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=LAURA JANE MUSSER=

LINDEN HILL LITTLE FALLS MINN=

DEAREST LAURA JANE THE MAGNIFICENT LILY PLANT HAS BROUGHT
US MUCH EASTER HAPPINESS WE ARE DEEPLY GREATEFUL FOR YOUR
SWEET GENEROUS THOUGHT MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED EASTER AND
FIND NEW COMFORT IN THE REASSURANCE EASTER GIVES OF
ETERNAL LIFE FOR DEAR ONES NOW ABSENT WE BOTH SEND DEVOTED
LOVE=

DOROTHY:

=(728A MAR 28)

No. _____ To 2-5957
By *MP* At 8-430 Job w.c.

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[Postmark: Little Falls
Feb. 6 11 1959]

Friday.

Dear Laura Jane: - This
should have gone to you
before but I am getting
older - and lazier by
the day it seems.

Anyway I want to
thank you for being
in disposed (sounds silly
doesn't it?) so I could
chaperone Rohde and
keep her out of the clut-
ches of all those tuxedo-
ed wolves at that
lovely dinner.

I was a bit qualmish
about going to a formal
affair direct from the
beauty parlor on a moments

notice and in my "Third best" clothes but I survived the initial shock and after that felt quite at home; thanks to a tablemate who had her "fourth best" black on.

It is too bad you had to miss the dinner as I am sure you would have found common "music ground" with the others and could have contributed more to their enjoyment, conversationally, than I could.

The program was lovely and I especially enjoyed the number with the chorus. Dorati I can take or leave, preferably leave. For me he is a bit on the uncouth side. At least he could have a decent hair cut, couldn't he?

I really am sorry you were not able to make the trip as you planned and do thank you for letting me take your place. (I really did have your place card).

And, Laura Jane, I do want you to know that I think it was just wonderful for you to give us the opportunity to hear Van Cliburn. That concert will linger long in my memory.
Love
Mervie

Feb 14, 1959

Dear Laura,

This is a scandalous delay in thanking you for the most beautiful plant you sent us at Christmas. We enjoyed it so much, and it added so much to the festive spirit of the season -

Unfortunately Mother & Dad did not have the chance to enjoy it with us. They found it best to go back to Portland before Christmas - they did not like the Ranch in Mexico & came up to Pasadena to stay at the Green Hotel for a week - then they went to Laguna expecting to stay there awhile at the Hotel, but Dad had a fall - He didn't hurt himself but he knocked Mother down, & she hurt her knee. She is feeling fine now.

After they went back to Portland, Dad went into a very modern nice rest home & Mother has taken a small

apartment where she can have room for Father on week-ends -

I am hoping that somehow I may get North with summer. My sister Virginia is taking a beach house at Gearhart, Oregon next July and wants me & the family to come North & stay with them for a week -

However Frank lost his store man last week, & so now it looks doubtful if he will get a vacation, at least not one very far away -

You were so very sweet to think of us at Christmas time. The plant was very beautiful with three or four beautiful blooms on it, and it gave us so much pleasure. I'm so sorry Mother & Dad couldn't have seen it too. I hope this letter finds you well and no doubt busy.

Much love
Mary Justine.

Mrs F. S. Roddie
3819 El Moreno
La Crescenta, Calif.



Miss Laura Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

C.S. Luce is leaving you

of things

have

my son and son
colleges to you. The sweetest
friend a person could have.

your very welcome any
time. Just remember that
would be nice to see you
it is raining at the time. But
not and not to call. Although
has been real nice. It is
in my room. The weather

and I am

for ever I have
written since the snow stopped
I have little spare time.

I received all the
paper articles on the Van Cliburn
day celebration and I am
very glad to have
with I could of been there.

As you know
my mother fell and broke her
shoulder and she is feeling
better now. My mother has
started wearing a brace
again. We don't know for
how long but we hope

not for many years. Well
that's all for the bad news now,
what ever good news there
might ~~be~~ be. We know have
a mother bird and a dog. Their
names are Dickie and Daffy.
I will be able to get my
restricted license in a little
while for I will be 14 Nov.
See it ~~isn't~~ doesn't feel
like I am going to be 14
already.

There is a ~~too~~ bed all
made up for you to sleep in

4141 SW 33rd Dr.
Hollywood, Fla.



PRAY
FOR
PEACE



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

Sunday Night

Dear Laura Jane:

Ginger has been after me for weeks to answer your Christmas note but knew by the "Transcript" you have been far too busy to come to Florida. The weather has been wonderful this winter and am sure from now on the danger of any cold spells is past. So if you are tired of the cold and snow why not come to Florida? I imagine the Loudakhs will be coming soon as they are usually here for Easter.

Ginger is fine and keeps quite busy with her school work and the Teen Club. Last Tuesday



there wasn't any school so
Ginger went to the beach
for all day with a group
of kids. She acquired a nice
sun tan. The Teen Club has
been having hayrides, dances,
and going roller skating on
week-ends. She still likes
Little Falls best.

Tom is doing O.K. I am
enclosing some Clippings that
appeared in the Miami Herald,
and the Hollywood paper. Last
week end he and some friends
built a raft 15 feet square
and hove it on a lake
just a few blocks from our
house. This last Friday night
five of the boys spent the
night on the raft and had
a good time.

I haven't been working
since our vacation except
for baby sitting and I usually
get called a couple of times
a week. Right now I am
sitting for some people from
Mass. that are staying
in Miami Beach. It is
about 15 miles from here
but every little bit helps
and my minimum is \$5.00
and if it is over 5 hrs, of
course the fee goes up.

Do you have a lot of
young students this year?
Are you staying at the
green house now?

I hope this finds
you well and that
we will hear from you
soon.

Love from us all
Lucille

[Postmark
April 8, 1959]

Mrs. J. Richard Poisson
34 Wilson Road
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Laura Jane;

It is rather amazing that I haven't heard a word from you since you were here so I'm wondering how you are, where you are and what you're doing.

We are struggling along, have had some bad business breaks but we both are sure that things will straighten out for us.

Susan is having a wonderful year at school and our efforts are being well rewarded. She is doing well scholastically and in all other phases as well. Last Thursday we put her on the

train for school and she would have liked a longer vacation. The house was filled with young people and by the end of two weeks I was exhausted, but still loved every minute of it. She has done a lot of skiing and ended up on crutches - a bad knee but nothing serious fortunately.

Margot has had a grand year and has enjoyed being "king pin". She has really grown up and is a delight to have around. She has done a lot of figure skating this winter and has really progressed a long way. If we could only get her interested in school work we'd have no problems.

Mrs. J. Richard Poisson
34 Wilson Road
Princeton, New Jersey

I have been working part-time and my disposition has been suffering even though I thoroughly enjoy my job. The work consists of arranging natural dried flowers. The business is owned by some friends of mine and has been very successful all over the country. I don't know whether you have ever seen them, perhaps at Williamsburg where they are all over the place.

When I took Susan to New York to return to school I we had dinner with June and Billy. It was the first time I had seen them in over a

year. Pully looked terribly heavy
and he worried me. Their new
apartment is very sweet, much
smaller and cozier than 320
Park. They seem to be leading a
very much quieter life than
heretofore.

Will Laura Jane - please write
and tell me about yourself, also
any other news you have.

Love from us all
Pully



1865 North Sixth Avenue
St. Cloud, Minnesota
March 13, 1959

Dear Miss Mueser,

The little talk we had last evening at Civic Music was very delightful and very profitable for me. I have written to Mr. Cliburn, as you so kindly encouraged, and I sent him a hello from you.

Did you enjoy the program Thursday? I must confess I do not care for solo violin, but I thought the pianist, Mr. List, was quite enjoyable.

How is your Anna Russell project? It would certainly be wonderful to hear her.

I should think it would be lots of fun and very rewarding to be as active in music as you are. I am trying to be more active, too. At the present time I am looking for a summer job in order to earn some money for a season ticket to the Minneapolis Symphony next year. However, jobs are very scarce. The music store in town hires no help during the summer, but I will keep on trying.

You mentioned that you do not like Tchaikovsky. But you didn't say which composers you do like. I am sure I would be as interested as Mr. Dorati was!

Again, good luck to you in engaging Miss Russell. I hope to see you at Civic Music on April 9. Until then, I am,

Very truly yours,
(Miss) Karen O'Link



1865 North Sixth Avenue
St. Cloud, Minnesota
April 30, 1959

Dear Miss Musser,

I don't know whether this letter will reach you in Little Falls, San Diego, or Honolulu. I hope that you are feeling better than you were the last time we saw each other.

Hawaii must be beautiful this time of year. I am glad it will be a state.

Carol Schmitz and I were practically delirious with joy after your most generous invitation to the opera when it comes to Northrop. We will certainly see you there, if not before which would be wonderful. You must know that you are directly responsible for bringing people so much eager anticipation...and fulfillment.

I trust that you are enjoying life as much as you always seem to enjoy it. Until we see you on May 16, I am,

Appreciatively and gratefully yours,
Karen O'Link



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Dear Laura Jane:

Time is going so fast but
have been thinking of you
(Van Cliburn) concert & lovely
Dinner New years day.
were enjoy ing the sunny
south getting a nice tan
we are on the west coast now
but expect to go to Fort Lauderdale
in a few days. Love Lorenart Sid

Photo in Natural color by J. R. YAGEL



POST CARD

Address

Miss Laura Jane Musser

608 Highland

Little Falls Minn

Marchildon

31650



Dear Laura Jane-

Thank you so much for your Easter remembrance - the handkerchief is a lovely one, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I hope that Pauline told you I called on Sunday afternoon a week ago to explain my inability to come over for tea with you and to hear the Anna Russell records. Some people we knew well when we lived in Crosby stopped in unexpectedly that day and I was unable to leave.

Some other time, perhaps.

Again, thank you -

Anna Merritt

From Mr. George Merrick
Little Falls, Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Hansen
Little Falls.

608 Highland Ave.

Little Falls, Minn.





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St. Mary's Catholic Church

Little Falls, Minnesota

2/15/59

Dear Laura,

I imagine now you are just about back to the old routine after the Cliburn concert. I was sent a clipping by Bert's mother from the St. Cloud paper. I am not a least surprised at L. F. being the laggards in the ticket sales. I remember when living in that town how anything just a wee bit out of the ordinary was sponsored they just ignored it. I suppose if new blood was introduced to that town it would improve to great extent.

What a surprise to hear that a new industry is moving into L. F. It will take just one gal like you to put that sleepy town on the map. The Larson boat works were shut down sometime ago, were they not?

Life here has been very routine and gets darn boring. I can keep busy every minute but that gets a little tiresome too. I went on a diet to drop what I gained during the Holidays. I have just 5 lbs. to get rid of now.

Bert is starting to be busy now 3 or 4 nites a week. Pam and I have been going to movies and eating out just to be doing something. Here it is such a task to make friends and they always prove to be false. Thus I don't try to hard to make any new friends. Pam and I spend the week end usually shopping or going for rides outside of Los Angeles, Sounds very dull doesn't it?

Our rainy season finally started. Everyone has been wondering if we were going to have dry winter this year. My yard has been somewhat neglected due to the fact that my neighbors in front have a habit of snitching every blooming flower. You just can't win sometimes.

I have quite a collection of indoor plants which to my amazement are doing very well. I still have a lot of things to get and do before this house is completely furnished in the modern theme. I can get the things I wish but I am always trying to get them for special price.

What are your plans now that you have the concert over? Will you be taking some time off? I am sorry you won't be able to make it out here this month.

I am busier now at work due to my boss doing a great amount of advertising in the national magazines. The response wasn't as great as previous years. Money seems to be very meager item at the present time. We have had only one inquiry from L. F. and one from St. Cloud since my working at this correspondence school. We have several from the southern part of Minn. that are active students in this school.

I believe there are more interesting events happening in L. F. then in L. A. This letter proves that. Please write Laura and let us know the latest on what you are doing and when you will make your next trip to Calif.

Love Dee
Bert and Pam

1131 So. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles 44, Calif.



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

May 20, 1959

Dear Laura,

I must answer you tonight as time is growing so short. I presume your trip home was a safe and enjoyable one. Now you must be very busy getting your spring planting done.

I didn't even think when we talked about the trip that Pam will not be out of school until the 18th of June. This then would make the trip impossible at this time. It may be that at some future date we can plan another trip that would be convenient to the both of us. Bert's vacation comes up on either the later part of July or the first part of August. We plan on taking a trip through the Grand Canyon and thereabouts and are looking forward to it so much. This will be our first trip to the Canyon.

My boss sailed for Hawaii last Friday and won't be back until June 6th. Work certainly has been at a standstill the past two weeks and I leave early as there just isn't anything to do. Mr. Armstrong has a great deal of advertising starting in June so hope that increases the quota.

We have not been going out to much of late. We both seem to be tired after working and just want to relax at home. I mean I try but there is always something to do. I am to drive my landlord and wife about 130 miles from L.A. to see their doctor this Saturday. It will be just something a little different to do on a week end. Last Sunday Don, girl friend and I (Pam) drove up to the Palo Verdes Hills and came back with a truck load of rocks. We both have the bug, Don and I, to make a rock garden. The next time we do we will take a trailer as my car was just a bit over-

loaded and could have damaged my elite car. I dug up a little space in the back yard that I will make into a small pool. Now I must get some prepared cement and water proof it and shall place little squares of aqua tile on the bottom. Hope it turns out as planned.

I have had a terrific cold the past four days and imagine will have it for several more days. I feel horrible. Bert seems to be coming down with one too.

Pam's school is having a May festival this Friday and of course the kids ^{are} all enthused. They have booths and puppet shows ~~and~~ they have a great time.

I seem to have run out of any additional news so will close and hope at some future date we can have a long visit. Thank you so much for your wonderful invitation extended to Pam and I.

Love

Delores

*I should never
attempt at writing
a letter the way I feel.*

D. Mohs
11131 So. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles 44, Calif.



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



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minn

Highland Ave.

Dear Laura Jane,

You do so
many kind things for us.
And this beautiful Easter
lily is another reminder
of your friendship.

Thank you so much.

We'll try to
get together soon for
a game of bridge.

We had a
very busy Easter with
seven of our eleven
grand children.

With love,

Cora

Thank you

Your thoughtfulness
meant much more than
these words can say.

Corr and B27

Either from
8717 Clarinda Ave
Pico Rivera, Calif.



Miss Laura Jane
Wasserman
Linden Hill
Linden Falls, Minn.

May 20, 1959

Dearest Laura Jane,

My whole hilarious
time you had at the luncheon.

You must be back
into the full swing of things.
Did you get home without
any mishaps.

We so enjoyed having
you with us and hope
to do more when you
next come.

I thank you ever so much
for those delightful records.

Rick & I wish has a Hi-Fi
record player, so we listened
to them there. I thoroughly
enjoyed the two records of
Aubrey Russell's. I can
understand your liking
for her. It makes me want
to hear and see her myself.

Yesterday, I put on a
puppet show for a troop
of Brownies. Allan was

my "gonger".

I vote always against
any P.T.A. activity, but
accepted chairmanship of the
International Relations
committee; something new
that's being started. I usually
like working on a new idea
or project and so hope this
will be of some interest
other than luncheons, meetings
and teas.

A small group of us are
driving down to Tijuana
this Thursday. I've decided
to go to Honolulu instead
of New York; so I'm buying
a few trinkets to take to
my nephews. I'll think
of you when we land;
we're returning by boat (Allen
and I).

Bruce will be visiting
friends up north and plans
to go to summer school.

Write me darling, or
want to hear how you're
getting along.

Still can't get over
how Deane treated you -
I just don't understand
you gave an explanation
about the matter but
I still can't see it.

And again, thanks
a million for those
records.

Love,

Escher



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

Pine Bluff
Route one
Cushing, Minnesota

Pine Bluff
Route one
Cushing, Minnesota

August 12th

Dear Laura Jane,

Mother has told me about your very kind offer to have a reception for me. Many thanks, but we had planned on a luncheon here at the lake following the wedding.

I do hope you will come to the

wedding and luncheon. The wedding is at 11:30 in the Congregational Church and we will come out here immediately following it. I cannot believe it is less than four weeks away, the date being September 5th!

With love and thanks,
Elise

Mrs. Walter S. Rosenberg III
2298 East Eastman
Englewood, Colorado

April 2, 1959

Dear Laura Jane,

The Easter lilies are just beautiful! We were so pleased to receive them - the first we've ever had. Thank you very much. I wanted to write you immediately, but Lucy has been v:is:ing us, and, I fear I didn't get the chance.

They still look as lovely as they did the day of arrival. They have been

W. E. W.

prominently displayed on the mantle.

Hope your Easter was a happy one. Did you have spring weather? Old man Winter closeded himself just for the day, and we were very glad.

Again many Thanks for our flowers. All here send their love to you.

Sincerely,

Peggy

May 20, 1959

Dear Laura Jane,

Mather told me that they had been at the opera. Did you enjoy them?

Sat. afternoon our church youth fellowship had a party for 24 patients of Joliet State Hospital for Crippled Children. Then we went to see Cinerama.

I have been chosen to be one of 20 American boys and girls who will represent the United States at the International Junior Red Cross Study Semines this summer. It will be at the University of Toronto. It will take the whole month of August. The first week in August I will be in the home of a Red Cross representative in Canada. The second week I will be at the conference. There will be 20 from America, 65 from Canada, and ~~120~~²⁰ from 40 different countries. They will be speaking in 3 different languages; French, Spanish, and English. The last week the whole group will be touring Philadelphia,

New York, and Washington. I will fly home from there. I am so excited about it all.

Our school will be out on June 5.

Besides going ~~to~~ this trip, I am going to camp for a week, and to Chicago for my cousin's ~~birth~~ wedding.

I hope that everything in Little Falls is all right.

Love,
Miriam

MISS MIRIAM DACK
1919 East 6th Street
Duluth 12, Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Mueser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

P. Doroff
608 Highland
Little Falls Minn



TAKE OUT
MAY 16 1959

airmail
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Miss Laura Jane Messer
Biltmore Hotel
Los Angeles
California



Dear Laura Jane

It has been so nice
hearing from you and
your trip sounds real
inviting.

We had a real
nice rain. It rained
Saturday nite, also
Sunday and Monday
It is beautiful out
grass is getting green
and the leaves are

coming out.

We are getting all
the house cleaning done.

It will be
real nice to see
you again on
Sunday. Hope you
will have a good
trip home.

Much Love
Pauline & Brady

ST. CLOUD STATE COLLEGE
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

M Carlser



*Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minn.*

Have heard all 4 as
many times

Again, thanks so much
for your sweet card & hanky.
So thoughtful of you -
Love -

Myra

Tues Eve

Dear Laura Jane -

Thanks so very much for the
pretty hanky and card - which
I found in my mail box at
school today - amongst lots of
mail accumulated thru our
long wk. end Easter vacation.

You must have wondered why
I hadn't answered before?

I wasn't deserving of being
remembered thusly, but -
appreciate it and thank you
for it -

I'm so thrilled to know you
are having Anna Russett
Feb 11 - I shall surely
be there (unless a blizzard)
And, I'm sure many St. Cloud

foetus will come -

So glad you liked the
Skum concert. I, too, feel
she is "the artist" -

Enclosing our next and
last concert program -
Da Rimini -

I was home this wk.
end in Albert Lea. They
had Da Rimini Mar. 16 &
were wild about her -

I've had a wonderful
season & am busy lining
up good things for next
season.

Next year is my 20th

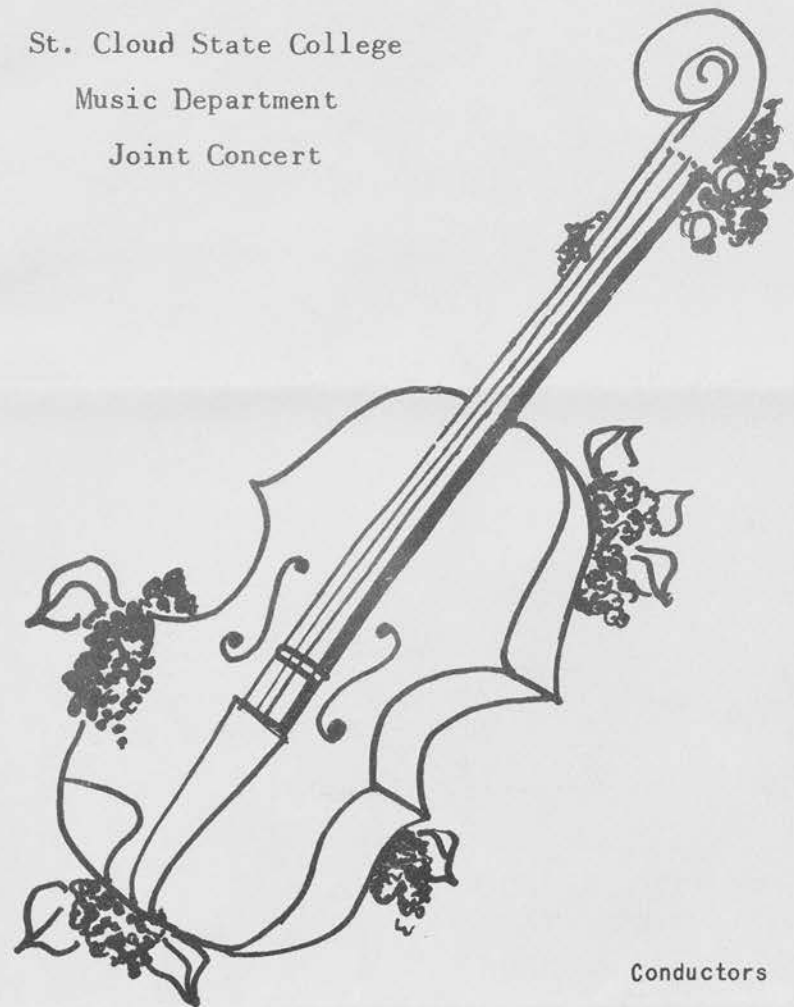
yr. as Ex. Sec. I've always
said 20 yrs. & that's "it" -
Lots of work & gets more each
year & so does my school
work.

We got in all our Dept.
concerts early before Easter -
Enclosing mine - with the
orchestra.

I'm also busy promoting
the Met. Opera - I got my
own order in for Mar 30 -
& urging folks to order this
wk. on my "Special" Pink
slips -

Do you take them all
in - I do some times
But this yr - I think two -

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Conductors

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MARCH 24, 1959

8:15 P.M.

He made this concert lighter
 The nk. before on Concert Band
 and Concert Choir gave a
 very "meaty one"

Tu-Mar 20 - took my girls
 on a trip to two area High Schools.
 All our groups do much of
 that for publicity. The
 Orch. goes tomorrow

my girls all in pastel
 formals. Looked so
 pretty. They
 gave me a corsage.
 I gave the jewelry
 they gave me & was
 Mendelssohn-Werthner

PROGRAM

The Cecilians

If With All Your Hearts from "Elijah"
 organ-Mr. Laudon

The Song My Heart Will Sing

Williams

Beneath the Snow

Fay

Sing Me to Sleep

Greene-MacArthur

The Lamplighter

Cookson

Falling Snow

L. Rhea

I Ain't Gonna Grieve No More

arr. by Ehret

Younger Than Springtime from "South Pacific"

Rodgers-Hammerstein

Accompanists

Lila Koester

Judy Happ

Maxine Halvorson

Myrl Carlsen, Conductor

The Orchestra

Highlights from "South Pacific"

Rogers-Bourdon

Overture to "Lucille"

Gretry

Mardi Gras

Ferde Grofe

Selection from "Tannhauser"

Wagner

Introduction To Act III of "Lohengrin"

Wagner

Harvey Waugh, Conductor

ModinhaJayme Ovalle

In the solitude over the sea, the moon shimmers. Those watching feel their hearts leap. Only you do not come, and I sing and play to you. I implore you to come, but I only can sigh alone.

Eugenho Novo.....Ernani Braga

When the grinding stone of the new windmill starts to move, I can only jump up and down in rhythm because I am so excited. If I keep it up, I will undoubtedly die. Impatiently, I run over the newly planted fields to the church, but there I find only slow-moving, silent praying priests. I am too impatient to stand and watch; I must run on. Back to the mill, I must jump up and down in rhythm as the grinding stone moves round.

Cantiga do eito.....Hekel Tavares

What is your destiny, herdsman? Will you die out in the field as you guard your cattle, or as you ride fearlessly along the long road? You may well be killed, and for that reason you will not laugh with strangers. I say, stay on the roads then, and drive your herds silently on into the long hours of twilight.

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Born Rosina Minari, daughter of Mario Minari, a former concert violinist who maintains a conservatory of music in São Paulo, Brazil, the young artist studied voice in São Paulo with a coach named Irma De Rimini. Since it was Irma De Rimini who supplied the know-how and inspiration for her career, Rosina decided to adopt her teacher's surname professionally.

By the time Rosina was ten years old, she was sponsored by the Brazilian government and made her professional debut in São Paulo. Her singing thrilled the wife and daughter of Brazil's President Vargas, and the presidential family sponsored her next concert in Rio de Janeiro. In Rio, the enthusiastic audience deposited the child at the feet of the president and requested a command performance of her impression of a nightingale.

When Grace Moore visited Rio de Janeiro, she became interested in young Rosina and wanted to bring the child to the United States. But Rosina's parents felt she was too young. While barely into her teens, the young coloratura also attracted the attention of R.K.O. studios, and was offered a long-term contract. But again her family felt she was too young to leave her home and country.

Rosina went on to give over three hundred concerts in Brazil and Argentina, in addition to many radio and television appearances. During the 1955 season, she appeared in *Rigoletto* and *Tales of Hoffman* with the Municipal Opera in Rio de Janeiro.

But the United States was Rosina's goal. In May, 1956, she arrived in this country and—exactly three months later—she made her American debut under the aegis of impresario Arthur Godfrey on his "Talent Scouts" Show. The "Talent Scouts" audience was as impressed with Miss Da Rimini's looks as they were with her remarkable voice. She has continued to appear on Arthur Godfrey's television shows from time to time since then.

Miss Da Rimini made her first formal American concert appearance in Shreveport, Louisiana, where audiences and critics expressed the thrill of discovering a talent which they compared to Lily Pons. And it has been like that for her ever since—each new audience seems to discover a freshness, charm and beauty of voice that is at once as rare and delightful as listening to the song of a nightingale.

PROGRAM

I.

Nel cor piu non mi sento.....Giovanni Paisiello
(1741-1816)

One of the most famous composers of comic opera of the 18th century, Paisiello possessed a brilliant facility for clear, simple melody.

*Why does my heart feel so dormant, without any of youth's fire?
You have caused all the torment, my love.
The fault is yours.*

Ah, mai non cessate.....Stefano Donaudy
(1879-)

Donaudy was a great admirer of the *Aria Antica*, the old Italian song of the 16th and 17th century, and his own compositions are often patterned after these. His vocal compositions are distinctive in that they are classical in style with a marked romantic atmosphere.

Aria of the Queen of the Night, from "The Magic Flute"....Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

In this famous virtuoso aria, the Queen of the Night tells her daughter, Pamina, who was abducted by Sarastro to be saved from the forces of light, of her wrath against the latter, and threatening her with her maternal curse, orders her to slay Sarastro.

II.

Voce di Primavera.....Johann Strauss
(1825-1899)

"Voices of Spring" is one of the most popular of all the Strauss waltzes. In addition to millions of music lovers the world over, many great composers have paid tribute to the "Waltz King," among them Johannes Brahms. On one occasion, when he was asked to autograph the fan belonging to Strauss' wife, he wrote three measures of one of the great waltzes and added the words "Unfortunately not by Johannes Brahms."

Si mes vers avaient des ailes.....Reynaldo Hahn
(1874-1947)

My songs sweet and frail would fly unaided toward your beautiful garden if they but had the wings of a bird. Near to you, pure and faithful, they would come day and night.

Tra La La.....Enrique Granados
(1867-1916)

It is important that you continue to speak, because there are things which I answer always singing. And I continue to sing. As much as you might ask, there comes a time when I cannot sing more. I will leave my song and you.

Jota.....Manuel de Falla
(1876-1946)

The people of Aragon are traditionally obstinate; they want that which is forbidden. The lover is told he must not see his adored one—therefore he does see her. Her mother says he must not come near her daughter's window—therefore he comes to say goodbye, but only until tomorrow!

El Vito.....Fernando Obradors

An old one is worth a dime and a young one two quarters. But I, being so poor, go to cheaper ones with the "Vito, Vito, Vito!" Do not tickle me, for I will blush, Ah, Vito, Vito!

INTERMISSION

III.

Una voce poco fa, from "The Barber of Seville".....Gioacchino Rossini
(1792-1868)

Rosina, ward of Doctor Bartolo, is in love with the Count Almaviva, and sings:

A little voice I heard just now: Oh, it has thrilled my very heart! I feel that I am wounded, and Aros, it was you who threw the dart! Yes, he shall be mine; I've sworn it, and we shall never part. I know that my guardian will never consent, so I must sharpen all my wits. At last he will be content and relent.

IV.

I Know Where I'm Going.....Irish Air

Oft In the Stilly Night.....English Air

I Have a Bonnet Trimmed With Blue.....Irish Air

Vilia, from "The Merry Widow".....Franz Lehar

V.

SerenataAlberto Costa

The moonlight of my own country is more beautiful than that of any other. Oh, that I were back again in the land that I love.

São Joao da-ra-rao.....Ernani Braga

Playfully, the old governess tells the little girl that when she goes to the ball she must wear her shawl for it might be a rainy night. If you come home soaking wet, you might catch cold and die. And when you marry—if you have been a good girl and worn your shawl—I will give you a lace petticoat and two pennies!

dition of Albert Schweitzer.

Today's Tribune carried a picture of that Mrs. Tom Nee at whose table we sat at Macalester college the time you missed out. Note she has a ~~an~~ masters degree in theater from the U of M in addition to her B.A. from Hamline, which is where she met her husband.

Maybe when the weather gets better for walking I'll get down your way.

Love

Mervin

[Little Falls]

March 31

[1959]

Dear Laura Jane:-

I was sweet of you to remember me at Easter with such a lovely hammy and I thank you.

Am enclosing the clippings I promised from the San Diego papers.

I note that Phillipa Schuyler is now coming into her own also with a command performance before Queen Elizabeth on recommended

Dearest Laura Jane:

How nice of you to send the beautiful lily plant - it has seven blossoms and is very pretty - Both Billy & I want to thank you for remembering us.

We had a nice Easter - had a late lunch with friends at the Plaza and saw so many pretty Easter outfits -

Betty is coming in on Thursday with Susan and we are looking forward to seeing her - it's been way before Christmas.

We are so happily settled here that I wouldn't want to move back to 330 Park. Can't wait for you to see our new home. When do

you expect to come East?
Hope this finds you well.
again our thanks —
much love
June

Monday





Miss Laura Jane Messer
Little Falls
Minnesota

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128 Central Park South,
New York 19, N.Y.
April 23, 1960.

Dearest Laura Jane,

What a wonderful Easter you gave us! The lily plant was simply glorious. It stood nearly four feet tall!!! And it had seven lilies on it! They looked like trumpets Easter morning.

Thank you from our hearts for adding such beauty and happiness to our Easter. It was sweet and thoughtful of you and as generous as you always are. Bless you, my child!

We were thinking of you and wondering how you were - hence my telegram. It had been so long since we had had news of you. I know you are busy with your worth-while activities - how are they going? You do not get here as much as before for the opera season - but to me it was exciting mainly when Tebaldi finally got here and for so few performances this year.

The tragic event was the death of Leonard Warren. I was not at the opera that night - heard it over TV and it was a dreadful shock. Leonard and Agatha were such dear friends. She was my pupil at Juilliard before she ever met Leonard in Milan, you know. And I was so fond of him. We were so glad that we had a week together in Venice last summer.

They came up from Rome where he had been recording because he wanted to study the painting ~~as~~ all the Doges in Venice - make-up, costuming etc. for his forthcoming rôle of Simon Boccanegra. Boccanegra was a Genoese Doge but a Doge is a Doge, I guess.

Leonard loves boats so every day he would take us out in a motorboat through all the lagoons. And one night he even went with us in a gondola for the Night Serenade when all the gondolas follow an illuminated music barge with singers and musicians aboard. He seemed to know the various songs and their words and hummed along with them. It was so nice.

The world has lost its greatest baritone - what a noble voice he had and what a superlative artist. I feel so sorry for Agatha as they had no children. He was such a sweet, simple personality and so serious about his art.

What a shock for Agatha to see it happen right before her eyes on the stage. And the capacity audience was stunned. The performance did not go on, naturally. And for Tebaldi and Tucker it was devastating. It was Tebaldi's first appearance of the season.

I am very busy these days with travel work. This is the peak season, you know. I am exhausted with conditions - ships jammed - planes all waitlisted - and hotels absolutely full abroad. The Oberammergau Passion Play (only every 10 years) and the Rome Olympic Games make it particularly crowded this year.

What happened to your trip to Hawaii? Weren't you going late in April? Maybe you have delayed it or given up the idea?

The Doratis invited us to the Carnegie Hall concert when the Minneapolis Symphony played. There was some fearfully modern music on the program! Then I say Klari at tea one day. The only time I have talked to Van was after the concert. He was there with Tonina!

I was invited by a friend to a concert at Madison Square Garden of the Moscow Symphony when Van played - very well - but I did not attempt to find my way back to see him at that big place.

I have not heard from him otherwise. He certainly did get swallowed up in his new career! Yet when one sees him he seems quite his old self. Have you any news of him?

Spring has finally come to New York. The view from our windows is beautiful with the park in new green. Minneapolis is much colder, I believe?

I must tell you about the frame which I was to return. One cold, bitter winter day I lugged it over to the Postoffice in the same box it had been sent to me in. The PO said it was too big to send by parcel post. I explained it had arrived in that box by parcel post so why couldn't it go back the same way?

They said there are strict rules about size for parcel post and the store should never have sent it that way - it was against the law! So I went to another postoffice and the story was the same. They said it would have to go by railway express.

So then I took it to the railway express and when they asked what was in it and found there was glass, they refused to take it without having it in a wooden box! By this time I was exhausted and brought it home. Since then I have never had time to scout around for a box the legal dimensions but eventually I will and will forward it to the store in Minneapolis.

Tell them to keep me one of their Florentine frames as that is so perfect with the other lovely one you sent. It is so perfect with the wall Florentine frames which we once got right in Florence that I am eager to perpetuate the frames on the piano.

How do you suppose the Minneapolis shop got away with sending anything that size by parcel post? I am curious. Are the laws different in Minnesota? I should think postal laws would be the same for the whole USA.

Well, that about brings me up to date, I believe. We think of you and hope all is well with you. And thank you again most genuinely for your beautiful thought of us at Easter with the triumphant lilies. You are a real angel.

Mother joins in fondest love to our dear Laura Jane.

Always devotedly,



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me, when I least expect-
to have her!

My dear, never have I seen
nor had a more gorgeous Lily -
It just took my breath away!
six beautiful blossoms + 16
buds - I really don't know
how to thank you - words fail

Me - You certainly have
sent a lot of joy into my
home & into my heart. This
Easter time -

I have ~~so~~ truly much to
be thankful for - I saw my
oculist on Thursday - He found
my eyes much improved & I am
not to have another check up
until next fall.

This is Easter Eve & after a
week of balmy weather, I awakened
this morning to find the

grounds covered with snow. It is melting
now & Mother's brother promised for the
Easter picnic.

Love: Leslie, Althea & all my kin.

Respectfully
Aunt Theo

Leslie Mrs. / 89

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[Postmark
April 29, 1959]

MRS. WILLIAM BRIGHAM
3 EAST 77TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Dearest Laura Jane:

Saw the enclosed in to-day's
paper and thought you'd be interested.

We are all fine - Billy still
not settled in any business - I go to
Pasadena May 15 for a month.

Hope all goes well with you -

much love

June

Wednesday

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

January 24, 1959

Dear Miss Mueser:

I have been excited about the idea of driving to Little Falls for the Van Cleburn concert ever since your kind note came. However, it does not seem possible to make it. I would have to return the same evening and with our unpredictable weather this time of year, it does not seem wise. I even

made some inquiries about chartering a bus and getting a large group to go but that didn't work out either.

I understand from Evelyn Dack that the ticket sale has been most gratifying and that is as it should be.

I shall follow up this note later in the week with a letter on some matters regarding the

Federated of Music Clubs, you have enough responsibility for the present.

With very best wishes for a successful concert and with kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Hilda L. Eckman

I miss her more and realize more just what has happen. The days is wearing off and reality is setting in and I feel my loss now grow greater each day. I know her many days of suffering are over and she has gone home to her Maker and her Mother & father and in that I find my comfort.

Aunt Grace sent your check on to me. I feel there is only one place for thoughtfulness such as yours in your memory of Mother and that is too

Dear Laura Jane,

Mother has mentioned you so much to me and tho we have never met I feel I know you well. Aunt Grace mentioned a picture you have in which Mother is a Bridesmaid and someday I hope I'm able to see it.

You must have been very dear to Mother from all the good things I've heard and I'm sure Mother was dear to your heart too and her passing away will also be a great loss to you ~~as~~ it is to us. With each passing day

forward them on to the
Am. Cancer Society in hopes
someday someone loved
one who is as dear as
mother was to all of us
may be spared the suffering
mother had to endure. The
money spent in any other
way would not bring me
as much comfort.

In enclosing a remembrance
card for your comfort. Thank
you so very much for your
kind generosity and wonderful
memory.

Love from us all
Dorothy J Engdahl
Brother & Sister

To thank you for
your kindness and sympathy
at a time when it was
deeply appreciated

Family of Dorothy M. DeMaris

(over)



In Remembrance

The Lord is my shepherd, I
shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures: He leadeth me beside
the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy
rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in
the presence of mine enemies: Thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.

THE 23RD PSALM

In Loving Memory of
Dorothy M. DeMarais

Born in

Little Falls, Minnesota
February 16, 1897

Passed Away

January 7, 1959

At the Age of

61 Years 10 Months 21 Days

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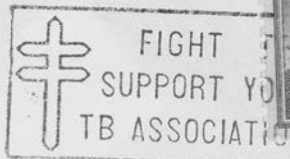


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Miss Laura Jane Musser
London Hills
Little Falls
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MISS MIRIAM DACK
1919 East 6th Street
Duluth 12, Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Muses
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota



December 20

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you so
much for the lovely

bottle of bath oil and
the soap. They both
smell so beautiful.
I'll save them and
use them only for
special occasions.

Thank you again
for your thoughtfulness.
Miriam

We think of you often and
wonder how you are getting
along. Do you plan to keep
both houses open?

Let us hear from you if
ever you can find time.
and thank you again for our
lovely Christmas gifts!

With love,

Evelyn Duck

1919 East Sixth St.

Duluth, Minn.

January 5, 1959

Dear Laura Jane,

How nice of you to remember
all of us with such delightful
books! Thank you very much,
for your thoughtfulness
added greatly to our Christmas
joy.

Harry thoroughly enjoyed
reading about Egis and I am
eager to start on that book
myself. Encore is most interesting
- I enjoy just reading it and
am sure the recipes will

taste as good as they sound.
The younger children love
Elaire. Their only previous
contact with her had been
via TV about a year ago.
They laugh almost as hard over
her antics as I do!

Christmas was wonderful
as usual. We spent the long
week-end with our families
in Minneapolis and
Northfield and had, in all, a
very fine time.

Robertson spent Christmas
New Years Day with us here.
He had dinner and supper
together and a good visit in
between the two. Miriam

and Laurel went bowling,
Janet and Susan went skating,
the men watched football
games on TV, and Ethel and I
talked fast to make up for
all the months since we saw
them last! We talked about
you, too, and wished you
could have been there with
us.

You no doubt are very busy
with plans for Van Cleburn's
concert. We are hoping to be
able to attend. Haven't you thrilled
to have your "Van Cleburn Day"
listed as one of Minnesota's
outstanding events of 1959? The were!

[1919 East 6th St]

Duluth, Minnesota

January 23, 1959

Dear Laura Jane,

Ethel, Mrs. Eckman, and I
have kept the telephone wires
busy, trying to decide what
to do about the concert.

Finally, this morning, urged
by all of our husbands, we
have had to give up our plans
for coming. We must have
a group of conservative men
for they all feel such a trip
should not be attempted at
night, in the dead of winter,
by three women alone.

They are all very disappointed
to miss this thrilling concert.
Thank you so much for calling
to tell me about it. Will
surely be thinking about you,
and will be hoping to see you
soon.

Lovingly,

Emily Wack

Mrs. Wilfred Robertson
2418 West 7th Street
Duluth 6, Minnesota



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April 9, 1959

Dear Laura Jane,

My manners are showing considerably but every time I sit down to write I get fouled up. It's no use writing if you aren't in the mood who wants to read dull literature?

You were very sweet to send us that beautiful 10 bloom lily at Easter! It arrived after lunch on Good Friday. The last 2 buds are in bloom now so you can imagine how

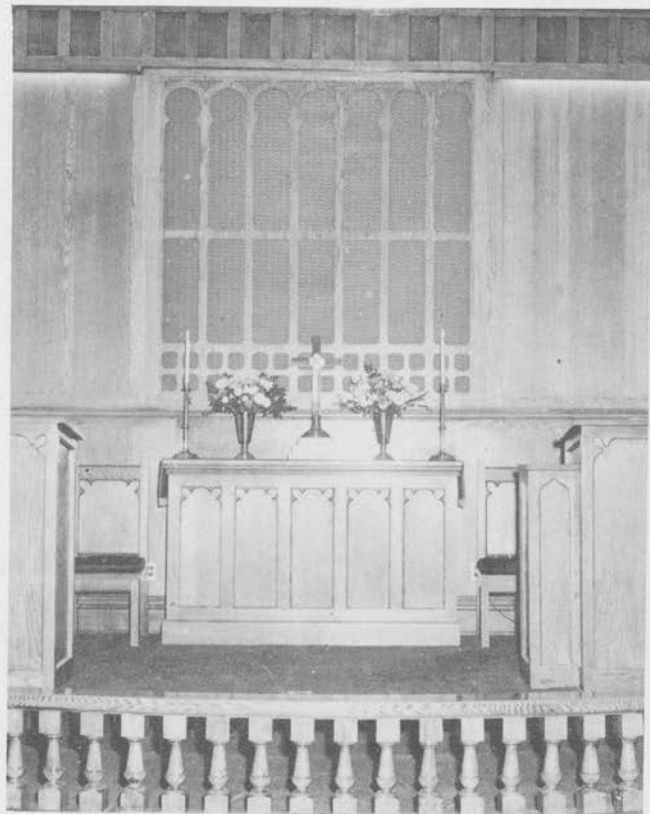
much we have enjoyed it.

When we get to Little Falls and stay at Deloris's we don't get to see very many I tell you. The only way I got to see my aunt Hazel was when she went by the house on her way to work on Monday a.m.

Milly Oestreich called me at Deloris's and asked us over for coffee on our way out of town or we wouldn't have seen her either. Could it be

Delois doesn't want to share us with anyone when we come down? She could have a coffee party & invite our many closest friends and my sister & husband but doesn't. Oh well - that is why we didn't call you even and it bothers us - I almost get hives. Isn't that awful? Shouldn't be so sensitive I guess. Shirley is the opposite in disposition. The high lights of the

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Girl Scout year are now over. The evening of Good Friday, Mrs. Scott & I and Hil's sister Lois took 19 girls on an overnight camping trip to the Girl Scout Cabin just outside of Duluth. Then this past Tuesday was our cookie day and 6 of us boxed 536 boxes of cookies into 24 orders. More this year than last year. You were here last year for this cookie deal. She had only 2 of the original mothers to help. We'll have our Court of Awards the 2nd week of May and be done for this year. Next week I start taking a course at the S. S. Office to train for asst. Camp director for Day Camp here at Lincoln Park in July - 3 sessions - all day.

Darrel is getting ready for his High School Graduation and his handsome picture will be coming to you soon. He was interviewed for the 4th time for a Hunt Scholarship the other day. He will go here to UMD and study to be a librarian - 5 years it takes - and we are real proud of him!! Aren't you?

Janet's piano is coming just fine since we got this different teacher. She's quite a young lady now. She are doing folk dancing and gardening in Girl Scouts and she loves it.

Hil is so much better and we are looking forward to our vacation the last 2 wks. in June. We'll have to see if you can come up soon.
much love,
Ethel & all