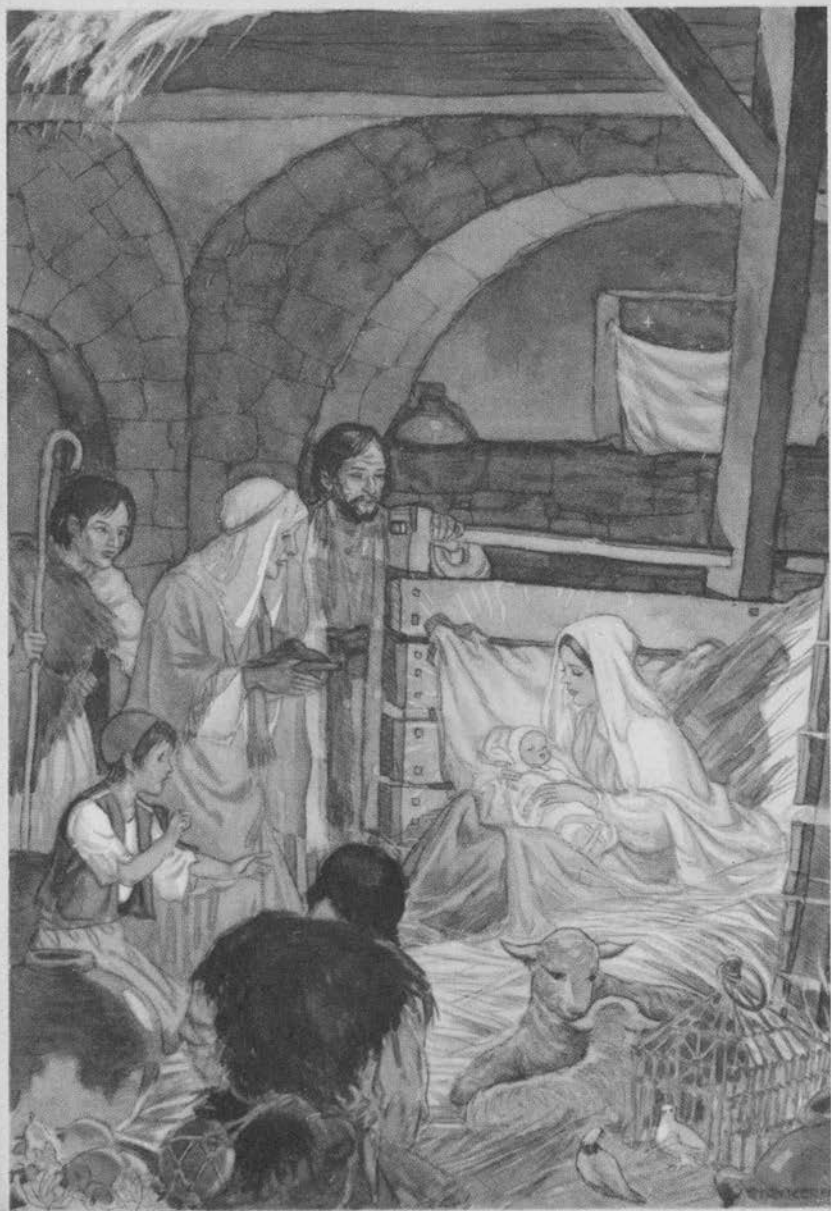
How often we think of you all in Little Falls. We miss you more than we can tell you. We find it good to know that you think of us too.

We trust that this next year will find the world moving more in the direction of peace.

Love to each one and do keep well.

Sincerely,

Wayne Van Kirk



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

23 December 1951

Sunday, 1100 Hours

Fort Jackson, South Carolina

ORGAN PRELUDEOrganist

OPENING SENTENCES

INVOCATIONChaplain

OPENING HYMN"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*
(Stanzas 1, 2 and 3, No. 253)

THE RESPONSIVE READINGSelection No. 50

SOLO*"Heaven"*
Pfc. Ray B. Hardin, Co. E

THE SCRIPTURE READINGJohn 1:1-18

THE CHAPEL AT PRAYER

PREPARATORY HYMN"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*
(Stanzas 1, 2 and 3, No. 250)

THE SERMON*"OUR CONSTANT CONTEMPORARY"*

CLOSING HYMN"The First Noel"*
(Stanzas 1, 2 and 3, No. 261)

BENEDICTION

ORGAN PRELUDE

* * * * *

*The congregation will stand.

***Latecomers will be ushered to places.

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167th Infantry

Col. George D. Williams

Commanding

Perry W. VanKirk
Chaplain (Captain)
Thomas C. Hill, Pfc.
Chaplain's Assistant
Tom McFayden,
Organist

A *Christmas Eve Service* will be at Chapel No. 2, Building 4263, at 2330 hours on 24 December. Everyone is invited. For the limited number who will be on the Post at Christmas our Chapel service will probably accommodate all who wish to attend. But this should be a very beautiful Christmas Eve worship for many of us to anticipate.

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No Vesper service will be held in Chapel 5 tonight. Sunday evening services will begin again after the holidays. On 6 January at 1800 hours motion pictures of Bible stories will be resumed. Children and families of service men will be especially invited. During the holidays service personnel are commended to Sunday evening worship in Columbia.

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An *Offering Tray* is in the vestibule for your Chapel gifts.

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"To each one is given a marble to carve for the wall;
A stone that is needed to heighten the beauty of all;
And only his soul has the magic to give it grace,
And only his hands have the cunning to put it in place.

"Yes, the task that is given to each one, no other can do;
So the errand is waiting; it has waited through ages for you.
And now you appear; and the hushed ones are turning their gaze,
To see what you do with your chance in the chamber of days."

—Edwin Markham.

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Holiday Greetings: Mrs. VanKirk joins with the Chaplain in wishing you the Blessings of Christmas and strength from God for the New Year. Personal greeting cards from men of this unit have been deeply appreciated.

Reverend W. Van Kirk, Chaplain
0-583598
167th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division
Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina



Mrs. and Mrs. R. D. Musser
Little Falls, Minnesota



HADASSAH

DES MOINES, IOWA

December 20th

Dear Miss Messer:

This is to inform you that Mrs. Kohn has turned over your check to the Hadassah Medical Organization as Chairman of that activity. I want to thank you very much for your contribution.

The Medical work in Israel is of great importance, and supplies of every sort are desperately needed. Thank you again for your contribution.

Sincerely yours,
Sarah E. Williams
H. M. O. Chairman

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Des Moines Chapter

Des Moines, Iowa



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls,
Minn.



MRS. ROBERT H. WERNER
712 7th Ave. So.
South St. Paul, Minn.

December 11, 1951

Dear Laura Jane,

Bob and I have spoken of you several times since you visited us. We really enjoyed your little visit with us and hope you can come again. We have wondered if you are going to business college as you had planned. Do hope you are satisfied and happy in what you are doing. I will be looking forward to a note from you.

Our family is fine and dandy and keeps us on the go--Dobby, especially. He certainly took a shine to you - like I told you, he doesn't make up to people very readily but you were the exception. He gets into lots of mischief and sometimes I wonder how one child can think up such things. Carol is no trouble at all - she is so sweet and good. Mary is getting along fine in first grade and enjoys it a lot.

We are building a home out in the country and expect in early spring we will be moving out there. It will be wonderful for the kiddies and Bob and I, too, for that matter. You'll have to come to see us soon after we get settled.

Best wishes to you and your parents this Christime time.

Love,

Dune





Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

Major M. W. Hylden
430 Blakeley Drive
San Antonio, Texas



May the sparkle of candles
Make your Christmas bright
Best wishes are sent
In the warmth of their light.

The Hyldens

Inside

Dearest Lottie,

We sincerely hope
you have a joyous holiday
season. Aunt will be a noisy one
to be
a big girl - Baby is getting like
Michael. Now she looks just like
gets into the creeps - and
until then - see write
best Holiday season.
merry. Merry wishes for a
& sincerely,
Maryon

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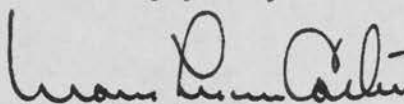
September 20, 1951

Dear Miss Musser:

It was thoughtful of you to send us Mr. Webb's letter to the Des Moines Register, which discussed a plea for religious unity in which we were very much interested.

In connection with Mr. Webb's ideas along this line, we hope you had the opportunity to read the review of Karl Adam's Commonweal article reported on in our August 20 Religion section. It expressed a very similar plea. In the event you missed this article, we are glad to enclose a tearsheet containing it.

Cordially yours,



Mary Lynn Carter
For the Editors

Miss Laura J. Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota



Mrs. Laura Jane Mosser
Hotel Buckingham
101 Street 5th Street
New York City, N.Y.

E. B. Yoon

1625 So. Normandie Ave

Los Angeles, Calif.

How are your folks?
Bruce and I are thriving.
Finished "Good Night
Sweet Prince," and the
book gets me in a mood
to read more.

Just a hurried note -
but do write me, Laura
Jane soon.

Love
E. Baker

March 2, 1951



Dearest Laura Jane,
Thank you for
your sweet valentine.
I think it one of the
sweetest sentimental
holidays of the year
and try and make
the most of it.

This year, I'm
taking my vacation
the first two weeks
in May. Are you
going to be in M. Y.

then? I'm planning
to spend part of my
vacation there and
perhaps Boston and
Chicago also.

Informed by your
address you are
still at the Buckingham.
I don't know where
I'll be staying, but
there are plenty of
small and select hotels.
I liked the one you
stayed somewhere in the

East fifties - was it the
Hotel Dorset or was it
further East. I believe
it was between Park
and Lexington.

Friends are coming
and going en route to
Korea. They seem always
to be in such a hurry
I haven't had a chance
even to ask about
conditions in Korea or even
visit with them.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minnesota

Linden Hill



December 21, 1951

My dear Laura Jane,

I guess the good old Christmas spirit has its own special way of making our best intentions an actuality - for though I've thought of you so many, many times - it has taken me until now to put those thoughts on paper. Forgive me, my dear, for I love to keep in touch with you and your interesting life. May be a little time-worn, but the old friends have ties that even the best of new friends can't forge. Part of the reason being, I suppose, that we love to return to the happy memories of when we were care free pals just flitting around with not too many serious things or thoughts affecting us.

Your life is such a busy one, too - must add here to clear the book, that I had no reply from the letter I sent you back last January to thank you for the beautiful scatter pins you had Santa tuck under my tree. How I have enjoyed wearing them, my dear, and each time I pin them on, I think of the sender. What with all the welcome, but still present responsibilities of a growing family, I don't have many "cake gifts" just for me - and I'm still not grown-up enough to love them! You know how it is - you never get past the stage of a tiny bit of selfishness when it comes to real pretties, do you? Anyway - I have often wondered if that letter went astray - for you are much better than I about letters - if so - please know how much I appreciated your sweet though and how much I am enjoying them even to this day!

Well - time to try to stop rambling, collect my thoughts and give you all our family news. First of all - we will have another little rascal just about anytime now. I'm as big as a blimp, as graceful as a Mac truck, but still navigating and hoping that I can get through Christmas for Mary Lee's sake. I rather hope we have a boy this time, but then just so it is a healthy baby - that's all I should ask the good Lord.

Remember the beautiful silk sacque you sent Mary Lee for her christening? Well - that sweet thing has been worn by three babies - their Mothers and my friends thought it so exquisite that they wanted to borrow it - and I let them. So - here comes number four - bet you never realized what a chain of babies you were taking care of when you picked it out, did you! Had to tell you for I thought you'd get a kick out of it. You see, many know of Mary Lee's "Aunt Laura" even though they have never seen her!

Mary Lee is so grown-up and yet a baby in many ways. She is 44 inches tall and 42 pounds - very light and tall and willowy like her Daddy. You'd never know she was part mine! She is so thrilled over "her new baby" and seems to be pretty well prepared - as much as you can in advance. All of her playmates have little brothers or sisters and believe it or not, she has felt left-out in a certain sense - so now that she knows she will have one all her own - she is happy as a lark. We did get her a puppy to try to fill that gap in the meantime and Skipper has done her a world of good.

What with out expanding family, we will need more room as soon as we can manage it. So - this Fall we took the plunge and bought a beautiful lot in Oak Terrace. When we will get the house on it that we would like is another matter, but at least we have a toe-hold on all the dreams we have been planning. If only these darn old taxes would settle down, we would be in a position to go ahead. But like everyone else, you are afraid to involve too much money in these uncertain times. Still, we have a cozy little home and actually nothing in the world worth complaining about when you take a good look at the rest of the sick old world!

I imagine you are blanketed in snow, too. We have it up to our ears and how I would love to get out in it for a good romp with Mary Lee. But - no can do. So, Bob has all the fun. They took a long sled

ride last Sunday and will again this Sunday, I suppose. The children have their Christmas party and exercises that same afternoon and I have promised that only the hospital and the stork himself will keep me from going. It's such a thrill to watch those babies act out the Christmas story. No wonder the Almighty loves children so much. Their little hearts and minds are still so uncluttered with all the rubbish we adults seem to get as we think we mature. Mary Lee just loves Sunday school and it amazes me at how much they can absorb and understand. It sort of renews your own faith and helps to simplify your own approach to religious thoughts. I had a class in Sunday school last year and I don't know when I enjoyed anything so much - that is except the long ride each Sunday - have to be a little bit truthful! I had sixth graders and they were darlings - most of the time

We had such a nice surprise over the Thanksgiving holidays - Dad and Mother came out to visit us. What finally moved them, I don't know, unless it was that they knew I couldn't make the trip this Spring. Anyway, we had a grand and glorious time for two weeks. The weather was perfect and I know that they had a lot of fun being here. Now - maybe they will come again. I think we should take turns for it is hard for me to make the trip each year in many ways. And Bob can never stay as long as you feel you should to make the long trip worthwhile.

How are your Father and Mother? I do hope they are well. I think of them so many times and wonder what they are doing. How much it will mean to them to have you home for the Holidays! I have been so busy trying to get the "big dinner" all set. Yesterday Mary Lee and I baked six pies to tuck into the deep freeze. And old Turk is all set and in the freezer, too. So - I'm going to have a lazy, simple dinner. This year we'll have it Christmas Eve for I can't go to the mid-night service and that will leave Christmas Day free for all the excitement.

Bob's mother and her husband will be the only guests, so I won't have to dress up things too much. My, but I sound lazy, don't I! Well - just to clear the record, I haven't been. I want a dryer so much - so, I've been doing my own work all year - everything from shirts to floors and I've saved a bout enough from my household accounts to get one - that is, if something more important doesn't turn up - always seems to happen. But - it hasn't hurt me a bit and it's been something to work for. Funny how the things that used to seem so important to you aren't when you have others to think about - guess it's a good thing, too.

But enough, enough! So much for housewife routine! I've managed to keep my hand in a few civic things, too - though the hand has slipped lately and will until perhaps March. Our Civic Music organization is quite active and has brought a number of good programs - all except for chamber music and you know I never could develop a taste for it! I'm on the new hospital public relations board and that has given me many interesting opportunities to see the inside of such a vast machine. And what with Cancer, Red Cross and Community Chest drives plus a few social clubs, I guess I've turned into the typical small town housewife. But you know, you need a certain amount of that side too, or you get hum-drum feelings. Not that I'm a dyed in the wool club woman for I can't say I like them too much, but I've had fun lending what energy I could to the various things I participate in.

Now, dear, that is enough about me - goodness, you'd think I had died or something and was trying to extol my virtues in advance! Do, please write when you can and give me the bright side of your comings and goings. I do so enjoy hearing about them all. Take good care of yourself - greet your parents, I have always been so fond of them - have a wonderful Christmas - and remember that though

my letters are few and far between, you always have a secure nitch
in my heart.

Lovingly,

Shirley A.

Hope the little box has arrived safe and sound - not too much, but
something had to be under your tree from this Santa's helper!



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minn.

Box 101
Juneau
Alaska

Jan. 7th

Dearest Fannie,

Your excellent poem
was much enjoyed
and we're glad you
liked the book. We
are delighted with
the book, & have
already enjoyed some
of it - and Merci
Beaucoup!

You probably will
have left for N.Y. but
I'm not sure of it.
address so will send

This to K. Gals - I meant to write
Christmas letters at the cabin
last weekend - but was interrupted
before I really got started - and
the days are too full - yesterday
I spent cleaning up the holiday
debris - More fun to create it!
Santa was good to us, and
one of our best presents was
a phone call from the family
in Wellesley - The connection was
only fair & of course we said
nothing of note, but it was a big
thrill anyway -

Our winter has produced
very little snow or cold - & it
seems like spring - Perhaps
we'll get it yet, but we
sympathize with you in
the South!

Give our best to Ruth -
and much love to you,
Sally -

Isn't Christmas time nice?
We get in touch with our
friends and start all over again
feeling warm & friendly at Christ-
mastime.

My! but it is cold here today
Will you be in New York for
Christmas? We were very sorry
we did not get to meet you
when in Little Falls. Ruth tried
hard and we drove out to your
home, but, of course, you were
gone.

But there is an element of
mystery in having friends you
have never met! Life is very
interesting, isn't it? And so very
difficult at times!

Our choir is giving the Christ-
mas portion of Handel's Messiah for our program.
I am scared ^{terribly}!
Best wishes - ^{MADE IN U.S.A.} Mary Cover Bowman





Good cheer in fullest measure
May Christmas bring your way
And may the New Year's pleasure
Increase with each new day!

Mrs Clarence Boroman
1337 Roxbury Avenue
Johnstown, Pa



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Miss Laura Jane Messer
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New York city
New York.

404-4th Ave. S.W.
Little Falls
Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Messer
101 St. 57th St. #1104
New York City,
New York

Sat. Eve. Apr. 14, 1951

Dear Laura Jane,

Still and I are enjoying a very cozy and sedate Sat. eve. I've bathed the children, put up my hair and got in my house coat after shuffling the youngsters to bed. Still is patching the cracks around the blocks in the basement with white cement + lime + calcium chloride and is also painting the entire basement with the cement mixture. It's so clean and light that it will be a pleasure to work & play down there when he gets done. 'Course the weather doesn't permit one to do much of anything else. We have had snow showers with strong N.W. winds all day and it's a cool 26° F. right now. Now while he finishes up downstairs, I'll drop you and another dear friend a letter.

How can I ever repay you for the joy and pleasure I am getting out of the books you sent me? Still is reading "The Foot of Pride" and I have started Chapt. 4 in "Israel, the History of the Jewish People". I find the "Hist. of the Jewish People" most interesting and think it belongs in every Pastoral library let alone a private library. Still certainly can use

it in his S. S. Class. He is also S. S. Supt. up to June 1st when new officers take over. I have been asked to be V. Pres. of our Wesleyan Circle and have accepted. I'll be the only old member in the slate of officers - the rest are new people; Mrs. Dubau, Mrs. Kenneth Harrison and Mrs. Perkins. So - your books will certainly get used and I'm sure they'll be informative for anyone who wishes to delve into the Jewish Religion and race. I say race because they are as distinct a part of this civilization as the whites, blacks & reds & yellows. Their color, to me, is inward glow. They have a definite place in the destiny of the world, I've always thought so and will continue to do so. Thanks to you, I shall become more enlightened as I read. Have you ever probed into Mormonism? That is interesting, too. Well & I had occasion in 1942 (May) - to visit Salt Lake City and spend the night there. We went through the museum and buildings. The tabernacle was closed because of the war. We crammed all we could in that over night stay. Their History is built on the belief that a descendant from each of the 12 tribes of Israel will lead the way at the proper time and is being prepared now in some manner. Our circle had two Mormon missionaries speak & show films at one of our meetings about 3 years ago. This is such a vast world we live in and I'm sure that

if more people took time to try to understand the way the other fellow lived we wouldn't be in this political mess.

Some mess now, huh? Al Beck of K.L.T. 7 Little Falls Radio station told a good one today. An insurance man went to call on one of his customers. The wife met him at the door. She had two black eyes and was very disheveled. He said to her, "It has in the world happened to you?" She said, "My husband and I had an argument. He asked me who was right MacArthur or Truman and I said 'Truman'." See what I mean? Ain't it awful? Have you ever read "Inside China"? That is very enlightening. I read it four years ago. They say that truth hurts and I think this week will tell a long, sorry, rotten political story. I'm anxious for the Pathfinder to come.

The concert was very good last Mon. night. Lily Miki is certainly a wonderful pianist. The violinist and cellist were excellent, too. The audience, which was one of the best, received them well.

Our choir practices Tues, Thurs. & Sun. from now until Apr. 25th.

We may get flooded out as the ice is out of the river and the crest hasn't reached here yet. When I came up first

street today, Maple Is. is still intact, foot bridge and all.

Hill has some "Sing it again" program on the radio now. I'd better ring off or your apt to get some nonsense that won't be exactly cricket.

Many thanks again for the books, although I could have read yours. What can I do for you?

Your dear friend,
Ethel



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Dearest Laura Jane,

I was very pleased to hear from you and learn about your many activities. How much fun it must be to see and hear so many fine plays, operas, etc. I tried to get tickets for Die Fledermaus which will be given in Minneapolis on May 4th, but my check was returned with notation that they were SOLD OUT. So I guess it will be equally popular in Minneapolis. Perhaps I will be able to hear it another time.

It is too bad Ruth's concert had to be called off. It would have been so nice to see her again and hear her sing, but I suppose in May which is close to the end of the school term there are many programs scheduled in connection with school.

The Easter programs you attended must have been a real privilege. I realize that New York has the best in the world to offer in any field, and there is so much to pick from. I also note that you are continuing your search in religions. I think that is very fine and I feel sure that one day you will find what you are looking for. I sincerely hope you will as there is great comfort in religion.

Helen Wittman was up this past week-end and we had a good time. She works rather hard at the office and enjoys coming up here for a real rest. When she comes we relax and enjoy our visit. You, of course, know that your mother has been at Northwestern Hospital for a rest, so on Sunday we invited your daddy over for dinner and a game. Helen and Frank played against your daddy and me and they won every rubber. They held all the cards (and played them well too, Hm.) but it was discouraging to your father and me to say the least. At any rate I was glad Helen held the good cards because she plays very little and good cards and luck will make her want to try it again. Perhaps when you are home and she comes up again we can do just that.

Last evening we heard "The LILY MIKI TRIO" and I am sending you the program. I enjoyed it very much, however, I think I enjoyed her concert a few years ago better when she played alone. She is an excellent pianist and could give us more of her individual talent in the solo concert. This winds up our concert season.

When are you coming home? It was very quiet around here while your folks were away, and personally I like a bit of life in the neighborhood. We will be glad to see you when you come home, and perhaps we can have a few spirited games of bridge.

Irene and Stephen Simonet are still away, so are the Ryans. No doubt they are waiting for warm spring weather to come to Minnesota before they return. Can't say that I blame them. I have been so tired of this cold gloomy weather but I guess there just isn't anything to do but patiently wait for the sun to shine.

Child Interest Club meets this week at Bonnie Rossbergs, and Alice Dewey is having Fish Club next week. April 17th is my niece's birthday. Little Helen Welter will be 6 years old, so I will have to go to St. Michael and help her celebrate. I feel I want to help her remember a happy childhood, and I feel I want to try to take her mother's place in a small sort of way. They are getting along nicely for which we are glad. I try to go down often, or stop to say hello when we are en route to Minneapolis.

Well, my dear, we are in the midst of housecleaning (not an interesting topic of conversation, but one that is so necessary) so I feel I must help along. I have a good cleaning lady but a little assistance will be appreciated I know.

I would love to hear from you again if you have the time to spare, if not, I hope you will come over to visit me when you come home and tell me more about your work and the interesting people you meet.

With much love,

Bert

THE LILY MIKI TRIO

LILY MIKI, *Piano*

ANAHID AJEMIAN, *Violín*

MARCIA BARBOUR, *Cello*

PROGRAM

I

Passacaglia - - - - - THE TRIO - - - - - Handel-Halvorsen

II

Poème - - - - - MISS AJEMIAN - - - - - Chausson
(1855-1899)

III

Trio in B Flat Major, Opus 99 - - - - - THE TRIO - - - - - Schubert
(1797-1828)

Intermission

IV

Ballade in F Minor - - - - - MISS MIKI - - - - - Chopin
(1810-1849)

V

Allegro Spirituoso - - - - - - - - - - - Senallié
(1687-1730)

Après un Reve - - - - - - - - - - - Fauré
(1845-1924)

Ritual Fire Dance - - - - - MISS BARBOUR - - - - - de Falla
(1876-)

VI

Slavonic Dance - - - - - - - - - - - Dvorak
(1841-1904)

May Night - - - - - - - - - - - Palmgren
(1878-)

Polka from "The Golden Age" - - - - - THE TRIO - - - - - Shostakovich
(1906-)

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“GOD RAISES A FLAG”

An Address

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"GOD RAISES A FLAG"

"And he shall set up an ensign for the nations."
Isaiah 11, 12.

Historically speaking, these words refer to the great Messianic Hope of the Jewish people, and to the work of a Messiah who is to lead the people of God to unity, strength and peace. I am using them as the text for a sermon on this United Nations Sunday because I believe they have more than a racial and nationalistic significance, and because I believe that the people of all the world are the people of God, that God Himself is raising the flag of the United Nations in our world today, and that man is responding to the leadership of Heaven in seeking peace for our world and happiness for mankind. General MacArthur says,

"The United Nations flag is the symbol of one of the greatest efforts man has made to free himself."

INTERNATIONAL LAW

In considering what the United Nations flag should stand for, I mention first of all, that it should stand for the appeal to International law in the settlement of disputes between the nations. In Laguna Beach, if our rights are violated, we don't use a baseball bat or a gun on our opponent, and we don't burn his house

it could have done what it liked." But Japan did what it liked anyway. The Kellogg-Briand Pact to outlaw war was signed by all the nations, but it was only a gesture without power, and the pact, with its magnificent idealism, became a useless document. The Hague Tribunal was a great international court of law, noble in purpose, and it accomplished much in the settlement of important questions, but it was ineffective in preventing war because it had no power to enforce its decisions. The first World War came in spite of the Hague Tribunal and its great judges, and Andrew Carnegie, who put so much of his thought and hope and fortune into it, died a broken man because of its failure. The flag of the United Nations must stand, not only for law, but for government, and government on a world scale. This, I think, is our immediate task, and it is most heartening to find so many of our world leaders alert to this need, and coming to see that some kind of a limited world government must be set up to guarantee peace among the nations.

President Truman: "We must search constantly for ways to strengthen The United Nations and build it into a world organization which can maintain peace with liberty, under a system of world justice."

Winston Churchill: "There is no hope for the world unless we get some kind of world government."

Pope Pius 12th. "The leaders of the nations are obliged to reach agreements that will insure world peace, even though those agreements mean the curtailing to some degree of their several sovereign rights."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower: "During the war it was demonstrated that international unity of purpose and execution could be attained, without jeopardy to any nation's independence, if all are willing to pool a portion of their authority in a single headquarters with power to enforce their decisions. In the formation of the new United Nations and of the Allied organization for the control of Germany, this lesson had not been accepted. Its application would have meant some form of limited federated world government."

Harold Stassen: "The world needed government on a world level before the atomic bomb. Now it has become an imperative."

Arnold J. Toynbee: "If the United Nations organizations could grow into an effective system of world government, that would be much the best solution of our political crux."

A bill is now in a committee of the Congress, calling upon the United States Government to strengthen the United Nations, as far as it can, so that it may become more effective in maintaining world peace. This bill has the support of 112 Congressmen from 35 States, including 12 from California. It is also supported by 21 Senators from 19 States. Senator Downey, and our own Congressman Phillips are both supporters of the bill.

The following is the text of the bill (H. R. C. 64 and S. C. R. 56):

"Resolved that it is the sense of the Congress that it should be a fundamental objective of the foreign policy of the United States, to support and strengthen the United Nations, and to seek its development into a world federation open to all nations, with defined and limited powers adequate to preserve peace and prevent aggression through the enactment, interpretation and enforcement of world law."

NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

There are some who maintain that world government would mean the surrender of some of our national sovereignty. They are probably right. It is obvious that until the nations are willing to give up some things for world peace it can never be attained.

Sir Norman Angell says:

"There can be no freedom unless men are willing to surrender some of it."

"We sacrifice the freedom to drive as we please on the road in order to preserve our freedom from accidents or sudden death." Under the sovereignty of law, we all give up some of our personal desires. There is no such thing as a free and sovereign State.

The course of a nation is often determined by the course of other nations. The course of the United States is being thus determined today. We have an armament program in the making. Our young men are being called to arms. We will have excessive taxes, maybe the rationing of food, gasoline and many other articles. Already some restrictions are being put upon building new structures. This choice is forced upon us by the aggression of other nations, and in our effort to stop the spread of Communism in the world. We are through with appeasement, and we know that we are dealing with a power in Soviet Russia that will not respect the validity of treaties, and that even now is resorting to lies, deceit and falsity, without conscience, in the councils of the United Nations. But let it be understood that the immediate objective in giving the United Nations the powers of

a world government is that it may have the power to prevent war, or to control the aggressor nation in the event of a war. At this time, the only sovereignty we will be called upon to surrender will be our privilege of making war on another nation. This, every nation will be asked to do, and unless all other nations agree to it, the United States will not be obligated to fulfill it.

Basic to law and government are the moral and spiritual things for which the United Nations flag must stand, and as one of the great powers of the world we must see to it that these things are imminent in our own national life. At the present moment it is imperative that we build up our material defences; but armaments are not enough to combat Communism. Wars are not made by armaments, they are made by men, and basic to most wars are economic values, territorial wealth, racial injustices and selfish nationalism which are the result of the evil thought of men who are in government, and who in government, represent people who are like minded.

We must give attention to freedom, justice, brotherhood and integrity in our own national life, otherwise we become like a man living in an impregnable fortress, invincible from the

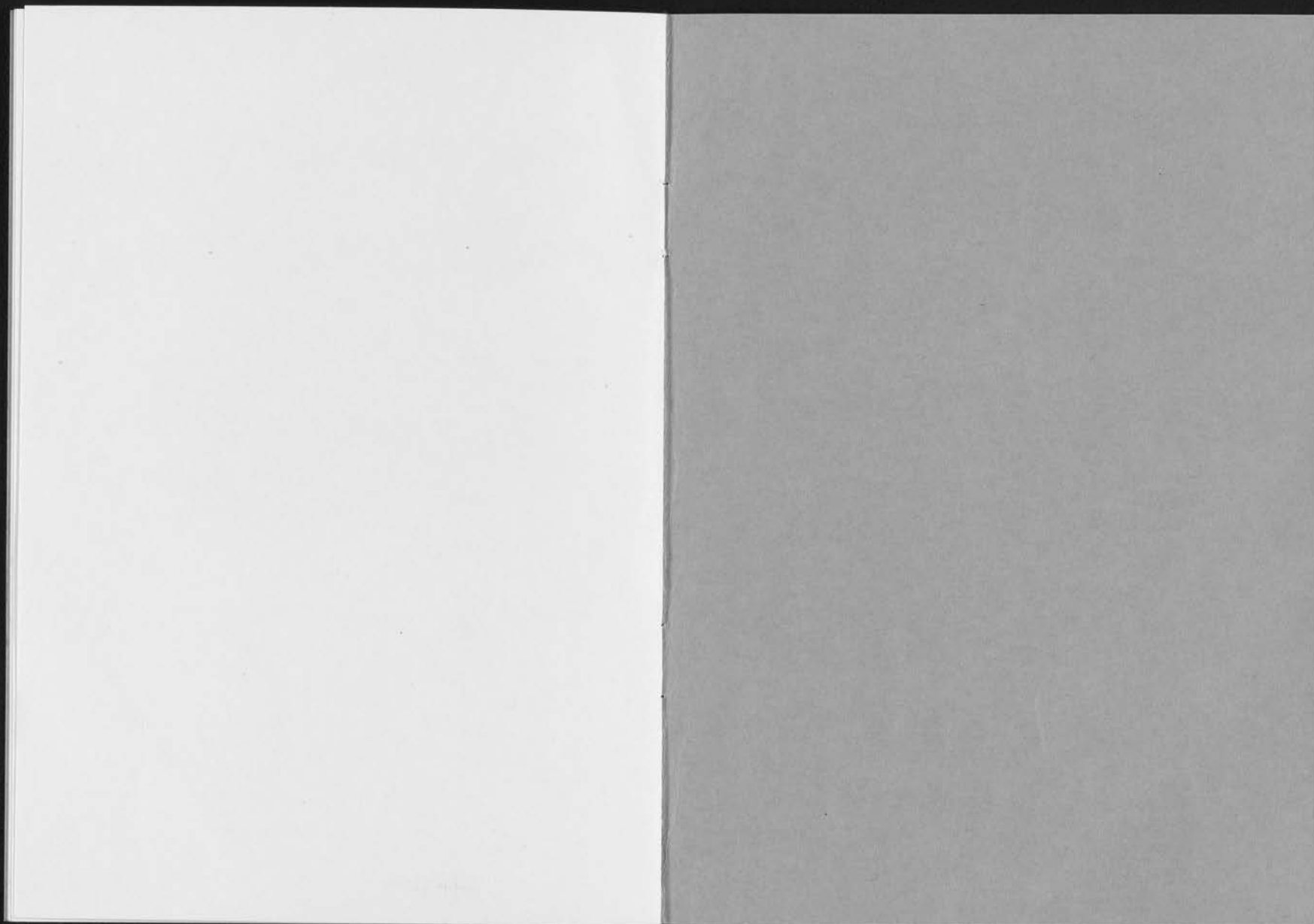
outside because of his material defenses, but gradually killing himself with drugs on the inside. I believe America will survive this crisis because, under God, she will make herself worthy to survive.

We are Christian people and we prize the Christian ethics. We believe the way of Christ is the way of triumph. But the United Nations is made up of people of other religions. In Asia there are one billion people, and most of them worship at their own shrines, and have their different conceptions of God and religion. One-third of the human race worships at the shrine of Buddha. However, there are certain deep, humanitarian principles that are fundamental to all worthy religions. It is these we must emphasize if we would find a common ground of service to mankind in any international organization. They are love, justice, truth, service and brotherhood. If the flag of the United Nations shall stand for these, under God, our world shall have a new birth of freedom - - freedom from the blight of war. "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not rise against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." These things shall come to pass. The spiritual values of life are the invincible powers of the moral Universe, and the very stars in their courses

fight against the powers that would attempt to thwart them. Writes Alfred Noyes, in "The Dream of Peace" - - -

"Strive if ye will to seal the fountains
That send the spring through leaf and spray:
Drive back the sun from the eastern mountains,
Then, bid this mightier movement stay."

There shall be peace on earth and goodwill among men, and all who put the power of their lives on the side of peace and goodwill shall bless our world, and at last, find their places in the City of Peace. "The City that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Next Tuesday, when you hear the bells ringing for "United Nations Day," offer a prayer for the United Nations Organization - - the last best hope for the peace of the world.



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WOODLAND ROAD

Apr. 5 - 1951

Dear Laura Jane: Thank you for the nice Easter message which I shared with my neighbor Mrs. Hyland - We agreed you should be a music critic on a large paper - You have the vocabulary and knowledge of music in all its phases - and you express things so well.

Your fund of Opera knowledge is staggering to me - I don't see how you can "hold it" all!!!

I saw a picture of Victoria de Los Angeles + I'm so glad you got to meet her too.

I have not been able to go to St Cloud to the concerts since I wrote

you last about Lanny Ross.
We had the worst winter here we
have ever had and it has been
especially hard for people with
Arthritis - I am feeling just fine
now but I continue the "shots" to
keep it under control.

We had record snow fall as you
may have heard - and when you
come home I'll show you some
snap shots I took around our
yard. We still have files of ^{snow} ~~it~~.

Neil had all his teeth out and
that was Rough too - He went to
the hospital and Dr. Longley did
the work there. He had to do a
lot of surgery on the gums which
left Neil with a cruelly sore mouth.

We are still living on **S.O.U.P.**
It will be a week or two more
before he gets his dentures and then
the fun (?) of learning to chew !!
He says it is: "Hell to get old and fall

Apart " — but I feel sure his bad teeth were the source of his arthritis and he had Rheumatic Fever once.

I have ordered a lot of new roses and can't wait to be out in the sunshine working with the flowers —

We expected Marg. & the children in March but "Johnny" got the Flu and they had to cancel the reserw.

Then we had one blizzard after another and we wrote begging her to wait until the weather was better — So I guess she will come in May or June.

She has hyperthyroid tension & low blood pressure (100) and is tired all the time — I think the change and rest she will have here will do her much good. She should have a house like ours — small & convenient — The place she lives in (a housing

project) is a group of large
Apartments with only "courts" for
the children — and the neighbors
are so close theres no privacy —
It would drive me Nuts —

Steve & Irene are not back yet
They went to Arizona & then to
Cal. & up the coast to Oregon —
They started home but when they
called their son Larry here he
told them about all the snow
& cold we still had and they
went back to Arizona!

The trip to Florida did your
folks so much good but we were
sorry they didnt stay there until
it really warmed up here.

I havent seen the new Pooh —
Pauline says he's a Rat!!

Dont you love that?

Well, I must get at my job of
keeping house now!
Much love — Grace

Frid. Eve. 2/29/51

Dear Laura Jane,

Saw all you tonight? Both Will and I are still blowing our noses, sucking lozenges and eating aspirin. The top of my head isn't sore tonight. It felt like someone had hit me over the head this morning. I slept an hour and a half after dinner this noon and woke up feeling much better. Will came home about 10 A.M. today. He went to the office just long enough to do what he had to and pick up some nose drops at Loodahls.

We have had a severe BLIZZARD today. School buses went home this noon and city schools were out at 2:30. KLTW went off the air about 3:30. They were having difficulty and forgot and left the mic open - they were talking about the snow blowing in and causing an arc - it was very amusing to listen to. Finally they gave it up. The B. Ball tournament was called off, meetings

cancelled etc. It took Deloris's husband 45 min. to get from his business downtown to his home about a block south of the tennis courts on 3rd St. It's still snowing and we had about 4" of the beautiful white fluffy stuff at Transcript time. So now you can see what you'll probably have about next week.

The youngsters are in bed now and it seems good to see what the floor looks like. We have strung beads, built with Lincoln Logs, colored & cut done jig-saws (Childrens - Darrel's Gene Autry) and had a tea party and read books etc. until - well - it's nice to see bed time come after so many hours of it. I even finished my family scrap book. If Bill is home tomorrow I guess we'll paste in pictures in our albums. There's one thing about this weather, you can catch up on a lot of things that don't require too much concentration. I couldn't read - only the children's books. Our meeting Monday night was

very interesting. Dr. Benson's wife came and a Mrs. Hopkins joined. Barbara Loddahl Baker gave a very interesting talk on her 3 years in Munich and showed us her collection of spoons from the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland. She had a pair of short lederhosen (leather breeches) to show us and some of her daughters dresses.

Our Circle's project to be finished by June 1st, which is the beginning of our new Church year, is either a new pulpit or communion table to match the chancelory rail and some new trays, if they are within reason. We want to make the worship center as attractive as possible and we rather hope to get at least the pulpit ready. You see Fritz Larson, a tenor in our choir, made the railing and the baptismal font which was given in memory of Mrs. Carrie Enke and they are beautiful! He would like the pulpit and table to match and he has to buy the Western Pine at the Lumber Yard.

We were sorry to not be able to go along with you on your concert plans. But the opinion of the group as well as Edna Tarrow, Supt. Hanson & Merrie Cornwell was that you would have tough sledding in April and May. And our circle want to do a good job or not at all. They were very thankful for your consideration. The dates again are Apr. 9 - Lily Miki Ensemble - Apr. 13 - Washington School P.T.A. Carnival (Big office too) Apr. 15 - Local School Band Festival, Apr. 20 - Dist. School Band Festival, and you had asked for Apr. 27th but a Jr. Sr. Prom and an aperetta have to come in someplace in there. There are many activities in May for graduation which is June 1st. You have too many counts against you for a good turn out. Of course, it's up to you and Ruth but that is the way it stands here.

I told Edna you were going to the U.N. dinner tomorrow and she hoped your flu didn't stop you. It's wonderful to have the opportunity. Enjoy it thoroughly and tell us all about it. Good night, now. Take care of yourself. Love Ethel

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O.S. Dick, I think you
said? I do now. He
for the beautiful Christmas
with my mother's
collection.

March 4, 1951

Dear Laura Jane,

The Red Cross reports that
Bud is making good progress.
He's been helping in the medical
library there at Chelsea and does
more than is expected of him,
according to the reports.

Bud writes that he hopes
to be dismissed soon and get

back into service. He hopes that
happens and that this rest will
straighten him out, and make
him realize that Nature hasn't
cheated him.

Margaret Johnson saw Bud after
you did, and she reported the
same sullenness, and irritability,
and fear.

Fredrick Martin visited Bud -
and Bud has been at Ruth and Fredrick's.

for dinner several times. Fred wrote that he thought Bud would come out all night.

We had two blizzards this week - with eight inches of snow on Wednesday, and ten on Friday. I like blizzards because I stay home and read them, but I know why some people don't like them.

I hope you've been having a pleasant two months. I'll report more on Bud when there is something new.
Sincerely, Fred



Air Mail



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Dear Laura,

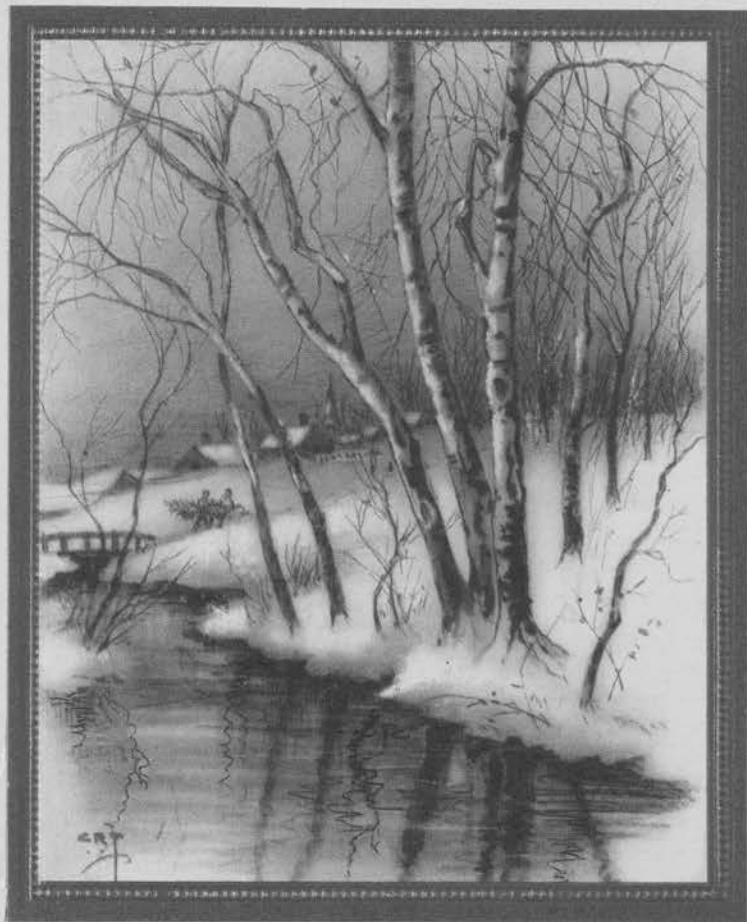
No doubt, you will not be so surprised that I am back in Paris. I am a real commuter these days. You know we went back to New York early in September with Vivienne, and her daughter, Michele. They stayed three weeks with us & returned to Paris. I arrived here Dec. 21st and I have my return ticket for Feb. 8th. I do hope you will still be in New York. I am sure Dr. Polk will be very happy to see you, so why not phone him any day between 12 and 2 P.M. to make a rendez-vous? Our elder daughter, Estelle will be happy to make your acquaintance.

Thanks so much for all your good wishes for the New Year. Please accept our very sincerest, too. Kindest regards to you from all of us here in Paris.

Ever sincerely,
Rose Polk

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Paris, 6
France

[1951]



THE SEASON'S *Best Wishes*

Dear Laura Jane,
Your card is the
prettiest one I've received,
and I was happy to hear
from you, as I also enjoyed
the evening very much.
Hoping to see you
soon in 1952. Mabel Livingstone



HEARTIEST GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR

YOUR HAPPINESS AT

Christmas

AND THROUGHOUT THE

COMING YEAR

