



Laura Jane Musser and  
family papers.

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Dear Laura Jane,

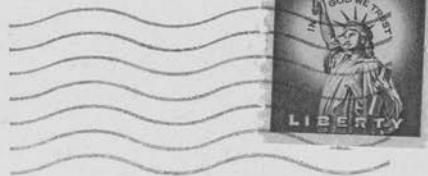
Thanks for writing on the card. I'm glad your father is feeling so well and you're happy and busy. Are you going to Florida this winter? We went up to La Grange for Xmas and there were 24 of us with all the children and grandchildren. We went on to Ottawa to Truman's sisters for supper and her three girls were home with their families. They have a boy Butch's age too. How old were the boys when you visited here? We were talking about it the other nite. Truman has a friend Everett Kruse (called "Tuck") for why I don't know. He was here and we started talking about Minn. and fishing which Tuck likes to do and I was telling him about visiting you one summer. Do you have a picture of yourself? I wish you'd send it if you have or better yet couldn't you find time to visit us again. The kids are older now and behave better (I hope) we haven't taken a vacation for the last few years cause it seems like one or two of us

get involved and can't leave. Last summer and the year before I took an extension course in Princeton and last summer Butch went to The Boy Scout camp in Mexico. I hope we can all go some place together this summer but I don't know. Please write - I gotta go iron much as I dislike it.

love

June

T. Esmond  
Walnut



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Linden Hill  
Little Falls  
Minnesota



Truman Jr.  
"Butch"

Jack

Bill

me

Freddie

PETERSON STUDIO  
WALNUT, ILL.

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White & Waple  
HOLYOKE, U.S.A.



Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Dear Laura Jane,

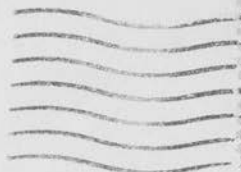
It was so nice seeing you  
last Saturday. What a perfectly  
lovely party you gave! I  
thoroughly enjoyed every minute  
of the Birthday dinner and  
Marion Anderson Concert.

Thank you for everything.

Affectionately,  
Guthrie



Miss Ruth Hutton  
2011 Pleasant Ave  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Messer  
Linden Hill  
Little Falls, Minnesota

March 17, 1957

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you ever so much for inviting me to L.F. to hear the piano concert but things at school get more and more pressing what with Exams coming, I'm afraid I just can't come. I feel so bad because I missed him last time but I guess it can't be helped. But I am just thrilled to death that I can have the opportunity to hear Andree Marion Anderson with you. Carolyn can hardly wait either. Since my birthday is April 5, and the Concert the 6<sup>th</sup>, it will be a wonderful birthday treat!!

I We got report cards Wed. and my grades went down. In English I went from a B to a C. Social Studies from an A to a B and Gym a B to C. So I really must get my grades up. I'm so sorry I haven't written you before to thank you for the wonderful

Valentine present you sent me. Boy I sure  
smell pretty nice I received it!! I really  
love it.

Recently I have been playing  
for everything. I accompanied a girl who  
played the cello twice in the same  
week - once for her school and once  
for Matinee musicale. Also I've  
played for a school choir and may  
accompany some more Orchestra  
students. Although my piano  
teacher is on a vacation I think I did  
pretty well. How are your students  
coming along?

Right now I am student  
director of a play our club is putting on  
at school

Thanks again and I'm very  
sorry I can't come.

Love,

Miriam call you.

P.S. When we  
get to Minneapolis  
on the 10th I will  
call you.

199 EAST SIXTH  
DULUTH 12, MINN.



MISS LAURA JANE MUSSEY  
LINDEN HILL  
LITTLE FALLS, MINN.

THE REV. PHILIP E. GREGORY  
903 MEADOWLARK LANE  
LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

April 2, 1957

My dear Laura Jane -

I have been thinking so much about you for the past few months, and one of the main reasons for my thought of you has been the particular nature of a church I am now serving as the interim minister. It is the Pilgrim Cong'l Church of Los Angeles. For some years negroes, Japanese and Mexicans have been moving into the neighborhood and many of the ordinary white residents have been moving out into the suburban regions. Finally, the members voted to make it an inter-racial church. When their minister left they asked me to become the interim minister until they could find a permanent one.

THE REV. PHILIP E. GREGORY  
903 MEADOWLARK LANE  
LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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After I had served them for a few weeks they wanted me to become the regular minister - but I declined because I am now retired and we have our home in Laguna Beach. Then too, I don't have the strength for such a task. However, I go into Los Angeles and preach on Sunday mornings and then go up again on Wednesdays and make some pastoral calls. It's going to be difficult for them to find a regular minister because the people are poor and the congregation is quite small. We have been having some inspiring Sunday morning services anyway & I only wish I could serve the church on a full-time basis. If I could put

the clock back on myself for a few years I would tackle it. Well, I wanted you to know that on Sunday mornings I have a congregation made up of white Americans, negroes, Japanese and Mexicans. "It is written, my house shall be a house of prayer for all people". So said our Lord. A church is for all people or for no one. Please remember us to your Dad. I hope he is keeping well. Tell him that Harriet & I are planning a motor trip to The Mother Lode Country in May. We hope to see Chinese Camp. Wish you could see our garden - It is just full of flowers & the Sweet Peas are eight feet high. We pick them every day. Harriet joins me in sending our fondest love to you & Dad. Blessings on you both!

Always yours  
Philip



## The Formula of Forgiveness

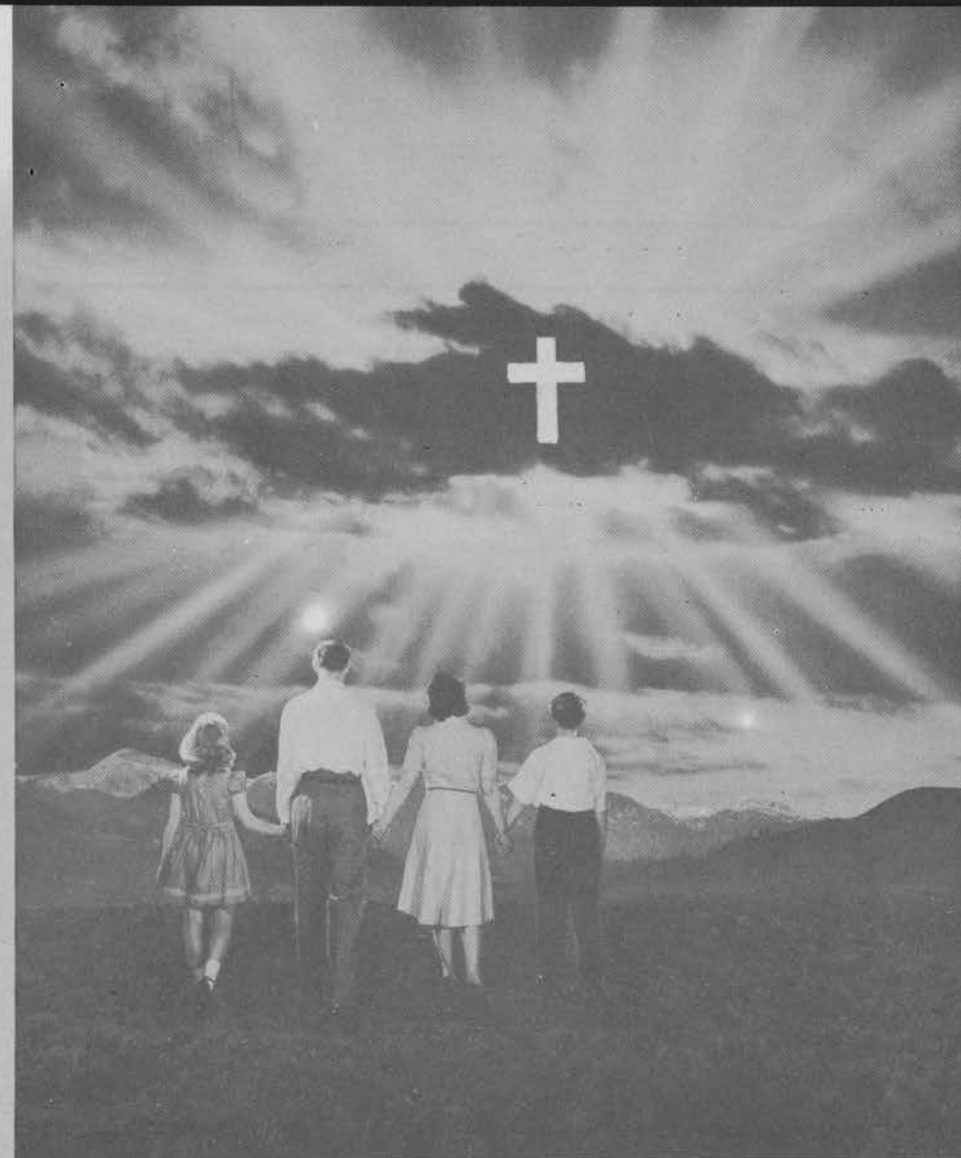
In the Lord's Prayer Jesus teaches us that we have a part to play in forgiveness. When we bring our sins before God, with the petition that He forgive them, the least we can do is to have a forgiving spirit toward others, who have wronged us. *"When ye pray, say, Father . . . forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."*—Matthew 6:12

This petition is the only portion of the Lord's Prayer to which Jesus returned to give added emphasis. No sooner had He said "Amen," than He reminded His disciples again of the necessity for a forgiving spirit on their part. *"If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*

Many times we hear people say, when the duty of forgiving others is called to their attention, "Well, he is the offender. I haven't done him any wrong. If he comes to me, confesses his wrongs, and makes amends, I will forgive him. Otherwise, I will not."

That is certainly not the attitude for a Christian to assume. Jesus told us that we should go to an offending brother, with the purpose of effecting a reconciliation. That does not mean that we should go with blood in our eyes, thunder in our tones, and shaking clenched fists.

The noblest man or woman who walks God's earth is that man or woman who can rise above insult and injuries, and turn around to do kind and helpful deeds for one who has injured him, with the purpose in view of winning him for better things.



The Way of the Cross Leads Home

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Mr. Stanley O'Connor, Minister of Music

*An hour in God's Presence Changes Life for the Better.*



## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 A. M.

MARCH 31, 1957

The organ prelude is a veil dropped between everyday life and the sanctuary. In crossing the threshold the music should separate the world without from the world within. If you must whisper, let it be into the ear of your heavenly Father.

The Prelude:

Air (From Overture in D) Bach

The Processional Hymn

"Jerusalem the Golden" No. 296

The Introit

The Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

The Gloria Patri

The Scripture Reading: Matthew 18, 21-35

The Anthem:

"Come Unto Me" Spence

The Pastoral Prayer

The Announcements

The Hymn of Devotion

"Lord, to Me Compassion Show" No. 243

The Sermon:

"FORGIVENESS" Rev. Philip E. Gregory

The Bringing of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory:

"A Sonnet" Granados

The Hymn of Dedication

"O Son of Man, Who Walked Each Day" No. 155

The Benediction

The Recessional

The Postlude

"Marche Heroique" Saint-Saens

Reverend Philip E. Gregory. . . . . Interim Minister

Stanley O'Connor. . . . . Minister of Music

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE, OF PILGRIM CHURCH extend a cordial greeting to all who worship here today. May the peace of God be with you now and always. Anyone desiring to join the membership of this church is asked to consult with the Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

VISITORS: Please fill out a Welcome Card which you will find in the rack before you, and place it in the offering plate.

IT IS WITH PLEASURE that we welcome the Reverend Philip E. Gregory into our pulpit again. May God bless his message to our use.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet at the Goodwill Industries, 342 San Fernando Road on April 5 at 10:45 o'clock. This will take the place of the regular monthly meeting at the church. Luncheon \$1.00. Either the #5 or #6 bus may be used.

APRIL 7 - Holy Communion will be celebrated.

CHOIR REHEARSAL on Thursday evening, 8 o'clock.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #112 meets Friday night at 7:30.

"The soft, clear tones of organ heard  
Within this place of prayer;  
The pure, white flame of candles  
Burning on the altar there;  
The mystic sense of beauty felt  
Where humble hearts in prayer have knelt,  
All these and more, O spirit free,  
All these and more, thou art to me."

Clyde McGee (To his mother)

SERMON THEME for Sunday, April 7 --

"THE GETHSEMANES OF MEN"

*These are  
all negro  
Boys,  
p. 11*

903 MEADOWLARK LANE  
LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

VIA AIR MAIL



MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER,  
LITTLE FALLS,  
MINNESOTA.

WOODLAND SPRITE



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April 28, 1957

Dear Laura Jane,

Wayne and I enjoyed the Marion  
Anderson concert and we are so glad  
you asked us to be with your party.  
Thank you very much.

This coming Friday at 8: P.M.  
my choral club and concert band will  
be giving their Spring Music Festival.  
If you remember I spoke to you  
about it earlier. It will be in the  
Lindbergh School Auditorium and  
it would please me if you could  
attend.

Lola May Jensen

407 A.C. 3rd  
Little Falls, Minn.



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

MRS. LESLIE B. AVRIT

P. O. BOX 1257

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Dearest Hobie, [Little Falls]

The only reason my head is not hanging in shame is that you are as slow as I! And I'm grateful for company - but your grand game and check were enjoyed and appreciated muchly. As I wrote your father, I'm putting his present in on a Webcor Record player I'm finally blowing myself to - and with yours I'll buy an album - so you'll bring music to my ears and soul. Life was hectic before my departure but the vacation was absolutely perfect - and I'm still a little tan to show for it. I've been so busy since coming back that I've not even really gone over my Christmas cards - a nice Easter project! Up until Thurs.

MRS. LESLIE B. AVRIT

P. O. BOX 1257

JUNEAU, ALASKA

The weather here was glorious, so I  
couldn't bear to stay in when I  
could find a few moments. It's a  
good thing the usual snow &  
rain finally came. The weekend  
has been quite productive, from  
domesticity to desk.

Hope you are having a good  
winter - love to your father  
and much for yourself,

Sally.



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May 14, 1957

Dear Laura Jane:

There is nothing more gratifying than the successful fruition of a project to which you have devoted a great deal of time, energy, and creative imagination. I can understand how delighted you are that the "green house" is now completed and is just as attractive and inviting as you had planned. If you have some snapshots of it, please bring them to New York on your next visit as I would love to see them.

The small passbook enclosed with your letter of May 10 was issued when you first opened your checking account in 1946. That account closed on December 7, 1948. As we now have the self-duplicating deposit slip for checking accounts, we no longer issue passbooks unless the depositor requests one, as a checking account passbook serves only as receipts for deposits made over a teller's window, and a duplicate deposit slip is a more complete record for this purpose. Only on savings or Thrift accounts do the passbooks show the balance because, as you know, deposits and withdrawals from such accounts must be entered in the passbook at the time of each transaction.

All of your friends at the Irving join me in sending best wishes. Keep well and happy, and I am looking forward to seeing you in New York next month.

Affectionately

*Claire*

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*A Sunshine Card*

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Dear Laura,

I hope to see  
you soon. Paul is  
getting so big. Each  
day he is learning  
some new words. He  
talks quite well  
now. The days fly  
by so fast for me.  
He is so active it  
keeps me on the  
run to keep up with  
him.

I shall call you  
soon

Love  
Bet

Awfully sorry  
this is late.  
But better late  
than never  
Here's hoping that  
your birthday was  
The happiest  
birthday ever!

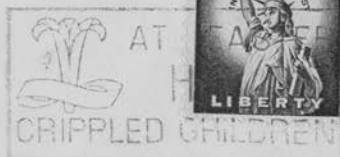
Jim, Beverly & Paul  
Mina

709-2nd. Ave. N. E.  
Little Falls, Minn.



Laura Jane Musser  
608- Highland Ave.  
Little Falls,  
Minn.

MRS. HARRY E. DACK  
1919 East Sixth Street  
Duluth 5B, Minnesota



*Miss Laura Jane Mussen*  
*Little Falls*  
*Minnesota*

Duluth, Minnesota

April 11, 1957

Dear Laura Jane,

How can I ever put into words my gratitude to you for the wonderful thrill you gave Miriam. Certainly that birthday will be the high point in her life for many years to come. And from the bottom of my heart I thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

The roses are beginning to fade now - but it has been fun having such heaps of them around!

Larry took a story of the events of last Saturday to the society editor of the paper, but so far the story hasn't appeared. We're beginning to

think the woman doubts the truth of it.' At any rate, both the school and church papers are carrying accounts of Miriam's unusual birthday celebration.

He certainly keeps busy. Between March 17 and April 26 Hawry has 14 singing engagements. For a man who puts in a long hard day's work besides, it is almost too much; but of course he loves it. And I love to have him do it.

We are looking forward to seeing you this summer. Do you suppose you can visit us at the lake again? The hope is!

And again, let me say thank you very, very much for Miriam's party.

Affectionately,

Emily Dack



Duluth, Minnesota  
April 23, 1957

Dear Laura Jane,

It seems to me that you're always doing something nice for us! The Easter lily you sent is without doubt the most beautiful one I've ever seen - let alone have in our home! It is just tremendous in size - the fragrance fills our whole downstairs - and we are all enjoying immensely having it. Thank you very, very much for the plant - but even more for your sweet thoughtfulness.

I am enclosing a little story about Miriam's party that was in the Duluth Tribune on Sunday April 14. Miriam is still reviving in the memory of that



wonderful evening!

I had a call today from an acquaintance who had read this little story and was interested in the Musser connection. Her family was from Cloquet where her father, William Heasley, was associated with the Heyschawers for many years. Her mother, Floy Cameron Heasley, knew your mother well and was very fond of her. I believe she met her through your aunt, Mrs. Faylaw. Mrs. Heasley wanted to be remembered to your father especially.

Miriam had a miserable Easter vacation. She came home from school last Wednesday with a fever and was in bed until Monday. She went back to school when it started again yesterday. Currently she is student director for a

play that is to be put on for a school assembly on Thursday. She manages to keep good and busy.

I don't know if I've told you that Carolyn is working on the violin. She's really doing very well and seems to be serious about it. Of course, it's awfully squaky but we have high hopes. She came home today with her report card with all 4's for her subjects and all the highest under conduct and personality development. We are very proud.

You should be here tomorrow to help another mother and me to shepherd Carolyn's whole room to the Shrine Circus. The teacher called me today and told me which bay to make sit right next to me!

I'm taking Brian along, too, so I can see.  
I'm going to have a busy, busy time.

Larry is starting to work on the role  
of Nanki-Poo in the Mikado. Their  
production of Così Fan Tutti has had to  
be postponed for a while because one  
of the women is pregnant - most  
unexpectedly! He sang the solos in  
The Seven Last Words three times this  
season. In fact, he has had fourteen  
singing engagements in the past few weeks.  
It's really been much too much for a man  
who puts in long hours earning a living!

Thank you again for our lovely  
plant. We hope to see you before long!

Affectionately

Evelyn Dack

### *Birthday Celebration*

Miss Miriam Dack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Dack, 1919 East Sixth street, recently celebrated her 14th birthday. She and her sister, Carolyn, were the guests of Miss Laura Jane Musser, Little Falls, Minn., and attended the Marian Anderson concert in Northup auditorium, Minneapolis. Miss Musser, a personal friend of Miss Anderson, and the girls were privileged to meet the singer following the concert and Miriam was presented with three dozen red roses by Miss Anderson. Before the concert, Miriam was guest of honor at a surprise party in the cardinal room of the Curtis hotel. Twenty of her former school mates and friends from Little Falls attended. Miss Musser was the hostess.

MRS. HARRY E. DACK  
1919 East Sixth Street  
Duluth 5B, Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls  
Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Linden Hill  
Little Falls, Minn.

Miriam Dock  
1919 East Sixth St.  
Duluth 12, Minn



April 10, 1957

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you ever so much for the wonderful party and beautiful concert. I still can't get over all that has happened to me. The story has been sent to the Duluth paper but it hasn't been published yet. I have been interviewed for the school paper too. The book is just wonderful. My grandmother has been reading it and can't put it down. The flowers were so beautiful but now they are a little wilted. I'm going to press some to put in my scrapbook.

Thank you ever so much again.

Loads of love,

Miriam

*Mrs. Edward W. Stodghill*

April 9, 1957.

Dear Miss Musser:

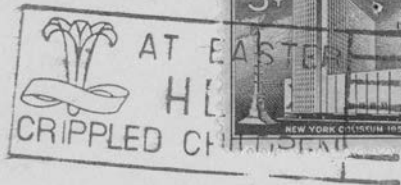
I know you will be surprised  
to hear from me but anyone who  
planned such a beautiful surprise  
as you gave Miriam on Saturday  
night must enjoy surprises too so  
I am having the pleasure of  
writing you.

As Miriam's grandma I  
want to thank you personally for  
beautiful dinner you gave in her  
honor. That together with the

thrill of Miss Anderson's concert  
will be a cherished memory  
all through her life. I suppose  
it is only natural that we should  
think she is a darling and we  
are happy that you appreciate  
her too. We are very grateful to you  
for all your kindness to her.

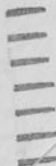
Most sincerely,

Mrs. Edward Straghill.

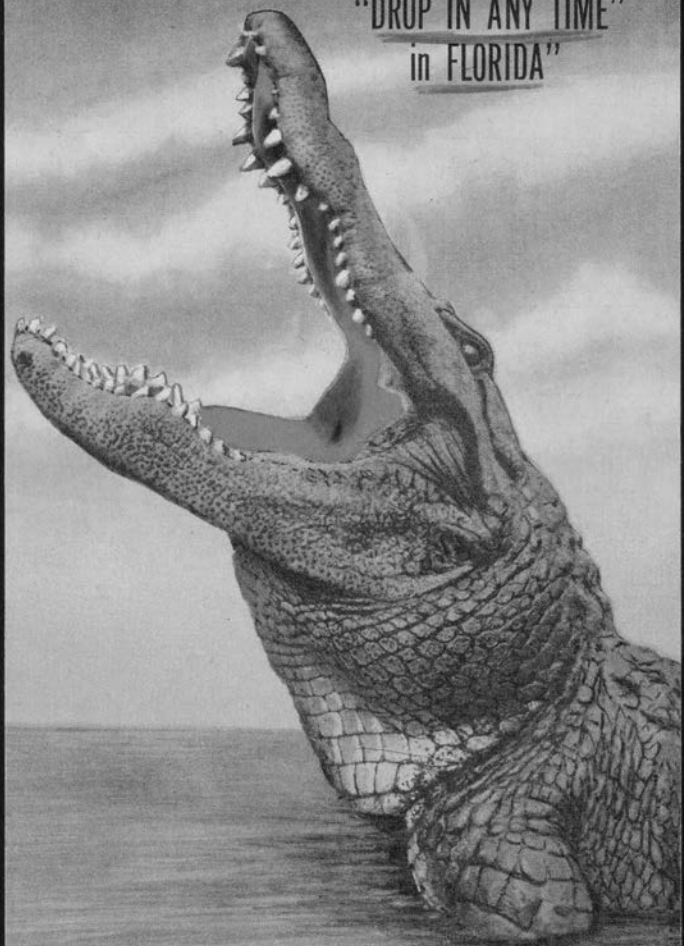


Miss Laura Jane Musser,  
Little Falls,  
Minnesota.

Mrs. Edward W. Stodghill  
5407 Osseo Road  
Minneapolis 22, Minnesota



"DROP IN ANY TIME"  
in FLORIDA"



Dear Laura Jane

How is every  
thing up there. I  
would like to see  
you. Why not come down  
and stay with us, we  
sure would like to  
have you. I saw Bobby  
Behen, and played  
with her for 2 days.  
We have the cutiest  
little monkey, you  
will have to see him.  
He is cutier than Almos  
his name is Cocoa



GENUINE CURTEICH-CHICAGO "C.T. ART-COLOR-TONE" POST CARD (REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.)

We are all fine  
But I am real  
homesick for  
Ginger  
POST CARD



Laura Jane  
608 Highland Av.  
Little Falls,  
Minnesota

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and some very good drama. Did  
you have the privilege of going  
to New York to see the plays  
& the operas? Schwartzoff and  
Tibaldi were here in concert.  
We were thrilled to hear the  
Berlin and Vienna orchestras —  
and to see Long Days Journey into  
Night.

Come by Cambridge to see us when  
you can.

Sincerely yours,  
Ruth

March 26, 1957

Dear Laura Jane,

Without hearing from you or  
seeing you this winter & spring  
we've wondered how you are &  
how your family are. I hope you  
have been well.

Here the winter has been  
pleasant. We've had good music



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Linden Hills,  
Little Falls, Minnesota

Sister Mary Stanice  
Novissate  
St. Francis Hospital  
Little Falls, Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Messer  
608 Highland Avenue  
Little Falls,  
Minnesota

J. M. J. F.

April 25, 1957

Dear Laura Jane,

Easter Saturday night  
our Ministers took me over to  
the main convent to see  
what the Easter Bunny had  
brought for me. Truly, he  
brought the biggest and  
most beautiful lily I  
have ever seen. Thank  
you, Laura, for such  
thoughtfulness.

We placed it at the feet

of a statue of Our Lady  
of Latoria near the main  
entrance where everyone  
will be able to enjoy it.  
I am certain Our Lady is  
as proud of it as I am!

I shall ask her often to  
take good care of you and  
to repay you somehow  
for your goodness to me.

Your Franciscan  
friend,  
Sister Mary Stanice

THANK YOU  
and



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Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you a  
Million times for  
such a wonderful  
Christmas gift.

Never did I ever  
think I would ever  
own a bottle of  
"Chanel No. 5."

Come over & see  
me!

With love,  
Lucille

Bringing special  
thanks to you

And very best  
of wishes too.

Lucille Sprandel

Air Mail



Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls  
Minnesota

Air Mail



MRS. JAMES MONROE TAYLOR  
HAWAII EPISCOPAL ACADEMY  
KAMUELA, HAWAII, T. H.

MRS. JAMES MONROE TAYLOR  
HAWAII EPISCOPAL ACADEMY  
KAMUELA, HAWAII, T. H.

April 18, 1957

Dear Lotsie,

At last we've lighted and of course can hardly believe we have ever been away! It was all too short and brief,--but wonderful too. Our other stops after leaving Little Falls were just as short or even shorter than the one there so we do have a feeling of having covered lots of miles in very little time. We had some rough flying weather too and had our lunch all thrown up in the air and down again--not on the plates to be sure on one flight. This on the long non stop from New York to Dallas. As lunch was on the floor and there was no more we were hungry! Honnestly I have never even imagined such a mess. The plane was one mingled mass of Lobster Thermidor, fruit salad, tomatoe juice, ice cream and cake, coffee, tea, milk, bread and butter, Roast Capon--all deliciously prepared but alas, not consumed and it was all intermingled with the furs of the exceptionally well dressed load of passengers. Jane, alone, kept her equanimity and said "Whee--now I don't have to eat my lunch! Her good humor made everyone feel better even if they did not share her enthusiasm! Finally we landed--four hours late and very hungry. Jim, meanwhile was having his

trouble with a blizzard which eventually snowed him in with Beno and family for a little while. Jane and I were sorry to have missed the blizzard--but thankful that we had had some snow at Little Falls. So much at Little Falls was simply wonderful and we were so grateful to you for all the work and trouble you went to for us. I expecially appreciated your getting Jane a playmate. As you know, she had not had a little girl of her own race to play with in nearly three years and it was simply wonderful for her to have Carol and very thoughtful of you to arrange it.

Your enchanting Green House is really a dream of perfection and I enjoy remembering it as the Emerald City. Our apartment was thoroughly comfortable as well as beautiful and ~~my~~ <sup>is</sup> didn't Jane love sleeping in the big brass bed! The whole house/<sup>is</sup> quite perfect and has so many delightful nooks that I know you are going to find much satisfaction in it. I especially love the attic appartment and the balcony entrances and the ladders going up and down. I could easily spend days being a child again and playing Oz all over the place.

I want to thank you too for your especially thoughtful gift to me of the exquisite Hand Lotion and Bath Oil. How did you know that a good Hand Lotion was just what I needed most in the world at that moment having come away with none? It was a

great joy throughout our trip and I'm certain saved both Jane and me from a frightful case of chapping as the change of climate from the damp warmth of the islands to the delicious cold of Minnesota could do little but chap.

There were many other thoughtful things done for us which are too many even to mention. But each and every one made our few days there more pleasant and we do thank you very much.

Your home was a lovely place to come to and was made more so by the many extra things you thought of doing.

I searched in New York for the Moomintrol book to send you but did not find it. However, I shall ask the friend that gave it to me just how I can get a copy. The American bookstores--even the good ones in New York, have not even heard of it, so I'm sure it must be ordered from England. Anyway I am looking forward to having you tell me how you like it when I at last secure a copy for you.

Please give everyone our love and keep lots for yourself,

Devotedly,

*Lynn*



Dick & I are having  
a fine time sitting  
on the beach & at  
the pool. We're  
sorry we didn't  
bring the kids.  
We have been to  
some night clubs.  
Have seen lots  
of min. people  
there - Love. Patty W.

GREYHOUND RACING, IS AN EXCITING AND  
POPULAR ATTRACTION IN SUNNY FLORIDA

This scene shows the Greyhounds break-  
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Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Linden Hill  
Little Falls  
Minnesota -



F.K. 7—GENERAL FLORIDA SCENE IN NATURAL COLOR

Dear Laura Jane:

June 5 - '57

I called yesterday to

wish you a Happy Birthday and a girl's voice told me you had just left for New York City! It has been so long since I've seen or heard from you I was ashamed of myself -

We were gone from Wed. to Sat. last week and had a lovely trip to Milwaukee to see Geo & family -

They have just bought a new old house, with lots of room and are having fun fixing it up -

It is just 3 blocks from the big lake (Mich.) in a nice area, near good schools. Jay graduated

from 8th grade the night Neil &

I arrived and we nearly

"busted" with pride when he gave the 8 minute address on



"Citizenship" — and also when he was presented a gold medal award for "General Excellence" in Scholarship, leadership etc — He is a straight A student and plans to be a lawyer —

The last day we were there I sprained my back and I've been miserable ever since altho I can still walk —

I am going to the U. Hosp. for my annual check up at the Cancer Clinic + they will no doubt tape it up or do something to relieve me —

It is such a beautiful time of year here, I hate to be away even for a day — Our iris are so beautiful now.



3. The yard boy planted the 3  
bulbs in the rose garden from  
the pot of Easter lilies you sent  
us - and if we have our good  
luck they should bloom this  
fall again - It was the most  
beautiful pot of lilies we ever  
had & lasted so long. I feel as  
tho I should thank you again.

Do plan to come out soon  
after you get home - I can't  
offer much, except an omelet  
and a chance to "talk talk" -

Lots of Love & have fun  
in New York - Faithfully

Grace H. W.

(96)  
(Grandpa H. has been up at Int Falls  
for 5 wks. visiting old friends !!)

P.S. - Just got your address from Mrs. Starin so  
I hope you get this before you leave New York.  
I went thru the Cancer Clinic last Thurs and while  
it was Rough I was glad I did -

Grandpa H. got back from his trip OK -  
It is just a beautiful day here today and my  
back is better - Thank goodness -

Have fun and call me when you get  
back - Love - Grace

June 12 - '57

307 - 1st. Ave. N.E.  
Little Falls, Minn.



Dear Laura Jane,  
Thank you for your  
nice Christmas card.  
I hope you and your  
dad had a very merry  
Christmas and I wish the  
best of health to the two of you.  
I am taking a course on opera in  
St. Paul, I often wished you were  
near so I could ask you questions about  
it. I have had very few opportunities  
to see them, so I am studying a few.  
Barbara Lenth and I stopped at  
your home last August. I was  
studying about trees at the college  
at that time, so I was wondering  
if I could get a few boxes from  
your trees at that time, you had  
such a variety, but Pauline said you  
weren't home, and you were  
always so busy that you didn't  
have much time, so I didn't

come back, Mrs Rosenmeir gave me  
from her trees and named them for  
me, I enjoyed the course very much. We  
had to select a site and name the trees  
I suppose you have changed the  
green house a lot since I was there.  
One week has already gone of my  
vacation only one week left and I'll  
have to go back to St. Paul and teaching.  
I like it very much down there  
I hadn't planned to write so much  
I wish <sup>to you</sup> a very Happy New year  
and lots of health and fun  
in the coming year.

Agnes Wallberg

Maurice L Rothschild

Young-Quinlan Co

MINNEAPOLIS

Jan 14, 57

Dear Mrs. Musser:

I was able  
to make 2 exchanges for  
your friend in Jamaica  
New York. I was very glad  
I could fill her requests.  
There was a difference  
in price of one dress so I  
credited your account  
with one which was 16.95 and  
sent a 14.95. This order was  
very satisfactory as she kept them.  
Thank you very much and  
I hope I see you soon.  
Sincerely yours  
Maurice L Rothschild

Knollwood

St. Paul

Chicago

Evanston

Dark Forest

*L. Plüster*  
Maurice L Rothschild  
*Young-Quinlan Co*

Minneapolis 2, Minn.



*Miss Laura Jane Musser.  
Little Falls,  
Minn.*



CARLETON COLLEGE  
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

THE PRESIDENT

December 23, 1957

Dear Uncle Drew and Laura Jane:

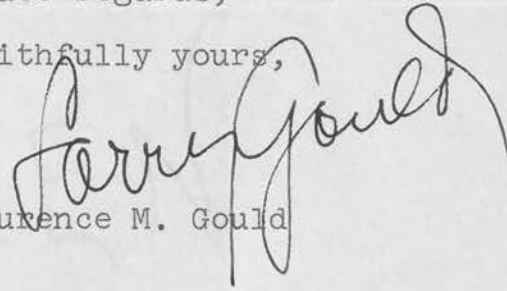
What thoughtful and generous people you are to wish us a Merry Christmas in such a handsome way!

Yesterday afternoon a magnificent poinsettia with a beautiful flower pot to hold it were delivered at our home and makes the house look very Christmaslike, indeed. Thank you both so very much.

Needless to say, our hearts and best wishes go out to you for the best of everything at Christmastime and throughout the New Year.

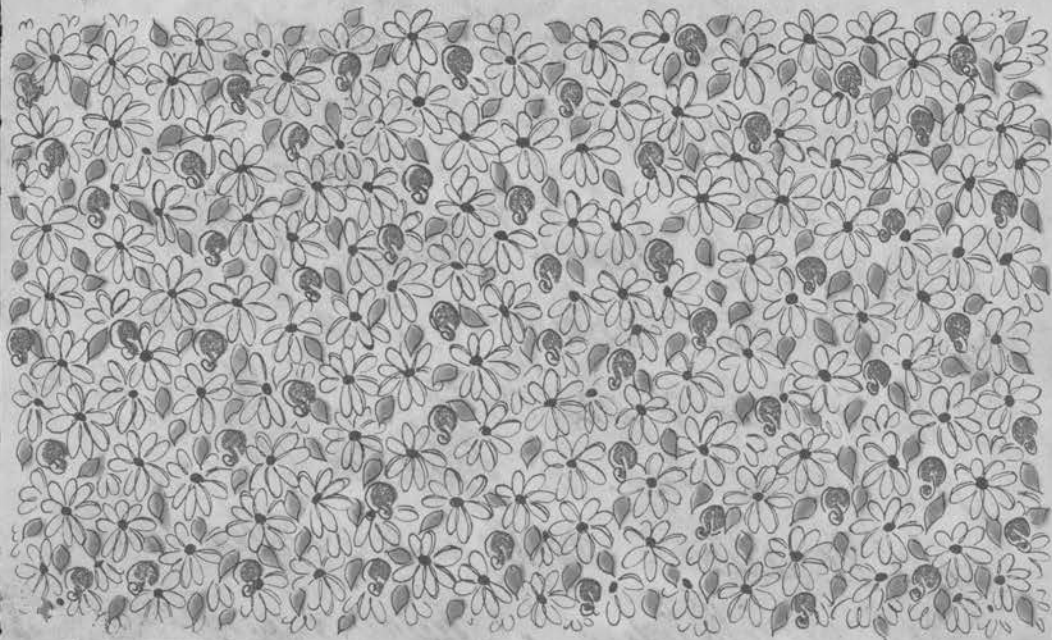
With affectionate regards,

Faithfully yours,



Laurence M. Gould

Mr. Richard Drew Musser  
Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls, Minnesota



robe & apron -

Love  
Bernadine

"DAISY MAZE"



VOLLAND



August 6, 1907

Dear Laura Jane,  
What a perfectly lovely surprise to  
receive the bathrobe & apron for Laura  
Jane. How can I ever thank you!  
They both fit beautifully and the apron  
certainly has saved Mama lots of work  
already & it looks adorable on her.  
I intend to make several like it - it's  
very clever!

I've had a pretty hot & miserable  
summer. It's been particularly hot &  
humid and I don't stand up under the  
heat in normal circumstances & being  
pregnant multiplies my misery  
a hundred times I think - anyway





The same is true of my piano playing! There just aren't enough hours in the day to do everything we want and it's funny that children should object so much when I do sit down for a few minutes of practice. They are very selfish little monsters and won't share me with even a piano!

I did get my movie camera but as yet I haven't seen any of the pictures I've made - no projector. If you have an 8 mm projector I'd like to send you a film of the children as soon as I perfect my techniques a little!

Thanks again for the adorable

I swear I'll never have another summer baby! Thank heaven only 3 more weeks to go! I'm beginning to be a little apprehensive [kind of late for that now] but not nearly as much as I was with L.J. I suppose after you've had a defective child you'll always worry and wonder about the possibilities of having another. What I wouldn't give for a swim in your pool - Oh, what fun we used to have in that icy water! You did teach me to be quite a good swimmer tho! I haven't put my skills to practice for so many years now, that I wonder if I could save my self if the need arose!

365 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul 2, Minnesota  
November 12, 1957

Miss Laura Jane Musser  
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

I am a Franciscan Sister from Little Falls who is attending St. Catherine's College. As an assignment in a Sociology Course I have been asked to make a Community survey of Little Falls. I trust that you can give me some information regarding music, Art and Literature.

1. Do the people appreciate classical music?
2. What opportunities are there to acquaint the people with fine music?
3. Do the people have a deep appreciation for Art and Literature?
4. Is the Public Library adequately staffed and furnished to fulfill the people's needs?

Any other information you can furnish will be greatly appreciated.

Gratefully yours,

*Sister Mary Elaine O.S.F.*

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