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family papers.

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CATHAY ARTS, 8, F., CHL., N. Y. N.

by Ling-Fu Chang



Dearest Anne,
Sweet - Tim.

Graces, love, mercy,
beauty and every-
thing good - I
know - will keep
adorn your mantle
in the Green House.
The other little
objects are cream
perfume.

Love -
Elsie



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June 19, 1958

My dear Drew -
Good thoughts of you. Perhaps you have heard already that Harriet and I are back here in the middle west, & spending the summer in Omaha. As you will see by this stationery, I am serving as interim minister of this strong & influential church. We are getting off to a good start and the people seem to find my preaching and pastoral work helpful. The beautiful Sanctuary seats a thousand people, and the music of the organist and three splendid choirs are very inspiring. The work is letting up for the summer now. Most of the organisations are resting, and the Daily Vacation Bible School of two weeks concludes tomorrow. I have conducted the worship service for the children every morning at 9.30 o'clock and have had a grand time with them. We enjoy Omaha, with its lush green, magnificent trees, and streets & streets of beautiful homes with such spacious lawns.

We spent two weeks in a Motel here, but
 now we are living in a beautiful home
 belonging to a prominent physician and his
 family. They left this week for Europe, and
 will be away for about two months. The
 house is built on an acre of land, all
 beautifully landscaped, and cared for by
 a gardener. We expect to be here until
 about Sept. 15th when the new minister
 will commence his work. After that we expect
 to come to Little Falls & stay at the Pine Edge
 Inn. I hope to do some fishing, and I
 certainly hope to be able to play some
 Cribbage with you. In October, we go on
 to Waukesha, Wisconsin, to attend the Golden
 Wedding anniversary of my brother and his
 wife. Then we hope to go back to our little
 home in Laguna Beach. If ever you
 are disposed to send us a line about
 yourself, our mailing address is the Church.
 I hope this finds you feeling well and
 happy. My one deep regret is that I cannot
 see you as often as I would like to.
 Harriet joins me in sending our fondest
 regards to you and Laura Jane.
 Blessings on you!

Always yours
 Philip [Gregory]

111 FITZ RANDOLPH ROAD
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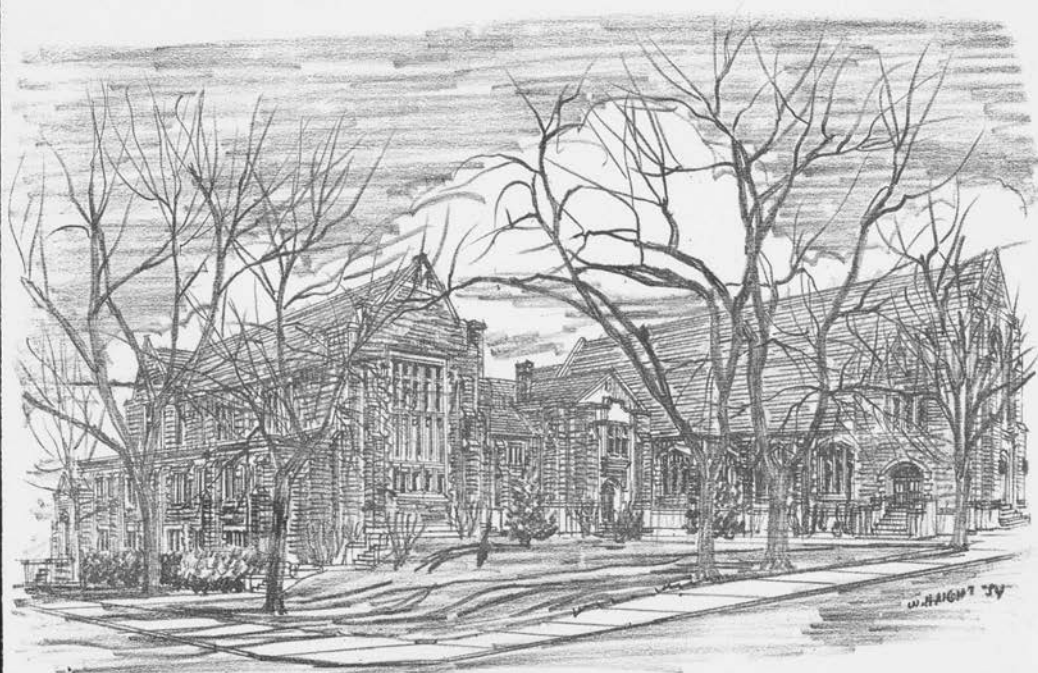
Dear Miss Musser,

I was interested to learn that you might be in the East late in this month. If you should get to Princeton, we should be happy to show you over the campus. I am usually free, barring the unforeseen of course, on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday

afternoons. After our tour perhaps
you would have time for a cup of tea.

Please let us know from New York
what day you might come. Then if
you happen to be at your cousin's,
you could call my home. My wife
would know where to get in touch
with me.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Cawley



First Central Congregational Church,

Omaha, Nebraska

1st. Central Cong'l Church, 36th & Harney sts.
Omaha, Neb.

July 19, 1958

Dear Laura Jane - Harriet and I were very much interested in an article in one of the Minneapolis newspapers telling of the part you had in bringing Van Cliburn to Little Falls. We are proud of you! We heard Van Cliburn play on a Sunday evening Television program and were delighted with his playing & his personality.

We are enjoying our work in this large Omaha Church and the people seem to appreciate my sermonic & pastoral work. They like Harriet too. The ladies give breakfasts & luncheons for her. My work is not too strenuous because the church has an excellent staff. I do the preaching and some imperative pastoral calling. We plan to be here until Sept. 15th then, (Deo volente), we hope to come to Little Falls for some fishing & visiting. Harriet join me in sending our love to you and father as of yore. Blessings on you both!

Always yours
Philip [Gregory]

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MAIL SERVICE

MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER,
LITTLE FALLS,
MINNESOTA.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hills
Little Falls,
Minn.





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It's Christmas!



Dec. 22, 1958

Dear Laura Jane,

The beautiful gift box with such lovely perfume was a complete surprise, and such a nice one. With your usual thoughtfulness and generosity, it brought so much pleasure and I do thank you so much.

The concert seems to be coming along very well, thanks to your guidance and efforts. Even my nephew, a student at Gustavus Adolphus, would like so much to attend. It makes me very excited to have even a very small share of planning anything so big and fine.

I know you had a nice holiday season and hope your New Year will be a wonderful one.

Love,
Shirley Jane

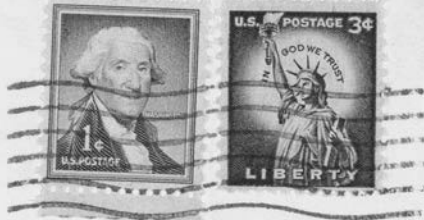


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CHAIRMAN, REMEMBRANCE FUND COMMITTEE

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

Dear Laura Jane,

It was
such a pleasure
to see you again,
and to learn that
you are well.

Truly I have
never seen you
look so glowing.
I should like to

get out and walk
miles as you do;
I reserve that for
vacations.

Laura Jane ~~the~~
basket of candy is
beautiful - it is a
shame to spoil
the appearance
by using it. You
are much too

generous and kind
to me.

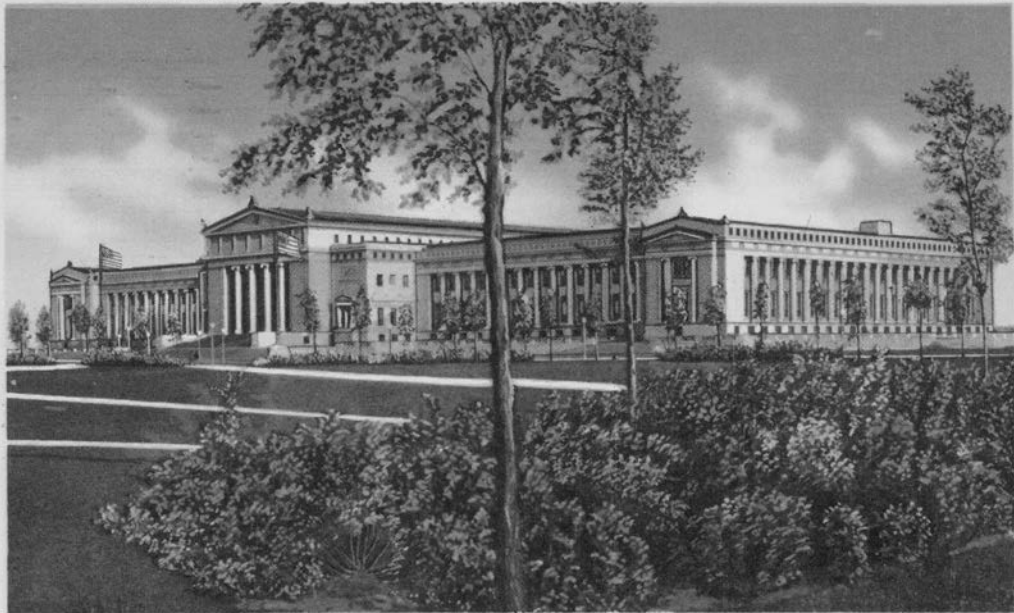
Thank you so
much for the
luncheon and
candy and all
your kindnesses.
Best wishes.

Love
Marie Fuchs





Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

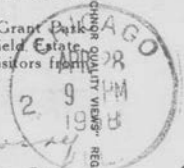


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Hi Laura
Hope you are having
a nice time in N.Y.
Eva + I arrived in Chicago
the 24th and been
having a wonderful
time. We are leaving
for S. F. tonight. Clara
& all are just fine.
Much love Marie.



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New York
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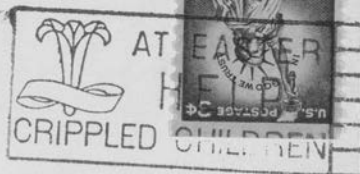
Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland ave.
Little Falls,
Minn.

Thank
 You

Dear Miss Musser

On behalf of the Charles Lindbergh
P.T.A. I wish to present this card
to you to become a member of
our organization.

I also wish to extend our
sincere appreciation for your
kind efforts to secure the
Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra to
appear in Little Falls in 1958
It is with pleasure we of the
Lindbergh P.T.A. say, Thank you!
Dorace Clark



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

We've
Moved



5 K 6226

Dear Laura Jane,

We're pretty well settled,
still many things to do but
nothing that can't wait. I
think we'll enjoy it here once
we're used to it. I do hope
you can drop in sometime.

Bring a foursome and we'll
have a game of cards. No
phone yet but were hoping
to get one soon.

Best Regards,
Fran

Sending you our new address.
'Cause we'd like to have you know-
And were hoping you will very soon

Drop in and say "hello"!

.. 1672 So. Rosewood Ave.

.. St. Paul, 9, Minn. ...

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Curran

Oct. 26

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you so much for the lovely Christian Dior toilet water - it is a lovely scent & I just love it.

It was so sweet of you to send it

to me - I didn't do
a thing to deserve
it.

I shall think of
you every time I
wear it. Thank you
again, Laura Jane.
Hope you had a nice
Trip.

Sincerely,
Joan

323 E. Beckwith
Missoula, Mont.



PRAY
FOR
PEACE



Miss Laura Jane Messer
Linden Hills
Little Falls, Minnesota

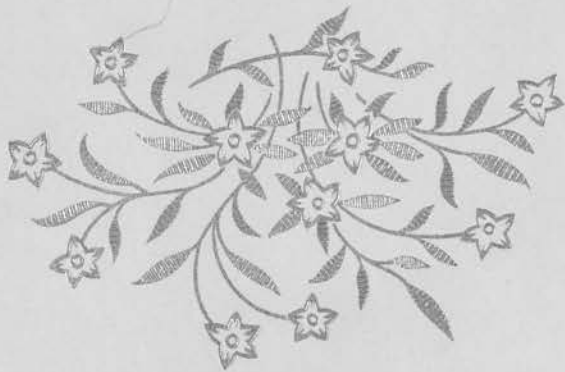
Thank You



Dear Miss Musser,

I am sorry that I can't
come to my Piano lesson. But
I have been at home for two
days with a bad cold.

I want to thank you for
the very nice Christmas gift
you gave me. I just love the
fragrance. Thanks again
Love, Donelle



Dear Laura Jane

When I returned Sunday
from Minneapolis where
I spent Christmas with
all my families. I

found your very pretty
card with greetings.

Thank you so much

for thinking of me.

I do enjoy appreciate
hearing from my
friends! Since my
accident I get out so
very little. so miss
old friends. For you

My dear I wish all
the blessings and
happiness a New Year
can bring to you -

Most sincerely.

Lottie L. Martin.

Dec. 29. 1958



Miss Laura Jane Musser

608. Highland Ave
Little Falls.
Minn

M. 206 SE 34, City.

H. Eckman
4720 Lincoln Rd.
Duluth 4, Minnesota



PRAY
FOR
PEACE

Miss Laura Jane Mueser
608 Highwood St.
Little Falls
Minnesota

Dear Miss Mueser:

What a delightful surprise when the beautiful yellow tulip plant came into my room - to think I had gained such a thoughtful and generous friend through a telephone conversation. How did you know yellow was my favorite color? The bulbs shall be planted in my garden next fall. Thank you so much.

I am sending under separate cover, a copy of the catalog of Minnesota Composers. Work was started on this a year ago - we know it is not

complete - every effort was made to find names of Minnesota composers - replies were not received from all contacted. These were distributed at the meeting of the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs late in March. They will also be available at the National Board meeting in September and the National Biennial in San Diego in April of 1959. Any additions, including yours, can be inserted before that time.

What a pleasant surprise to hear a day or two ago that Van Cliburn was the first

place in the piano festival in
Russia. The Matinee Musicale
in Duluth has hoped to present
him, but we operate on such
a limited budget have not
been able to secure it. Now I
suppose his fee will sky rocket.

Have a fine time in New
York.

Hoping I will soon have the
pleasure of meeting you "face to
face", I am
Cordially yours
Hilder R. Eckman

April 15, 1958

AQUATIC WARBLER...

makes its home between Holland and the Mediterranean
during the summer, and winters in northern Algeria. The plant
on which these are perched is the Woody Nightshade.

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AQUATIC WARBLER

CARLETON COLLEGE
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

THE PRESIDENT

March 2, 1958

Dear Laura Jane:

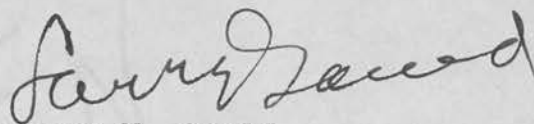
Thank you very much for having Mr. Gale bring me the copy of the article about your cousin. I am very much encouraged every time I hear of the establishment of a new independent educational institution. We desperately need them to maintain and raise the quality of education at all levels.

Only today I received a letter from a man in Santa Fe, New Mexico, asking for my advice concerning the establishment of a brand-new liberal arts college there. It seems they want to pattern it after Carleton, which is all to the good.

I do hope the winter has been kind to you and to our beloved Uncle Drew.

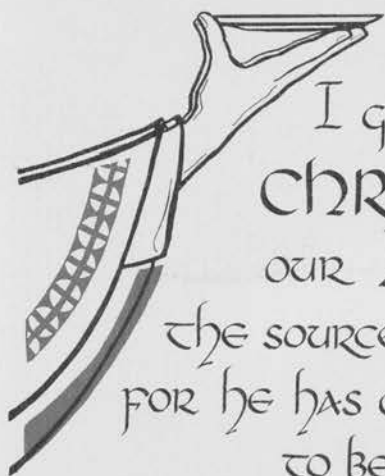
With warm regards to both of you,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laurence M. Gould".

Laurence M. Gould

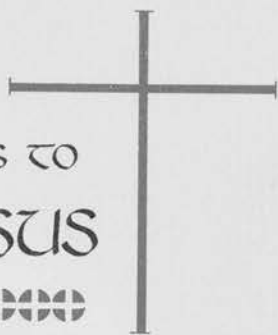
Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls,
Minnesota



I give thanks to
CHRIST JESUS
our LORD



the source of my strength
for he has counted me worthy
to be his minister



THROUGH THE INFINITE GOODNESS OF GOD
HIS EXCELLENCY, BISHOP PETER W. BARTHOLOME
WILL ORDAIN
JOHN PETER MILLER
TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST
ON SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE SEVENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT
AT NINE O' CLOCK
IN ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

IN HUMBLE THANKSGIVING
FOR GOD'S GREAT BLESSING ON OUR FAMILY
WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU
TO SHARE THE JOYS AND BLESSINGS OF THIS DAY
AND TO JOIN WITH US
AS OUR SON AND BROTHER OFFERS
HIS FIRST SOLEMN MASS
ON SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE EIGHTH
AT TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK
IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew V. Miller and Family

SOLEMN BENEDICTION AND FIRST BLESSING AT TWO O'CLOCK
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PLEASE
PLACE
TWO CENT
STAMP
HERE

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310 - 4TH ST. S.E.
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE DINNER
WHICH WILL BE SERVED IN THE PARISH CAFETERIA
FOLLOWING THE FIRST SOLEMN MASS. IF YOU
PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD
BEFORE MAY ¹⁵~~24TH~~ TO RESERVE PLACES FOR THE
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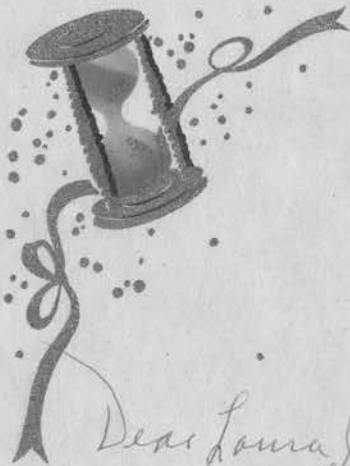
As a guest of Father Miller,
please present this at
the Church entrance
June 8, 1958.

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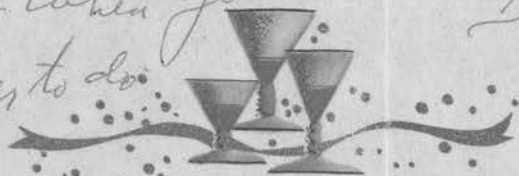


Dear Laura Jane:

I've tried to phone you
several times but no response!
You must be a very busy
person—

Please call me when you
have nothing better to do.

Love
Sophie



Dear Laura Jane:

It's time to start another year

It's time for wishing, too

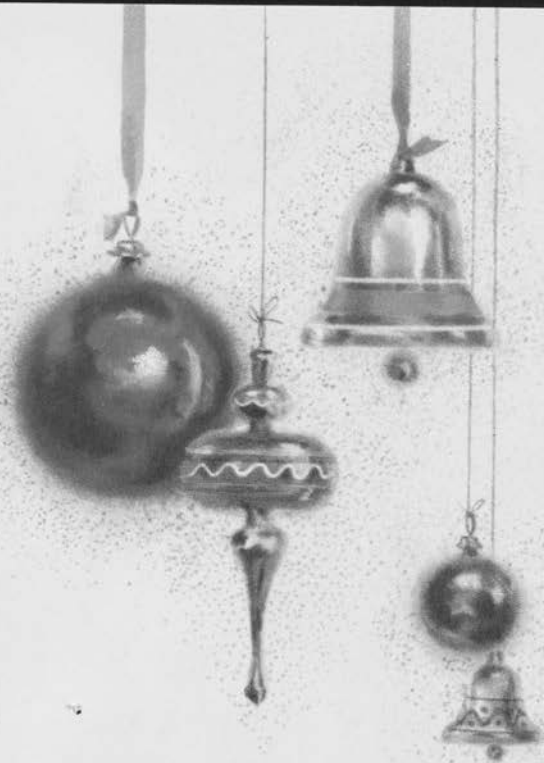
That every day ahead will hold

Some special joy for you!

Herman & Sophie Katz



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Dear Laura Jane: -
I was so thoughtful
and kind of you to
remember us at
Christmas with
the beautiful poin-
settia, Plants and
flowers are one of
my weaknesses, &
you know how
that how greatly
it is appreciated.
The rush is over

now and we shall
look forward to
seeing you real
soon. Thank you
so much.
Love from both of us,
Alice.



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Little Falls,
Minnesota.
 Linden Hill.

401 W. Broadway
Little Falls, Minnesota



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February 26, 1958

Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Av.
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

For some months the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs has been working on an interesting project in connection with the Minnesota Centennial. As a special tribute to our Minnesota composers, we are compiling a catalog of the published work of Minnesota composers and are also including manuscripts which are available for use upon request from the composer. It has developed into a very interesting collection and is about ready for the printer. Recently it came to my attention that you had done some composing and I am wondering if you have any published works or something in manuscript you would like to have included. The committee fully appreciates that this will not be 100% inclusive as it is impossible to reach everyone in Minnesota who has done or is doing composing. However, we have done research to the best of our ability and I honestly believe it is a fine contribution to American composition.

Are you at all familiar with the program of the Federation of Music Clubs or had any contact with it? I have about completed by first biennium as the Minnesota president and have learned a great deal about its many contributions. I wish there were more music clubs in our state and should I serve for another term, I want to concentrate especially on extension.

Hoping to hear from very soon, I am

Cordially yours,

Philip F. Eckman

Mrs. Philip F. Eckman, state president
4720 London Rd.
Duluth 4, Minnesota

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July 22, 1958

My Dear Laura Jane,

How can I express my great appreciation to you, both for your hospitality when I came to Little Falls on the 7th, and for your great kindness this past Sunday!

I do hope that your meeting last night was successful, and will result in the formation of a Community Concert Association in Little Falls. I was glad to add my little bit to your preliminary meeting, in the hope that such tangible evidence of Virginia's complete satisfaction with Community might help to convince some of the waverers.

Sunday, of course, was a red-letter day that none of us will soon forget. Your generosity in allowing Mr. & Mrs. Bourgin and I to "invade" your home and hence have the pleasure of much more intimate contact with Van and his darling mother was so kind of you--and we all do appreciate it tremendously. Of course I'd been telling them you were a gal whose heart was as big as her head, and now they too know it's true.

Should you find that you can take advantage of the Bourgin's invitation to spend a few days here, let me say again that my friend Mr. Potter and I will be so pleased to have you (and Ed, too, of course) spend a day on Lake Vermilion on his cruiser. The boat is 38 feet long and most comfortable, and I'm sure you'd find it delightful. It would mean a lot to me to be able to repay you in this small way for your many kindnesses.

Thank you again--from the bottom of my heart.

Most sincerely,

Larry Lambert



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28 January 1959

Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

My dear Laura Jane:

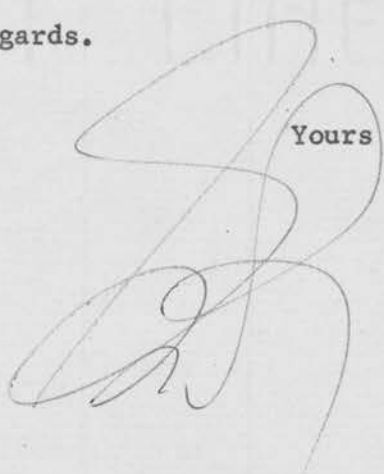
On Saturday I tried to get you by telephone in response to your request that I do so, but you were understandably busy with the concert and I didn't reach you.

You indicated that you would like to have a statement of the salaries of Frank Weck and others managing the trust accounts. Regularly the trustee has been supplying a monthly accounting and also an annual one. The total compensation paid to First National Bank, which includes Mr. Weck and all others who have anything to do with the trusts, for the year ending November 1, 1956, was \$1478, the next year \$1733, and the year ending last fall \$2080. This compensation is based on a per cent of the value of the principal of the trust and is largely deductible for income tax purposes.

As I write this I am reminded that the concert is tonight. I hope you will have the success that you deserve, with the effort and thought you put into the event.

Regards.

Yours truly,



GR/lma

THE CENTENNIAL BALLET

79 SOUTH 13TH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS 3, MINNESOTA
FEDERAL 8-9807

Dear Miss Muesser:

We are enclosing three newsletters which were recently issued by the Minnesota Statehood Centennial Commission and which will give you some information on the newly created Centennial Ballet Company touring in your neighborhood in late June of this year.

We would very much like to appear in Little Falls and it has been suggested several times by interested friends here that we apply to you and enlist your aid in helping our company come to your city.

As head of our booking committee I would appreciate any assistance you may be able to offer us in this regard,

sincerely,
George Verdak
George Verdak

April 23, 1958



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Tax Division

December 26, 1958

Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

In order to assist us in preparing your 1958 income tax returns, kindly fill in the enclosed questionnaire and return it to us as soon as possible. This form is prepared with the thought that it may be of help to you in listing your income and deductions not shown on our records.

Yours very truly,


M. C. Setterberg
Assistant Secretary

22 April 1958
Camp Ripley
Little Falls, Minn.

Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

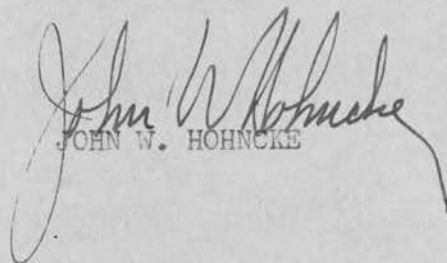
My Dear Miss Musser:

It was with a great deal of regret that I was forced, by business commitments, to miss the last scheduled session, for this year, of the Congregational Church Adult Bible Class on Sunday, 13 April past. My reasons for particularly wanting to attend this final session were many - for I had a number of things I wanted to accomplish. Among them, of course, I wanted to conduct a "summing up" of the course of study we have been engaged in, together with a personal message of gratitude, for the interest shown by the members of the class. I also wished to say goodbye to the class until next Fall.

The above reasons were, of course, important to me but I also had one other reason which was of equal importance. This had to do with your efforts in this class during the past few months. As I have on many occasions mentioned to you - I feel that all available knowledge and background information should be brought to this class for the broadening interest and education of the class as a whole. This you most certainly have done for us. It was my intention to publicly thank you for your interest and efforts on behalf of the class and very definitely on behalf of myself. Unfortunately, as I have said, business did not permit me to attend this session and hence, I was unable to carry out my plans - but because I feel as keenly as I do about the part you played in the progress of this class, I am taking this opportunity to personally thank you, by letter, for the assistance you gave - it was very much appreciated. I would also like to personally extend to you an invitation to once again attend when this Bible Study Class is reinstituted in the Fall.

Again, I am sincerely sorry that circumstances did not permit me to thank you publicly and I hope that this letter will convey to you the appreciation I personally feel for the efforts you made in the work of the Bible Study Class.

Sincerely,


JOHN W. HOHNCKE

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

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MINNESOTA

May 15th 1958

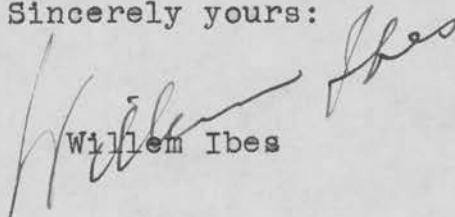
Dear Miss Musser,

It was with much appreciation that I heard from Miss Nelson about your willingness to receive me.

Would Saturday the 24th of this month be convenient for you? I will be free that whole day and could come any time you want.

I am looking forward to hear your advise and possibly receive your guidance on the complicated road to a concert-career,

Sincerely yours:


Willem Ibes

Telephone:
St. Joseph Exchange 2261
Extension 266



MANAGER'S OFFICE

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July 11th 1958

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

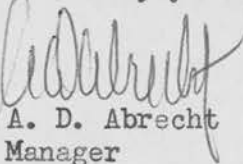
Dear Miss Musser:

We wish to acknowledge and thank you for your check for \$293.79 in payment of your recent bill, which has been credited to your account.

We also want to thank you for your check for \$25.00 which has been distributed amongst the maids, bellmen, doormen, elevator operators and telephone operators in accordance with your instructions, and on their behalf I should like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation.

We hope your stay at the Dorset was a pleasant one and that we shall soon again have the opportunity of taking care of you here.

Cordially yours,


A. D. Abrecht
Manager

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October 16, 1958

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hills
Little Falls, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Musser:

I hope that when you read this you will have had a wonderful trip. My wife, Elin, and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting you when you passed through several weeks ago, and, along with our good friends, the Gillespies, we enjoyed the dinner we had together.

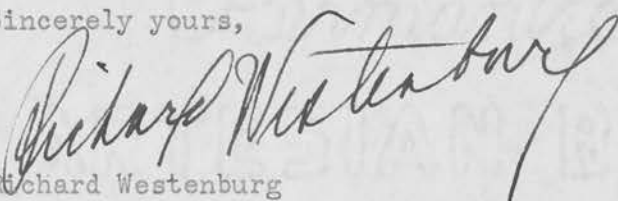
Recently I received an invitation from First Congregational Church in Minneapolis to come there for a concert this winter. In mentioning this to Helen I also said that I wished to play one or two other programs on this same trip in other places, and wondered if Little Falls might prove to be a potential sponsor. Helen told me that the group there which handles outside concerts is the Little Falls Musical Arts Club. She didn't know who was head of that group now so she suggested that I write to you about it.

Since I will be coming to Minneapolis anyway, I could of course play a concert in Little Falls for a nominal fee if you felt there were sufficient interest there for such a program. Perhaps you would be good enough to forward this letter and the enclosed material to whomever would make such arrangements. Also we thought that you, being an organist and interested in organ, would be able to suggest which instrument there would be most suitable for an organ recital.

I am enclosing in this letter one of my posters, along with a few programs from last year, and a data sheet telling something of my training and background.

Thank you. And I hope we may have the privilege of seeing you again before long.

Sincerely yours,



Richard Westenburg

P. S. I hope you have been able to make contact with Byron Arneson in Minneapolis and secure his services. I know you will like him.

RICHARD WESTENBURG, ORGANIST

"Mr. Westenburg displayed a talent for recital playing which is all too rare. It was gratifying to hear a recitalist who could put across his program." (Pipenotes, official publication, Minnesota Chapter, American Guild of Organists.)

After extensive background in piano and only six months formal organ study, Westenburg, then only 17, appeared for the first time in public as an organist playing the great 5-manual organ in the Minneapolis Municipal Auditorium before 4,500 listeners. Also during this first year of study, he appeared several times on a regular series of organ recitals over Radio Station WCAL and was regular organist for a Sunday morning program on Station WLOL.

The Peformer's Prize was awarded by Lawrence Conservatory of Music to Richard Westenburg as the graduating senior with the most outstanding talent for public performance. He was also soloist with the Lawrence Symphony Orchestera and Choral Society.

"Westenburg is as good an organist as ever (worked) in the interest of art, and surely this is not the last Lawrence audiences will hear of him." (Appleton, Wisconsin, Post-Crescent.)

For five consecutive years, Westenburg was invited to be a solist on the Sunday afternoon series of organ concerts at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark in Minneapolis.

"Westenburg has a pronounced feeling for the depth and dignity of the organ and a good sense of rhythm, as well as a fine musical imagination and sense of color in registration." (The Diapason, official journal of the American Guild of Organists.)

Richard Westenburg's professional experience has been varied:

Organist and Choirmaster at First Congregational Church in Minneapolis, from 1954-56.

Assistant Organist and Choirmaster at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, Minneapolis, from 1952-58. (Work limited to summers, 1957-58.)

Summer Minister of Music at Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Minneapolis, 1956-58.

Summer Session faculty, University of Minnesota, 1955-58.

Instructor in Music, Montana State University, 1956-

Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church, Missoula, Montana, 1957-.

Degrees:

B. Mus. from Lawrence Conservatory, Appleton, Wisconsin, 1954.

M. A. from University of Minnesota, 1956.

November 1, 1958

Hi, Laura Jane!

I do hope that by now you've forgiven me for not showing up at our dinner date. I got spirited away to a finish-up meeting, and then had much more than the anticipated amount of difficulty explaining the accounting and bookkeeping system that we'd bequeathed the follow-up committee. It just went on ... and on ... and on ... and, I never did get dinner. Not even a candy bar.

Then the next day was a real horror. Just everybody and their small dog felt compelled to ask a question that hadn't occurred to ~~them until~~ them until this moment (and never would again) or to congratulate and chat. All of which is most pleasant, but a bit disconcerting when top-most on your mind is the urgency of finishing all the little tag-ends of record making and keeping.

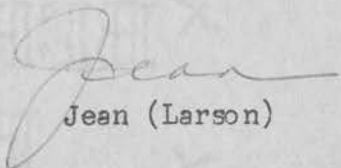
So I never did get you called. Went zipping out of town at breakneck speed in an effort to catch the midnight train out of Minneapolis. Missed it. Negotiated with the airlines for air transportation. Reserved a ticket. Relaxed. Was called to report that fog was threatening to close down all air transport. Finally decided that if I was going to make church in Wilmette the next day (and I had to because it was Church Sunday at the new campaign -- and I was to be presented literally "before God and everybody") I'd better take a bus. Rode that thumping, bumping thing for 11 hours, but made church. End of Odyssey.

Are you going to be in Chicago or vicinity anytime between now and December 20th or so? Would love to DO SOMETHING. Like for instance, Tristan will be here next weekend, and other events of like worth later. And I know a perfectly marvellous darkish and LeftBank type of hideaway where really good folk music is offeredd(maybe you know The Gate of Horn, too?)

So if you can steal away from little ole Little Falls, come whipping down thisaway for a gala and glorious weekend. Address: 1410 Gregory, Wilmette; phone ALpine 6-0972.

Regards to All and Sundry. And don't be grudg-ish about that aborted dinner we didn't have. Just think, we could make it up at the Kungsholm or Shangra La or Don the Beachcomber ... or heck, I could even build you a peanutbutter sandwich at the apartment.

Gotta git.


Jean (Larson)

Larson

Skokie Valley Community Hospital

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minn.

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Dear Miss Musser:

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This letter is with reference to the Eisenhower Presidential Library which will be constructed in the President's home town of Abilene, Kansas. It will honor a great soldier and president, and it will provide a place for preserving the Eisenhower presidential documents which will become a source of research material for students of history and government. Like the Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman presidential libraries, the building will be provided by the gifts of the people. It will be maintained and administered by the National Archives and Records Service of the Federal Government.

A group of prominent citizens whose names appear at the left, are serving as the Minnesota Executive Committee to raise funds for the Eisenhower Presidential Library. A still larger group whose names appear on the reverse side of this page comprise the Minnesota Sponsoring Committee. The total cost of the building is \$3,000,000 and the Minnesota quota is \$58,000.

The enclosed leaflet entitled "The Eisenhower Presidential Library" gives details about the library and the reasons why it is needed.

As a person who believes in the preservation of historical documents, you will be interested in supporting this project by helping to finance it with a personal contribution, which is tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to "Eisenhower Library Commission" and mailed to 9200 Wayzata Boulevard, Minneapolis 26, Minnesota. Please fill in your name and address on the enclosed card and return with your contribution. A self addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support in building the Eisenhower Presidential Library.

Sincerely,

Harry A. Bullis

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TO: Miss Laura Musser — Little Falls, Minnesota

FROM: CHARLES "DON" PETERSON, Proprietor

SUBJECT: Re: Mr. Musser. —

A piano-tuner technician advised me that you may be interested in a 7 ft. Steinway Grand Piano (reconditioned) which we have for sale in our store.

Thought I'd just drop you a short note of inquiry — Usual price for a fine instrument of this quality is about \$3,000.00 — We are asking \$2,295.00 — If interested please contact me.

Thank you very kindly
Very truly yours

Charles D. Peterson, Prop.

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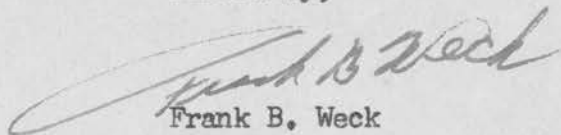
Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane:

Thank you very much for the very nice Christmas remembrance. It was very thoughtful of you.

I hope that you have a nice Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank B. Weck", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Frank B. Weck
Vice President

FBW/jej

THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR
Evening
AND
THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE
Morning and Sunday

July 25, 1958

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

It was a pleasure to talk to you on the telephone
the other day.

I have checked with Mr. Nordstrom on the pictures
he took in your home and learned that he got a total
of forty-four different shots. I wonder if you
would like that many or if you prefer to have us
select a specified number to make up for you.

As I may have mentioned on the phone, our charge for
personal use is \$2.75 for the first and \$1.75 for
each additional print made at the same time from the
same negative.

I shall look forward to hearing from you again.

Very truly yours,


(Miss) Elaine Jenson
Library

EJ

J.M.J.F.



Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
Motherhouse, Little Falls, Minnesota

The Era of Mary
September 10, 1958

Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Miss Musser:

The Sisters at the Hospital notified us that you had left a very generous memorial for our dear Sister Mary Coletta at the Hospital. We are sure that Sister herself would have appreciated this greatly.

This contribution together with others will be used, as you know, toward our new wing.

You will be in our prayers.

God bless you.

Gratefully,

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mother Mary Theresine PF
Mother General

Mrs. S. C. Lodermeier

Royalton, Minn.

July 25.

Miss Laura Jane Musser

Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Miss Musser, -

Mr. Lodermeier

and I were extremely sorry not to be able to attend your generous project in Little Falls.

You are to be commended very highly for your progressive educational programs in your community. You deserve great credit.

I remember your mother well, through the Child Interest Club. She was at my home several times. She would be so very proud of you carrying on the ideas she loved and lived for.

I met you through Grace Woodworth (a very dear friend of mine) some years back.

A sincere "Thank You" for such generous community spirit.
Sincerely, Carola B. Lodermeier



Miss Laura Jane Nusser
Little Falls.
Linden Hill Minn.

Mrs. S. C. Lodermeier
Royalton, Minn.

Pierz, Minn.
Jan. 22 - 1958

My dear Miss Musser,

Since you are so widely known for your musical talent, I am taking this privilege of writing to you in regard to your knowledge as to phonographs.

You see, I am a widow, with five children at home yet, ranging from 5 to 15 years of age. With not one musical instrument in the home!

Gerald who is a diabetic age 15 - 2nd year ill. Is very interested in singing and is anxious to get a phonograph.

Could you possibly put me on a good lead, or do you

know of some one where
I could get a good buy on
a good one, possibly with
some records. As it really
would have to be a good
buy as for me to be able to get
it for him. I do hope
you don't think me to
farword to take up your
time as I know you are
very busy. So give me advise
on this. So if you find time
Please write or better ~~see~~
Come and see me here at
Pierz, Right next to the
Bank on main street, or call
me collect no 8-4261.

Thank you
so kindly

Resped fully
Mrs Josephine Stolpe

Box 345
Pierz Minn



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



Mr. R. D. Musser
Little Falls, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Davis
716 Wetmore Avenue
Everett, Washington

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Frederick Weyerhaeuser Davis, II

May tenth, Nineteen hundred fifty-eight

9 pounds, 15 ounces

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Weyerhaeuser Davis

My view is changing in the north.
Where once I watched the arching bridge
Soar upwards in the sky,
As though to seek, above, the strength
To bear its burden down below,
Now rise tall shafts of brick and glass
To make new homes for those
Who have not known such light and air,
A thousand homes! Ten thousand eyes
Can watch the stars, renew their strength
To meet the daily battle of the street.

Within our walls are changes, too.
The house is full of younger folk,
And toddlers in the halls
Recall my own. I love
The role of grandmama!
The children grow, a daughter weds,
The new son joins the circle
Knitted tightly by its loss.
I trim my tree with colored balls,
Bright, happy bits of memory,
And reach to light the star.

The world is changing everywhere.
"He's reaching for the moon" once brought
A slur, a hint of fantasy--
He only dreamed of better worlds
Than his, so crass and ruthless, stale.
Yet now the rockets soar in space;
The dream is gone and in its place
Compelling actuality.
Oh, may that thrust bring naught but good,
A warmer home, help for the ill,
And fructify our greatest hopes--
The Brotherhood of Man!

Beatrice Shuttleworth
Christmas, 1958

During the past year I lost my good husband after a very brief heart illness. But I have had blessings, too. Margaret, the baby you would remember, was finally married this fall and furnished her home entirely from her Grandmother Shuttleworth's house. My own 89 yr. old mother is with me, in fine health and spirits, and my seven grandchildren growing nicely. I hope you are well and contented. Affectionately,
Beatrice S.

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December 1, 1958

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane:

Herewith some ideas on scaling your house. My art work leaves much to be desired but I believe you will be able to follow my thoughts from the plan.

We decided you should receive a gross of not less than \$3000 on a sold-out house. There are several ways to come close to this figure -- since I have not seen your hall, you will need decide which system will be best. For example: are the bleacher seats inferior to the permanent balcony locations? Will the piano be placed on stage so that you could get top price on sections A and B, or B and C? These decisions I leave to you.

<u>Plan I.</u>	Section A - 150 @ 2.50	375.00
	Section B - 250 @ 3.00	750.00
	Section C - 250 @ 3.00	750.00
	Section D - 150 @ 2.50	375.00
	Section E - 150 @ 1.00	150.00
	Section F - 560 @ 1.50	840.00
		<u>\$3240.00</u>

<u>Plan II.</u>	(reversing prices on balcony vs. bleachers)	
	Sections A through D same as in	
	plan #I.	2250.00
	Section E - 150 @ 1.50	225.00
	Section F - 560 @ 1.00	560.00
		<u>\$3035.00</u>

<u>Plan III.</u>	Ignoring sections E and F for the moment, if you reverse the top prices (see #I) from:	
	Sections B and C @ 3.00	
	to	
	Sections A and B @ 3.00	
	you take in \$50.00 less than by Plan I.	

<u>Plan IV.</u>	Are the bleachers better or <u>worse</u> than the balcony?
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Miss Musser

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December 1, 1958

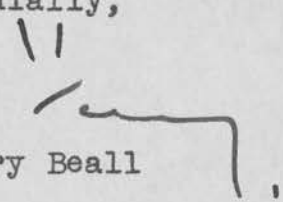
If you price the bleachers @	1.00....	\$150.00
balcony	1.50....	840.00
		<u>\$990.00</u>

If you price the bleachers @	1.50....	\$225.00
balcony	1.00....	560.00
		<u>\$785.00</u>

Will you be good enough to look over the various possibilities and tell me which plan you wish to use. I will then have the ticket prices put on your publicity and send it on a rush order to the printers.

I'll wait to hear from you.

Cordially,


Harry Beall

HB/mj
Enc.

STAGE

A.

10 Rows
of
15

= 150
SEATS

B.

10 Rows
of
25

= 250
SEATS

C.

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of
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= 250
SEATS

D.

10 Rows
of
15

= 150
SEATS

E.

BLEACHERS

150 SEATS.

F.

BALCONY.

560 SEATS.

The Rabinofs

Jan. 15, 1958

344 West 72nd Street, New York 23, N. Y.

Dear Miss Musser,

It was so good to hear from you! We enjoyed meeting you, even though it was a brief visit after our Brainerd concert, and do hope that one day we can come to play in Little Falls - too.

We have asked Mr. Dick Walter, our agent in National Artists Corp, whose address is 432 South 1st Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa, to get in touch with you regarding the possibility of a concert next season -

We hear that you teach piano a great deal - and truly give of yourself to improve the musical

standard of your town.

Our cordial greetings and
very best wishes —

Sylvia and Benno
Rabinof



APOLLO Club OF MINNEAPOLIS

WA. 2-7671

3033 EXCELSIOR BLVD., MINNEAPOLIS 16, MINN.

Dear Fellow Minnesotans:

Much has been said and written about how to remove the conflicts between our way of life and those of the other peoples of the world. Needless to say the bloody wars have left the job undone. There still exist tensions, misunderstandings and distrust that divide our world psychologically, even though modern science and transportation have drawn us closer together physically. These doubts and obstacles between peoples and nations must be removed. There must be a rekindling of faith and human values that will lead to mutual friendship and respect. The most effective weapon we can use is to cast the light of truth and freedom into every corner of the world through individual personal contacts and emissaries.

Rarely do these opportunities exist in such a manner as they do today. A world stage on which and from where a declaration of all these important principles can be made with tremendous impact has been provided by the Brussels World's Fair. The Apollo Club of Minnesota has been invited to appear and sing on that stage September 12th, 1958.

The Apollo Club is made up of free independent men like yourself, from all walks of life. They are YOU and YOUR VOICE carrying YOUR message to all the world through the universal language of music and dignified personal conduct and stature. The Apollo Club and its individual members have accepted the challenge and opportunity without hesitation. Its members are making personal sacrifices by volunteering to leave their families and their businesses to contribute their time and money to carry out this assignment. They have voted to tax themselves the sum of \$25,000.00. However, a substantial additional sum must be raised from other sources.

Every American and particularly American industry has an important role to play and a large stake in the outcome of the efforts of our American representatives to create a reunion with the rest of the world on a people-to-people basis. We ask your help.

Your contribution towards the expense of this appearance by the Apollo Club will be your expression of confidence and encouragement. We know that with the cooperation and support of persons like yourself our mission will succeed.

Yours sincerely,

APOLLO CLUB

P.S. For your contribution we give you one of our Apollo Club Minnesota Centennial Records.

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Nicolina Melchionna - Desir, M. D.

147-34 Village Road Parkway Village, L. I., N. Y.

11-18-58

Dear Lorna Jane,

I hope you are not too busy, to enjoy some social life. Life is too short to take it seriously all the time.

Norma now goes to Jamaica H. S. She has out every day with the most glamorous teacher. I am inviting her to tea to meet Herman. The french teacher is impressed by her accent and how well she speaks. Her math teacher is surprised how she always knows the answer in class. Her English teacher says she does very good work. Her biology teacher says she can do wonderful work some times + yet she fluctuates.

She walks to school with a greek girl. of whom she is fond.

I am doing private practice which I find can be very rewarding at times and yet enslaving. It is always exciting. I have one pt. who is president of a Hardware who is an alcoholic with his wife. I have

P.S. One of my pt. has some stress + copeple hand engorged. I would you know if there were a market in your parts for it. Let me know. Dick

to hospitalize them every so often & they spend thousands of dollars for med. care. What is life? To work so hard and then squander it on medical bills?

Yet I have an 86 yr old woman who is quite happy with Ca of breast removed 3 yrs ago under local anesthetic & was able to sit up in room & tell me how she feels and the wound is healing nicely. She has no home to go to and has to stay in hosp.

I thought of joining ~~Hosp~~ Health Insur. Please

but truly it is demoralizing as there is not that healthy relationship between doctor & pt, so I've changed my mind.

One Sunday I had a young mother with fatal hemorrhage who had 3 children & no husband & didn't know neighbors. Fortunately I found next door neighbor who was confined to wheel chair who offered her spare room to children. I sent mother to hosp. & she was given immediate transfusion & had surg. She came home in 3 da & took her children back.

I told my children, they should take up medicine as they can always make a living throughout world. It is about easiest way to make money.

Love Cordially
Miki