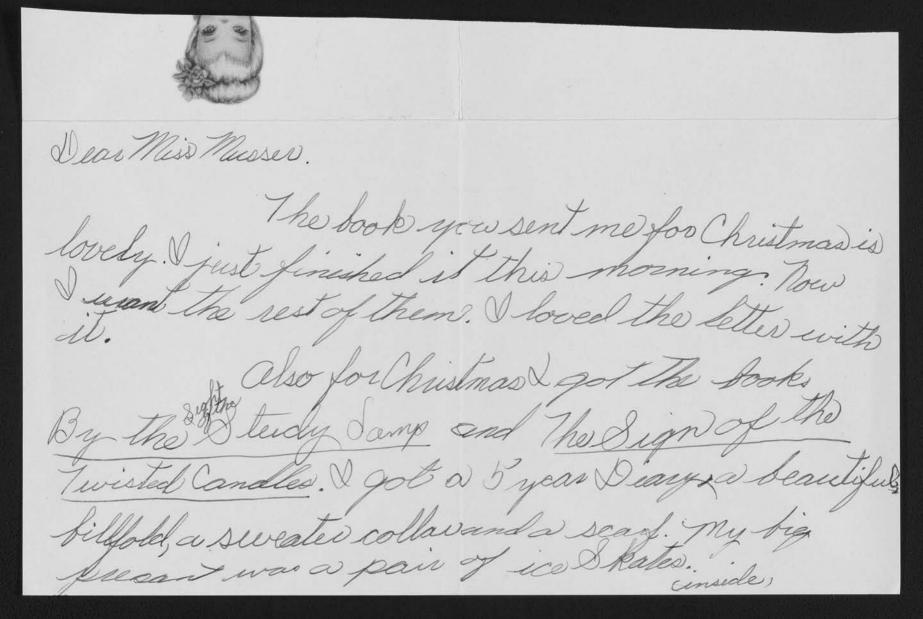


Laura Jane Musser and family papers.

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gan. 24, 1955 Sear Laura Jane! Let me express @ our appreciation is the delightful afternoon eve spent with you and your father yesterday. The dinner was perfect and we all enjoyed every minute spent o with you. David sail on the way home "My! wasn't that fun! Il was so since & y you te show us through your home. Muriel was really entriqued with the third floor. The children spotted The lettle pears. to your father. He is remark-Very Lincerely, Mr. 7 Mrs Peisson Muriel & Devok



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J. C. ADAMS, CITY ENGINEER

Jan. 10, 1955.

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

Dear Miss Musser:

In accordance with our conversation this morning; I am inclosing two copies of our Water Rates, effective July 1st. 1954 and to be billed October 1st. 1954.

We realise that part of the water was used during the month of June and that you would be entitled to the lower rate for that month. On the other hand if the bill had been divided over two quarters your bill would have been approximately \$10.00 more.

Let us assume that the pool which holds 21,696 gallons of water was filled twice during the month of June; you would have been billed for 43,000 gallons of water. 40,000 @ \$15.50 plus 3,000 @ 20¢ or a total of \$16.10. The second quarter covering the months of July August and September, you would have been billed for 7 fillings or 152 thousand gallons. 100,000 @ \$30.00 and 52,000 @ 15¢ per M or \$7.80; a total of \$37.80 for the second quarter plus \$16.10 for the lat. quarter would make a grand total of \$53.90

Where the water bill is paid before the 10 th. day of the following month a 50¢ refund is allowed. As your check was for the total amount of the bill; inclosed please find the amount of the refund.

J.C. adams

Jan 3 1955 blear knewl-Thanks for your care and we hasten to send your our delpert orpugathy for the presung I you dear Mother. I know full well the deep loss one fells. He are all right & my Enclosed is an article about or Jan. 19 th when the National Symphon will do my Elegy & on april 2400 1 who po to New Orleans for a pulniching of Ouanga 'there. Its let us been from you when you find time!
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JAN. 23, 1955 Sunpay Dear Laur Jane How are you? I am Fine. Right now I am watching The BEAULAH Show. Yesterday when I scame home from The stones I would play with the pupper. No we did. By NOW P.S. Bilay Does

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January 20, 1955

Miss Laura J. Musser Buckingham Hotel 57th St. & 6th Ave. New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Musser:

I eat breakfast almost every morning with newspaper stories staring me in the face telling of young boys and girls who have been arrested for wanton murder, robbery, drug addiction, rape, and every conceivable anti-social crime. Turning the pages to the business section I read of the crucial shortage of scientific manpower which faces our nation, involved in a life and death struggle with world Communism. In the educational section I read of the sharp decrease in the number of young people embarking on scientific careers. It seems to me that there is a direct relation between the rise in juvenile delinquency and the drop in the number of youngsters interested in constructive careers. Our nation is confronted with a truly serious situation. I believe we can do something about it - with your help.

The enclosed memorandum, and the statement by J. Edgar Hoover, outline the problem and suggest means of working towards its solution. The new Youth Program of the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation will prove to the producers and users of the mass media - radio, films, TV, publishing - that it is good business to create a more wholesome atmosphere for our young people. As an example, leaders in mass media will be encouraged to present the lives of great Americans whose careers can serve as a healthy inspiration for our youth. This will be one means of arousing a youthful interest in science and industry by dramatizing the right kind of leadership and the opportunities offered in these fields. There are many other approaches which we will use.

We have already obtained the active cooperation of 34 great national organizations to help implement the Youth Program. They are listed in the enclosed memorandum. If we are to secure a permanent solution of the problems outlined above we must have your help. I hope you will use the enclosed membership application to join with other Americans as a Sustaining or Participating member of the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation. Together we must accept the challenge presented by the problems facing our youth and our country. I look forward to your reply.

Charles Edison

P.S. Please make all checks payable to the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, Inc. All dues and contributions are deductible from taxable income.

MEMORANDUM

FROM: CHARLES EDISON

ON: WILL TODAY'S YOUTH MEET THE EMERGENCIES AHEAD?

Our nation, faced with sharply increased juvenile crime, is confronted by a dangerous situation. We cannot ignore the recent spate of "thrill-killings" by young people, or the latest FBI report that during 1953 minors committed more than half the nation's burglaries, forgeries, auto thefts, embezzlements, frauds and counterfeiting. Since 1948, juvenile arrests have risen 40%. Almost 8% of this rise came in the past year.

We have a responsibility to correct this trend of deterioration in the morals of our youth, a responsibility which is not being discharged. The children of today must meet, and successfully solve, enormous problems in the years to come. Each day, we see the grim struggle between free and slave societies becoming ever more intense. Soviet possession of the H-Bomb, and such new weapons as Jet bombers with 6000 mile range, are indications of the peril into which we, and our children, are moving.

We live in a technological world, and we are competing in a war of technology with the Russians. Eric Ashby, now President of Queens University in Belfast, spent many years in Russia attached to the Australian Legation. He reports that Russia has doubled her enrollment of engineers in the past few years. Today the number of Russian engineers nearly equals our own.

Ashby put his finger on the essential element - how the Soviets guide their children toward desired vocational goals. "From kindergarten on, the Soviet children are influenced by the immense prestige, deliberately built up by the State, for engineering and science..." he writes. "The books written for children (commissioned, of course, by the government) are used to boost the status of scientists. The heroes of school boy stories are not spies and

-2detectives, but engineers and scientists. To measure the salinity of water under icebergs of the North Pole, to divert the course of a river, to irrigate the deserts of Dagestan, to hunt uranium in the forests of Yakutski these are the adventures which fill the story books." In spite of our shortage of at least 50,000 engineers, the number of U.S. engineering graduates reached its low of 19,000 last year. What ideals and what idols do our mass media present to the youth of our nation? Are stories of invention, scientific curiosity, exploration of the inexhaustible wonders and treasures of the universe, a part of their growing years? Overemphasis on material which depends for excitement on crime and violence tends to lead our youth into patterns of delinquency. Comic book publishers sell some 22,000,000 comic books each month, all too many of which feature suggestive stories of horror and sadism. No one can contend that our children are any worse as human material than we were at their age. But the influences under which they are growing up, it appears, are much less fortunate. The Thomas Alva Edison Foundation is in a position to make a solid contribution toward solving this national problem, the two aspects of which can be said to be related: 1) juvenile idolization of criminal types, with its tangible influence upon youth; 2) a lack of interest, based on the absence of stimulation, in the potentialities of careers in science and engineering. We must challenge the imagination of our boys and girls, thereby encouraging them to seek fields of endeavor through which they can best serve their country and themselves. Our tradition is certainly no less fertile and inspiring than that of Russia. We must use it affirmatively to move the minds and hearts of our young people. This memorandum invites your participation in an expanded program using the mass media - radio, TV, films, publications - to go directly to our young

-5people with projects and materials which will stir their imagination and guide their futures. We do not have all the answers, but we propose, with your help, to seek them out. One of our major projects for the coming year is the creation of mass nation-wide panels, organized in cooperation with the great national organizations. These will single out material given currency through the mass media which is most beneficial to the youth of the nation. As of this date, 34 organizations have agreed to participate in the formation of the Award Panels (see Addendum). A national conference to implement the work of the panels, and to discuss ways and means of raising the level of juvenile fare, will be held in March. In addition to this activity, we will collaborate closely with publishers, motion pictures, TV and radio producers, toy and game manufacturers, recreation and group workers, settlement houses, schools, churches, and every active element serving United States youngsters during their formative period. The contemplated projects of working directly with youth will supplement the regular activities of the Foundation, mainly in the fields of scientific and engineering education and manpower procurement. The Thomas Alva Edison Foundation feels a special responsibility, in the light of Thomas Edison's contributions to the whole field of communications, for the manner in which those great gifts which he helped to give the world radio, TV, motion pictures - have fallen short of their potential for constructive influence upon our young people. We also feel, a special responsibility for stirring the scientific curiosity of youngsters, confident this impulse will add individual impetus toward training and research - so that America may always keep her position at the head of industrial and technological advance.

ADDENDUM

ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE THOMAS ALVA EDISON FOUNDATION NATIONAL AWARDS PANELS (now in formation)

The American Legion Baptist Youth Fellowship Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Big Brothers of America B'nai B'rith Boy Scouts of America Boys Clubs of America Camp Fire Girls Catholic Daughters of America Child Welfare League of America Catholic War Veterans 4 - H Clubs Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Future Farmers of America General Federation of Women's Clubs Jewish War Veterans of U.S.A. Knights of Columbus Lions International Loyal Order of Moose National Association of Educational Broadcasters National Association of Secondary School Principals National Board of Review of Motion Pictures National Catholic Welfare Conference National Conference of Christians and Jews National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers National Grange National Probation and Parole Association National Social Welfare Assembly National Urban League Order of De Molay Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. United Synagogue of America Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Associations.



United States Department of Instice Bederal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.

It is most encouraging to know that the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation is embarking upon such a positive approach to the complicated and perplexing problem of juvenile delinquency. The Foundation proposes to vigorously attack the causes of this disease and thus prevent it. This is indeed a plan motivated by high ideals, and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Foundation for the great effort I know it will make in combating delinquency and thus making the world a better place in which to live.

During the first six months of 1954 an estimated 1,136,140 major crimes were committed in the United States.

Last year 14.7 per cent of those arrested were under twenty-one years of age. In view of this tragic situation, it behooves each American to give his wholehearted and unstinting support and cooperation to the institutions and organizations which are relentlessly seeking the solution to the problem of juvenile delinquency.

The program which is being initiated by the Edison Foundation deserves the full endorsement and assistance of all citizens.

John Edgar Hoover Director

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NEW YORK 17. N.Y.

November 7, 1955

Miss Laura Jane Musser % The Barclay Hotel 111 East 48th Street New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Laura Jane:

I am delighted to learn that you are back in New York and look forward to seeing you as soon as you get a chance to stop over at the bank. Tomorrow is a holiday in New York, Election Day, so you probably won't get this until Wednesday.

That was certainly a whopping deposit in your Thrift account and I am happy to see your savings increase by leaps and bounds.

Hope the laryngitis is gone as I want to hear all about your trip to California.

Affectionately

C. Larsen

January 23, 1955. Dear Laura Jane, In wondering if you can imagine mes surprised and pleasure at receiving your Christmas Greeting and not; (I have had news of you and other former pupils ! from time to line through Grace Mr. She has been such a dear to write me of interesting fils of news about the old Was always pleased to know that you had enjoyed training at

the Julliard School of music and I do hope your pupils appreciate Their opportunity for sliedy with a leacher of your fine training. your mother's passing must have your inducate family, but in The church and entire community She gave so unstintingly of her! seef lin behalf of every/worthy cause It you still enjoy concerts and recitals in the Weyerhauser Hall? By The way, where does mary make her home? Nich kindest regards to your Father and yourself, I am jame Incling





Laura Jane Musel
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April 21, 1955

Miss Laura Jane Musser Little Falls Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

For some time we have had the pleasure of carrying a charge account for you at the Dorset, and your credit card, in good standing, is on file here.

It had not been our custom to issue individual credit identification cards in the past, but our system has been revised and such cards are now being issued to all patrons to whom we extend credit privileges.

We take pleasure in enclosing your individual credit identification card, and hope you will have frequent occasion to use this. We look forward to the continued pleasure of being of service to you at the Dorset.

Very cordially yours,

A. D. Abrecht

Manager

P.S. We would appreciate if you will advise us if there has been any change in either your residence or business address.



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Mr. R.D. Musser and Miss. Laura Jane Musser 608 Highland Avenue Little Falls, Minnesota.

(1955)

Dear Laura,
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THE NAUTILUS 4432 El Mar Drive Lauderdale by the Sea Fort Lauderdale, Florida Efficiencies, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, private front residence - Directly on the ocean. Open all year Phone Logan 4-9166. Dear Laura-Gane, We received yours lovely Christmas card a few days ago, We are having a wonderful Christ mas by the sea il in certainly porry that & mussed you in Glacies Park. It stoppes in to see you when we returned from ous he bo Ad you had already te god mus love to your Let coull write when do so to Peggy Meddels



Mes Laura J. Museer Linden Hill Little Dalls, Minn



December 30, 1955

Dear Laura Jane,

Greetings and the Best in the New Year to you and your Dad.

I am still thinking of the perfect Christmas and Birthday with you. Laura Jane what a generous and fine person you are! Honestly Helen J. did not deserve all of those gorgeous gifts. I'm overwhelmed and most grateful - all I can say is Thank You.

Little Falls is very fortunate to have a

gifted person like you - willing to give her time to worthwhile projects that contribute so much to educating the young girls and boys in the fine arts. You have the intelligence and discernment to direct an entire community. Add to that your generosity and kindness - what a "bundle of intellectual dynamite." I am very proud to know you and think of you as a friend. This isn't raving on in the superlative - I mean it.

The "Green" House is really fabulous but very practical as you say for guests and for student activities. Those two grands — wish I lived in Little Falls — I would pester you no end to play two piano arrangements and a concerto or so.

I sent you a very small gift for your "Dream House" - you have so much of everything - a breakfast of small luncheon the place mats may be sort of useful.

The minutes are dashing by and I must pretend I am working. If I don't see you before your "trip" to the Islands - have a wonderful time - and if you meet that certain man in your life - will you endeavor to discover if he has an older brother for me? ?????? Ha - - - - -

May God Bless you in the work you are doing. Many thanks dear "gal."

Remember me to your Daddy.

With love,

Here comes the "Bras man" - Bro-by E.



Continental Interior Mission 1117-4th St. S. Bemidji, Minn.

> Winter 1955

Dear Friends,

Due to the heavy schedule of this summer and fall, we have omitted the fall issue and will seek to combine the fall and winter issues, trusting that you will not be impatient over the delay. Thank you for your prayers and gifts that have, by God's grace, had such a vital part in making these things come to pass.

Meditation

"Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be over-charged with . . . cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares" (Luke 21:34). In the parable of the sower, there is further mention of the cares of this life being listed as one of the things, likened to thorns in the parable, that cause the Word to become unfruitful. It is included among the things that are to blame for barren lives. It is so true that if Satan cannot get us to lose our testimony by open sin and rank worldiness, he will try to get us overburdened with the ordinary cares of life. This is such a strong temptation and so subtle that the Scripture uses such words as "take heed", "watch and pray", "give diligence", etc., to warn us of the danger. Let us apply this to the Christmas season as well; let us make a very special effort, by the grace of God, to prevent the duties and cares of the season from crowding Christ from His rightful place of preeminence. Christmas is a good time for us to renew our allegience to the Lordship of Christ, and let Him become the center of our life and all its activities and purposes. May the Lord bless you richly.

Acknowledgment

So much has happened since the last letter that it is hard to tell it all. The blessing of the Lord has been so real that it is a sacred thing to discuss and we must use caution lest the honor and glory be taken away from Him to whom all glory belongs. The incidents here related are because of Christ who died, rose and is ascended, who by His power and Word causes the work to prosper.

The Pas

Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich spent one month at The Pas, having a small part in the big project of building a new mission building. Ralph and his helpers had torn down the old building and were using as much of the old material as possible in the new building which is 26' X 80' and has a main auditorium, a furnace room, four Sunday school rooms and a room for young peoples' meetings. For one week and a half, the time was spent in assisting Ralph Smith and Curt Bork in the summer Bible camps. There were two hundred twenty enrolled in the two camps, and there were a good number who confessed Christ as Saviour. There have been a number of conversions among the old people in Eventide Home. Ralph's vision and zeal are undimmed as he makes plans for the coming year.

Churchill

Jay Jennings conducted a very fine Bible School at Churchill in August with the help of Mrs. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich, Wilmer Stilwell and several of the local ladies. Wilmer was giving his time and talent to help Jay in finishing the chapel. The chapel was dedicated the last Sunday of the meetings in October. Rev. Keith Bailey of Cass Lake was speaker for this evangelistic and prayer conference. There was a real work of God among the workers and Christians in that area. The dedication was the closing service and it was precious to review the blessing and guidance the Lord had given the Jennings during the years. The testimonies of the Christians and the Lord's dealing with them caused this service to be truly a praise service to Him, to whom all praise belongs.

Lynn Lake

It was Mr. Goodrich's privilege to assist Wilbur Lemmen and Ralph Smith build the chapel at Lynn Lake. One year later Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich assisted Wilb and Marv Lemmen teach Bible school. The change in the year's time was precious to see. There was good attendance at the Bible school, at Sunday school, and at the services. There have been souls saved, and others helped and many homes contacted. In recent reports Wilb states that there is further increase in interest and attendance. He is also in the process of digging a small basement and installing the furnace under the living quarters.

Eskimo News

Wayne and Lois Born spent a profitable summer at Maguse River helping in the work among the Eskimos. Wayne and Bill Linder made a trip to Igloolik early in the summer. The outcome is that Wayne has supplies up there waiting their return in the spring of '56. They expect to help the Linders at Maguse River for part of the winter. Pray for these plans and the extension of the work north of the Arctic Circle.

Carrot River

The Goodriches stopped at Carrot River on their way home to take part in the wedding of Laura Sly and Ralph Warner. They were able to visit many of the friends, and take part in several services. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Fraese continue to lead the work there. Under the hand of God they are experiencing blessings in the work and seeing it advance. Mr. Fraese is completing his high school this winter as well as pastoring the work. There will be a Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little, who were pioneer missionaries in that part of the country and have been used of God to lead many to Christ. They have been with the Salvation Army for years and have taken an active part in the work of the Mission at Carrot River these last years.

Bemidji

This year we have seen further improvements in the headquarters home. Dad Bergman gave us two weeks' of time and built the kitchen cupboards. This project plus the bathroom have been finished as the Lord provided. We are so very grateful to God and to those who have given to make these and other things possible. I always have a deep sense of appreciation to our board members and their families who have such a vital part in the work by their counsel, prayers, and gifts. May the Lord bless them much for their labor laid down.

Mr. Goodrich accompanied Mr. Bailey on the trip to Churchill and shared in the blessings of that time of refreshment. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich conducted a week of special meetings at Clarissa and Lincoln, Minnesota, in November. Pastor and Mrs. Skinner are leading the work in these two places with a spirit of humility and a faithfulness that is refreshing. The Lord will surely bless their ministry. The Goodriches enjoyed the time of fellowship in the meetings and went away refreshed and rejoicing.

Bulletin

Telegram from Wilb and Mary Lemmen that Janelle arrived at 2:50 a.m. December 2, weighing 6 lbs., $4\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Congratulations.

Wayne, Lois, and Raymond are living at headquarters while in the process of buying a larger plane and waiting for Raymond's baby sister to arrive.

Wishing you the Lord's richest blessing for this Christmas season and for the coming year -

Robert II Lancesty Secretary

Dear hanna Jan, and we have seen so little of one another. I trust you have a joy cours Christme. John and I are leaving lodery for a golden wedding celebration and a week g special meeting I have a children's party exterday from a little chequile goil. May 6 prion, pupils did elle enterterening. Hazel.