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Miss. Laura Gene Musser
608-Highland
Little Falls, Minn.



Dear Laura Jane:-

Thank you so much
for The beautiful Plant you
send us - It is just beautiful

We were with Gene & Helen
in St. Paul for Easter -

Many Thank -

Ann & Gus.

St Otto's Home
Little Falls, Minn.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minn

9/11/11 + 97

Dear Laura Jane,

Indeed it was a most pleasant surprise to receive the huge Easter lily. You shouldn't have been so generous, Laura Jane.

God is good to provide us with such beautiful weather on

this Easter day. I do hope and pray that he will keep you always so thoughtful of others and in turn grant you many blessings.

You shouldn't have bothered about it though, Laura Jane. God reward your generosity! Love,
"The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me."
S.M. Laxner

- PSALM 138: 8





Thank You

Dear Laura Jane,
I thank you for the most
gorgeous lily plant we have
ever seen.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR KIND
REMEMBRANCE OF US.

MAY GOD BLESS AND REWARD
YOU.

Many people admired and
enjoyed it. Gratefully,
Sister Mary Lenore & all.



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



Feb. 20, 1954

Dearest Laura Jane,

We're preparing for Easter, both at home and at church.

For me, the Easter season is a spiritual re-junavation and I feel spiritually uplifted and look forward to a better understanding amongst peoples.

Are you still planning to come out this way this spring. I hope you haven't changed your plans about coming.

I'm definitely not going to the Hawaiian Islands. For one thing my brother is coming to the mainland. Sometime in June, after school is out (June 14th to be exact) I'll be leaving for the East for a definite purpose. I may even drop in to say hello to you at Little Falls.

He just returned from
a trip to San Francisco where
we saw the Chinese dragon
dance. The occasion of course
was the ushering of the
Chinese New Year and
starting the year of the boar.

How are things going
your way, dear. Hope you're
not too involved with
Mary.

Write me when you're
coming, will be prepared
for your stay in Detroit no.

Love,
Arthur

April 2, 1959

Dearest Laura Jane,

I thank you so much for your so thoughtful a gift for Easter: the Easter Lily plant was just beautiful! I know my some 150 guests we had for the Annual Easter egg hunt, enjoyed its beauty and fragrance.

I'm in need of fattening myself up for an operation on the 6th. I'll be in the Good Samaritan Hospital, L. A. for some 5 days.

As far as I know I'm still planning a trip eastward come June. Will you be in or around New York sometime this summer. I also plan to stop-over in Houston, to look into this Rice Institute for

Bruce's future
college education

Please hear
from you -
All my love,
Escher

Spring Song

Chang Art Studio
Oakland 18, Calif.





Miss Laura Jane Messer
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

Escher Lew

8717 Clarinda Ave
Teco-Quera, Calif

I Couldn't Forget You at Easter



Hallmark

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Dear Laura Jane:

I have so often thought of you
and your thoughtful Christ-
mas flowers and lovely
notes which came at a
time when I was missing
my precious husband
and needed help so badly;
and felt I must send an
Easter message to you.

Hope to see you again
some time when you
come to R. A. I am leav-
ing for a month in the
East - Washington, D. C.
mostly - and almost

I couldn't forget you at Easter
Nor all of the nice things you do,
I couldn't forget all your kindness,
Your sweetness and

thoughtfulness, too,

And I couldn't forget to remember
To send a warm greeting your way
To say that I'm hoping your Easter
Is the happiest kind of a day.

Hate to leave Calif. I love
it here so much.

Again my loving
thanks & Best wishes
Nell Knudsen

Mrs. C. F. Luedke
5306 Village Green
Los Angeles 16, Calif.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hills
Little Falls, Minn.

Crookston Minnesota

323 Houston ave

Jan. 15. 1959 -

Miss Laura Jane Musser:

My Dear Miss Musser: - I am taking the liberty and imposing on your time to write you again. This is a very pertinent request. I would like to know if you had time to reserve a Hotel Room for me.

Another favor - and important request -

do you think it would be possible for me to contact any of the good folks in Little Falls, (while I am there) -

Crookston Main

any folks in Little Falls in regard
to buying our "Encore" the famous
Cook Book - put out by our own
Night Women's Symphony Association.

Mrs. Hawke has written me and
asked if I will help sell them -
and I will be only too glad to
assist - I am taking orders for
them here so I can bring the
Cook Books back after the
Concert; I will go to Minneapolis
for our Women's Symphony meeting - Feb 4
I will drive down from Little Falls.

If you are planning to go, please
accept a ride with me, as "my guest".

Along to attend - III Women's Symphony - luncheon -
Coffman's Memorial - Feb. 4. 1959

Please - let me hear from
you about your reaction to my
contacting Little Falls friends - if
I come early enough - to do so,
or leave - later next day for city
I could see or talk to folks
before I leave - Thursday (Jan 29.)

Please let me know - and
Please hastily written letter -

Sincerely

Mrs. E. W. (Emma Marie) Johnson

1028 Riverview
Little Falls, Minn.
March 27, 1959

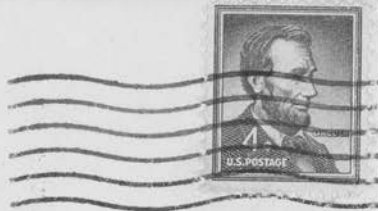
Dear Laura Jane:

Thank you for the beautiful
Easter lily.

It was most thoughtful of you
and we are enjoying its beauty and
fragrance.

Sincere wishes for a very
Happy Easter.

Dorothy and Edwin Johnson



Miss Laura Jane Musser

Linden Hill

Little Falls, Minnesota



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

Mrs. H. E. Luttken
Little Falls
Minnesota.

Dear Laura Jane,

This paper makes
me think of how
busy as a bee
you are making
others happy.



Never have I
seen a more

beautiful Easter lily.
It is gorgeous and
I do thank you from
the bottom of my
heart.

Especially since
Richard is flying
home tomorrow. He
may take a position
in Minnesota; his
company is consider-
ing a transfer for
him. We are so excited,

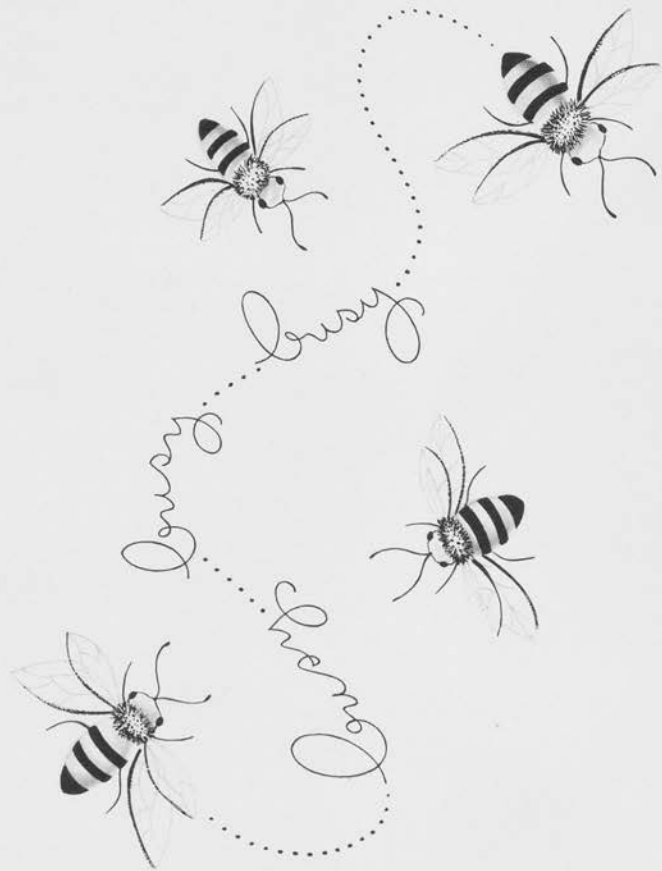
Ruthie and I. The Easter
lily will triple the
welcome.

I have been in with
a bad cold this week.
So glad it was vacation
time, so I could rest.

Best wishes to you
for a blessed
Easter.

With love,

Ruth Hultkrans
March 27, 1959



Our new address is almost the same as
the old - only half a block away!

1000 S.W. Vista ~~St. Clair~~ Ave.

Portland 5 - Oregon

The name of our apartment house is: Vista - St. Clair
but it is not necessary to use it in the address.
Our telephone number is: CA 8-9849

March 24 - 1959
Laura Jane, my dear:

You have been in
my thoughts all winter, and when
I tell you that I moved into a
lovely apartment on January 14th
you will understand why I do not
write. A move is always an ordeal,
a sort of "revolution" in one's life at
any period, but in one's 78th year
it is like going through an earth quake.

I am not quite settled even yet after
two whole months as I was determined
to have my library taken out of storage &
consequently had to have book-cases built
in & painted & am just emerging from all
that confusion.

My apartment is perfect for me and
I am so happy that my heart sings all
the time. Mr. Gilbert comes very often
to spend the day with me & enjoy the
familiar lanes & penates of home as well
as the superb panorama we have from
our 11th floor windows; we look over
beautiful private gardens to the wooded
western hills and south to Portland Mts. &

East over the City to Mount Hood - than which
there is no more beautiful country in the world.

I have been expecting to hear from you
that you were coming to make me a visit
as you promised to do sometime, but sup-
pose you have been very busy with your
van Cliburn concerts. Do write me how they
came out which I feel sure was very exciting.
I saw, & heard, him on TV which came up
fully to my expectations & made me very happy
over such a superlative American-born and
-trained artist.

Our own Gellert is also
making some very interesting music-history
in composition & especially in pieces in the
modern idiom which we hope to have pub-
lished before very long. His health has been
improving during the last year but it has
been a long pull.

Mr. Gellert is established in our very well-
lived Good Courtesant Hospital and likes
it & has very fine nurses who give him de-
voted care. He has asked me to ask you
to send him a copy of your father's Will
as it might help him to make some changes
in his own.

This brings you our love and Easter
Greetings with wishes  for many blessings
in the coming months. Always faithfully &
affectionately, Page Gellert



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Air Mail



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill,
Little Falls,
Minnesota.

1000-2
MRS. WELLS GILBERT
842 S.W. Vista Avenue
Portland 5, Oregon



Dear Laura,

Woul to thank
you again for the lovely dinner
you and Marie had for my
birthday and also for the
beautiful gifts you gave me.
The handkerchief is one of the
prettiest I have ever seen, and
I just couldn't wait to take a
bath & use that wonderful
oil. You always do such nice
things.

Happy Easter & I'll
see you Monday.
L.

"I am the resurrection and the life: he
that believeth in Me, though he be dead,
shall live."
(St. John 11:25)



Christ is risen!

May He send

His blessings

from above;

And gladden your heart

on Easter Day

With His tender

care and love!



Lore
Louise



Miss Laura Jane Mussen
608 Higblond Avenue
Little Falls,
Minnesota



29. Dec -

Dear Laura Jane:

What a beautiful box of cosmetics!
You may be sure I'll look & smell
like a rose. Tra-la! It was good
to have Rich home these two weeks,
but we all have missed Mary -
I hope she is enjoying Austria.
And that she returns to Paris in
one piece after the skiing.

Thanks again & best wishes for
a happy, happy New Year -
Love. Peter -



BUY U.S. SAVINGS
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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Lure Falls
Minnesota

4631 - S. Emerson

Minneapolis 9

Minn.

Worthing



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland
Little Falls Minn.

PAT
YDERG

Dear Laura Jane,

The luggage just arrived today and I tried to call you several times, but I couldn't get ahold of you.

I have never seen anything so beautiful as this luggage. When you said it was pretty, I never pictured it as this pretty. I'm sure I'll get lots of use out of it, and it'll last me 'til the end of my

days. Thank you so much!
Mother left yesterday (Sun.)
to spend a few days with
Aunt Eva in Cold Spring, so
I am "chief cook and bottle
washer."

Stop in some time or call -

Thanks again for the
beautiful gift!

Love
Pat

THANK YOU

August 4, 1959

Dear Lotsie,

Last Sunday we were driving thru Little Falls so we, Peter and I, stopped to call on you - We talked to the gardener and he told us that you were in Duluth,

When you come to the city please, call us. As you remarked, we did not have much time to visit after the opera, and we were sorry we had to hurry off to a party.

Here is hoping to see you sometime in the near future - Greetings from Gicky



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland
Little Falls
Minnesota

Mrs. P. F. Watstad

Box 300

Rt. 3

Excelsior

Minn.

December 31, 1959

Dear Anna Jane -

We had never received a whole
poinsettia until yours came the other day,
and we were so pleased! It's the largest,
most beautiful one I've ever seen! Thank
you very very much.

We were in Saint Paul for a short
week at Christmastime. Were to head
up your way, but it became too icy.

W
E
W

Had a wonderful Christmas there —
returning here the 28th. Now we're
busy ungodding, straightening up the
house, and preparing for exams in two
weeks!

All love send best wishes for a
Happy New Year — and many many thanks
for our lovely flower.

Fondly,
Peggy

W. S. Rosenberry III
2298 East Eastman
Englewood, Colorado

*Your kind expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged
Your gift to*

the hospital in
Loie's memory
was a kind
thought -

And thank you,
also, Laura Jane,
for your note

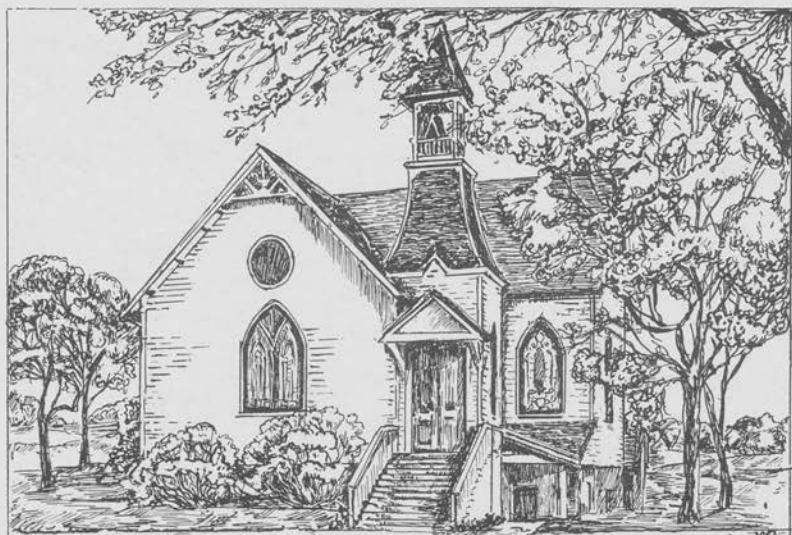
Sincerely

Glady's Ryan



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Ave
Little Falls
Minnesota

*Reuben G. Watson
Jackson, Wis.*



First Methodist Church

Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Miss Musser,

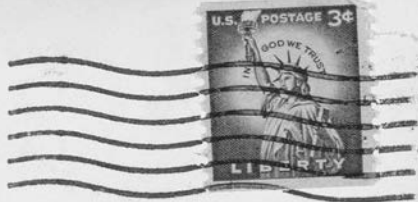
The Gray Ladies
are taking the old
folks from St. Otto's
Home on a tour of
Little Falls on Aug-
ust 18th.

Some thought it
would be nice if
we could drive
in through your
grounds. We would-
n't stop because we
are planning on

only an hour's drive.
He would be leaving
St. Otto's around
2:30, so would be
at your home some-
time between then
and 3:30. There
will be around 15
cars.

If I do not hear
from you, I will
understand we are
not to come.

Sincerely,
(Mrs. E.A.) Alice Savage



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Little Falls
Minn.



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Little Falls
Minnesota

Apt. #2

4200 Webster

Seattle 18,

Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Schlangen

Dear Miss Musser,

Thank you very much for
the check for our wedding
gift. We appreciate it and
it really helped us getting
settled out here.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Schlagen
(Lynne Goblirsch)

105 Kimball Rd.
Vestal, N.Y.



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

SEE BOTTOM

Dear Laura Jane,

I was greatly distressed by the news of your accident, and was worried that the injury might be of such a nature that it might not heal properly. I was very glad to get Ed's call Monday night and learn that your hand will be quite all right again.

How unfortunate that your vacation was so unpleasantly terminated! We were all very much disappointed that you were not able to get up here.



Perhaps in the spring you
will come East again and
can visit us then.

Love,
Lillian



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hills
Little Falls, Minnesota

34 Ash Street
Cambridge, Mass.

January 10

Dear Laura Jane,

You were wonderfully good
to send me a remembrance
at Christmas so charming and
useful as the gift you sent.
The exquisite white and blue
with its ^{single} white rose and the

Thank You

SAYA STUDIO X 25

delightful fragrance made
a very impressive gift, for
it combined the useful &
the beautiful in a way that
made one see Laura Jane,
a person of the finest of taste
in her love of simplicity, a person
of the most genuine love of beauty
and a person of great tenderness of heart.
Thank you so much! A letter follows later.



ARCTIC EXPLORATIONS
1909



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hills
Little Falls, Minnesota

SETTERBERG

June 24, 1959

Dear Laura Jane,

Rose & I want to thank you
for the wonderful gift of records
which came to us from New
York. The Bach number is
beautiful! We love its exquisite
melodies. Already we have played
it for several guests and they too

Thank You

have loved it. And Anna Russell
entertained us & our guests
delightfully one evening. We
played it 3 times. Somehow we
liked it more each time &
found ourselves & our guests more
aware of the subtleties of humor
the third time. She's very clever.
She made us all wish we knew
all the Operas echoing through Hamlet.
Thank you so much! Letter to follow.
34 Ash, Cambridge Affectionately,
Bess

On
this
Important
Day



Dear Laura Jane:

Oct 4-1959

I was happy to see your picture in
today's paper. I know all-music lovers
will benefit from your appointment, and
I'm proud of my friend "Sophie KATZ"

Besides
"Congratulations"
This special
greeting brings
A wish that
your important day
Holds many
happy things.







THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Laura Jean Musser
Sinden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

Mrs. Helen Crowe Snelling, Vice President Western Region

7809 Lookout Drive, La Jolla, California

4/8 - just checked with Air Lines - You ck. received & you are Booked.

Re meals - Will reserve C.O.D. Apr. ? arrival.

Suggest you wire immediately for Hotel space.

(none left at US Grant) - To

"Mrs. Maxine Jones - Convention Bureau"

924 2nd Ave S.D.

Glad you can come - Will be seeing you!

Helen Crowe Snelling



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Ave.
Little Falls
Minnesota

לשנה טובה

A VERY HAPPY
New Year



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פיל גליק וואס דיר דער נייער יאר בריינגט;
אלעס אנקומען בריינגט, נישט זיך אנצושטרענגען.
זי פון אלעמען הויך געשעצט
אין אירם לאנגע יארן פארמגעזעצט.

Laura Jane

Wishing you the
best of luck
And happiness and cheer
For every day and week
and month
Throughout a glad
New Year!

Sophie Katz

JOHN K.
SHERMAN

Dorati Is on Same Spiral as Conductors Before Him

LIKE ALL SUCH crises in the past, the resignation of Antal Dorati as Minneapolis Symphony conductor is sudden, like a thunderclap from a clear sky. All five of the leavetakings of our conductors have been dramatic developments, and four of them had no contributing causes of deterioration of ability or performance.

Our first conductor, Emil Oberhoffer, was our longest-lasting one. He served for 19 years. Henri Verbrugghen, No. 2, was on the podium eight years.

Eugene Ormandy stayed five years. Dimitri Mitropoulos more than doubled him with a tenure of 12 years. Dorati will have been here 11 seasons when he departs in late April.

Computing the figures, we find that Dorati has remained in Minneapolis for exactly the average term of his predecessors since 1903, the year of the orchestra's founding. These statistics prompt us to polish our crystal ball and predict that from now on there'll be a conductor turnover every 11 years—or oftener, in view of the increasing rapidity of change these days.

IN THE CASES of our last three maestros, the distressing wrench of their departure after taking root in the community and becoming paterfamilias of the orchestra has been combined with the upward leap of their careers, and the excitement that attends it. Ormandy went on to become conductor of the Philadelphia orchestra. Mitropoulos was snatched by the New York Philharmonic and later the Metropolitan Opera.

Dorati seems to be on the same upward spiral, and he can't be blamed for wanting to board it. European bids and assignments to conduct orchestras and operas have come to him in increasing number, his prestige and popularity are on the ascendant, and it seems we can't "hog" a man whom so many others want.

All this confirms what has long been obvious, that Minneapolis is no provincial pocket in the musical world where a con-



DORATI

ductor fades away. It is both fortunate and unfortunate that the Minneapolis Symphony conductorship has become a highly visible and respected perch, and we have only ourselves (and our orchestra and conductors) to blame for building up that enviable eminence.

Dorati leaves a rich heritage and a superb instrument to his successor, who, incidentally, will have to be a good one. Certainly it is no secret that he has "firmed up" every section of the orchestra and in his decade here has developed a technical polish and tonal luster probably not matched by any of the earlier ensembles.

These are physical accomplishments, like a good violinist getting himself the best fiddle he can afford.

In the realms of interpretation and programming, Dorati has been enlightened, skilful, progressive. He has been an "idea man." He has never been satisfied with a routine procedure in selecting what he wants to play. There have been few programs where an adroit mixture of the old and the new has not provided at least one major stimulus per evening, for the traditionalist on the one hand and the venturesome on the other.

ALONG WITH HIS professional contribution, Dorati has meshed into the community in a creative way, not as a backslapping popularity seeker but as an artist keenly conscious of his responsibility. More than with other artists, an orchestra leader is a communicator, a middleman between art and the public, and the temptations are greater of apple-polishing his hearers and giving them what they want, or think they want.

Dorati has resisted that temptation, as any conscientious artist would. Yet the range of his culture and his restless, seeking and zestful temperament have earned him a faithful following and spelled variety and stimulus in our musical fare, and a lively sense of progress.

It's too early to say "auf wiedersehen" but not too soon—considering the orchestra's peaks of performance this season—to say "well done!" In this sense, that of perfecting a virtuoso ensemble, Dorati could be said to have accomplished his mission in Minneapolis. Our regretful farewells will be mingled with grateful satisfaction that he leaves in our hands a superlative musical mechanism, to be treated with care, love and pride.

Have you seen
this article - Sunday
Dec. 30th - in the Tribune
- John K. Sherman



Miss Laura Jane Muses,
Little Falls, Minn.

Sophie Katz
Little Falls, N.Y.