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Miss



Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

Eva Knardahl Freewald
2645 Emerson Ave. No.
Apts. 11
Minn.

VOLLAND



"SONS OF"

Just a little Note!





May 11 - 1960.

Dear Laura Jane.

I want to thank you so very much for the marvelous day I spent in your wonderful home.

It was a pleasure from beginning to end.

My mother and Arthur also send their love and thanks.

Love, Eva.

(Permanet Minneapolis
Pianist)

[St. Paul Singer
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[1960-67]

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Dear Miss Musser!

Thank you for your dear Christmas wishes! I just returned from N.Y. and my Carnegie Recital! It was thrilling and I received from a large audience many tributes! — The February issue of the "Musical Courier" will have a Review of my Recital!

So long I have my Program ready may I ask your kindness to let me know if I could do this concert in your town? — Is there a active Music Club who would be willing to sponsor me on a Percentage basis? — I would

be grateful for your kind
information!!

Hoping that you feel much
better again, I am with very
best wishes and regards

yours Sincerely
Mady Muzzy Bigley

Little Falls

*The Faculty and Senior Class
of the
Little Falls High School
announce their
Commencement Exercises
Thursday evening, June the second
Nineteen hundred and sixty
at eight o'clock
High School Auditorium*

Karen Killian

Barbara Judith Johnson

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Mary Alice Olsen



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LITTLE FALLS NOV 4 1959



The Class of
Nineteen hundred sixty
St. Francis High School
announces its
Commencement Exercises
Wednesday afternoon, June first
three o'clock
Sacred Heart Chapel
Little Falls, Minnesota

Sharon Polkey is
Suzanne's sister

Miss Sharon Polkey



The Faculty and the Senior Class
of
St. Anthony High School

announce

Commencement Exercises

Monday afternoon, May thirtieth

Nineteen hundred sixty

at three o'clock

St. Anthony Church

Admission by ticket

[Little Falls]

December 28, 1960

Dear Laura Jane:

Thank you so very much for your generous check that I received in your lovely Christmas card. It was so nice of you to remember me.

I have part of your books at my apartment as the basement at Gordon's is not cleaned yet. At least it wasn't last week when I went over to use their adding machine. Eventually I will be over there and it will be better to have all the records together - when I have to refer to something.

Hope you had a nice Christmas.

Love,

Sabelle [Simon]

to work actively in its
 behalf. I've written some
 letters, speak for the
 candidates whenever an
 opportunity in conversation
 offers itself, and will offer
 to help when election time
 comes. The Kennedy
 methods are giving me
 concern from another point
 of view — I feel I can't
 condone them.

[Cambridge, Mass.,
 July 27, 1960]

Tuesday

Dear Laura Jane,

Rose as I thought of
 you Wednesday evening when
 we listened to an impressive
 concert by Virgil Fox in
 the Hammonds home: Bach's
 "Sleepers' Wake", "Fugue a la Sirene", "Have
 Mercy on me, O Lord God"; Handel's
 "Concerto No. IV"; Franck's "Grande Piece
 Symphonique". Dupre's "Prelude & Fugue
 in G Minor, etc. We missed

your visit this year. I hope you have been well — and are having a very pleasant, restful summer. Have you been traveling?

We've had two wonderful week ends at the Cape, one at Chatham + one at Wellfleet — plus Children and Birds — designed by Joan Miró of Spain and sold for the benefit of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund.

a long week end in Quebec + Murray Bay.
 Enfants et oiseaux — composition de l'artiste espagnol Joan Miró — carte vendue au bénéfice du Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'Enfance.



Niños y pájaros — esta tarjeta es obra del artista español Juan Miró y se vende

P.S. a beneficio del UNICEF, Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Infancia.

And I've grown concerned about the Republican Party, with a wish



Miró
1951

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 (setter box)

Statema



*Miss Laura Jane Messer
Little Falls, Minnesota.
608 - Highland.*

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MADE IN U. S. A.



Dear Miss Laura Jane Muses..

I want to thank you very
kindly for the wonderfull
Christmas gift you gave
me by Chuck for Christmas.

I surely appreciate it and
will get something very nice
to remember you by! You
are a wonderfull friend.

Yours Truly.

Ruby Statema.

"Thank you!"

*Mr. and Mrs. E. Homer Kendall
have the honour of announcing
the marriage of their daughter
Nancy Elizabeth*

to

*Reverend Jesse William Stitt, D. D.
on Saturday, the eleventh of June
nineteen hundred and sixty
Village Presbyterian Church
New York City*

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maestro and now the anticipation
of all Friday nights in Northrop
Auditorium!

Thank you again for inviting
us and getting us off to such a
fine start !! We would like to do it
all over again.

We will look forward to seeing
you again soon. With best wishes from
both of us, Sincerely, Ann Zelle

[Postmarked:
Minneapolis
Oct. 4, 1960]



Dear Laura Jane.

Louis and I want to
thank you again for your
thoughtfulness in including us
in your very pleasant dinner

party before the concert in Brainerd.
It added a great deal to the
festivity of the evening and we
both enjoyed getting to know you
as well as meeting the other guests.

The evening was so special
we will never forget it — the
outstanding concert with our
wonderful orchestra and the new

June 13, 1960

Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland Avenue
Little Falls, Minnesota

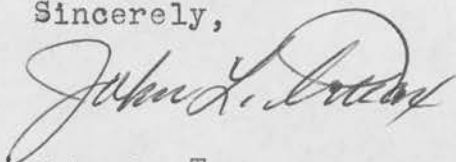
Dear Laura Jane:

On behalf of the entire membership of the First Congregational church, the Board of Trustees wishes to express its sincere appreciation for your efforts toward tuning and reconditioning the church organ.

Your generous assistance in helping maintain this beautiful instrument, itself a gift to the church from your mother, is most gratefully accepted by all who enjoy its lovely music.

Our personal thanks and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John L. Truax".

John L. Truax
Secretary
Board of Trustees
First Congregational Church

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apt, 2C

210 Clinton Avenue

Brooklyn 5 N.Y.

November 14 1960

Dear Lady of the House of Musser:- To
tell you how much your gift
of Concert Tickets to me and my sister
means to us, Thank you - more than
pen, ink and paper can tell you.
Thanks! Many of them. You
have brought your Mother's delightful
self to me, again. She was a person
I liked very much. ~~Have~~ always been
sorry she was not in Little Falls, ^{all the} time,
while I was there - we left for Alabama
not long after she came to Mrs. Musser.
Even so, I liked her much. Your
father was a good friend to Fred Sumner
so we know one another - am glad to
say. Thanks for being "A Friend".

Our weather has been very
decent so far this Fall. Hope it
keeps on so being, also that your

weather is as delightful as I know it can be. You see! I'm a "Gopher," too.

Church affairs begin to be normal again. God grant they stay that way!!! I do not envy the new Pastor's "becoming fitted in his job."

Again "Thanks!"

Yours Truly

Mary B. Sumner.

Please greet any one who remembers me! Little Falls, like all towns, has grown so fast: few, whom one knows, remain long.

I hope you can make out my scratch - for "scratch", it is.

Again Thanks!

M. B. S.

[SeHerberg]

Boston is a wonderland
of white tonight. Soft snow
has fallen all afternoon.
Every twig is lined with
white. The scene is a
beautiful one. But your
view along the Mississippi
is perhaps grander than
that along the Charles
on a white winter night.

Thank you so much
for your thoughtful gift!
Ruth

(1969)
January 28
[Cambridge, Mass]

Dear Laura Jane,

When I returned today
I was delighted to find
your gift of Phillips Schuyler's
book & record. Both are
particularly interesting
to us since she spoke
to us about her travels
& she played some of the

Chicago & the New
England States. Next
time I think I shall
fly by Jet to make
up for the delays on
this journey West.
Rose & Jody are staying
on at home until
New Year's day.

selections for us at her
concert in Boston.
Thank you so much!

I hope that you had
a very pleasant holiday.
I arrived home Saturday,
had three full days of
dinners & luncheons,
and then returned Tuesday
evening by way 2

because. Certainly Alice will be
 when she returns to Varanasi
 week. We should stay in East
 Orange, and the Amherst group
 England and the Continent. Of course we
 miss them. But I can see with their
 little ones. It's lovely to be in their
 own house.
 [Sievey] saying how year and love to you
 Sarah. now

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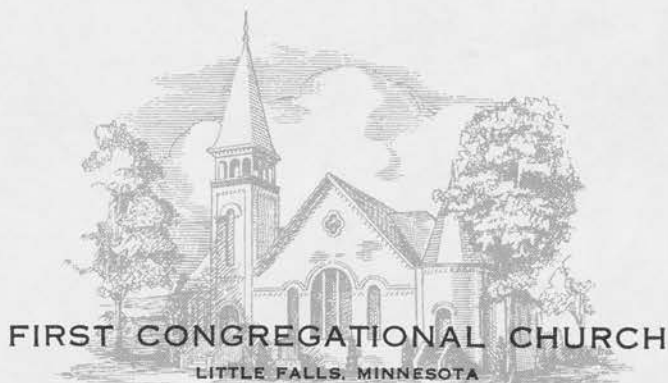
St. Paul
 Friday
 December 30th [1960]

Dear Laura Jane:

What a dear person you are to
 send us that perfectly stunning
 red Poinsettia plant for Christmas.

Truly I've never seen a more gorgeous
Poinsettia. It has the place of
honor in the middle of our living
room and makes the whole room
cheerful, radiant and Christmas-
like. Thank-you so very much!

Lusy is home and having a
wonderful vacation. The house is full
of gaiety and cheerfulness with her



September 7, 1960

Dear member,

Laura Jane

Welcome to a new year of Women's Fellowship!

Our theme is "Unity, Witness and Service in Our Church." Let us be united in our efforts to make it a progressive and friendly year. Let us witness for our church by more generous giving of our time and our means. In the service of our church, ALL of our talents can be put to good use!

The programs planned for the year are both inspiring and educational. Please strive to attend every meeting. YOU are very necessary!

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 15, at 8:00 p.m. Our Stewardship Tea, which is our big fund raising event, will follow the meeting on Thursday, October 20, at 8:00 p.m. We invite you to give generously. This is your gift of gratitude and concern for Christ's work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leo M. Thompson

Mrs. Leo M. Thompson
President
Women's Fellowship

Sorry this whole summer has gone and I did not get to call on you - (even thought some of learning to swim in your pool) Just wanted you to know we would like to have you come to either the Fellowship meetings or Working Club meetings (I'm chair again this year) any time you are able to do so - Sincerely

A FRIENDLY CHURCH IN THE HEART OF A FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Winnie Butcher

Mr. Norman Stewart

announces the marriage of his daughter

Jane Stewart Fenyves

to

Mr. Keith Forrest Collins

on Friday, the twentieth of May

Nineteen hundred and sixty

San Diego, California



29-62, 168 Street
Flushing 58, N.Y.
Nov 24 1960

Dear Sammie Jane:

Thank you for the
tickets to the Concert in
Pilgrim Hall. Thelma
Vetters relayed them to
me, Anthony and a

friend also enjoyed it.

We often speak of you
way off in the frozen North.
We hope you are keeping up
your music as well as help-
ing to run by Musical
Affairs.

Still play the Organ in
a Church on Sunday Morn-
ing and help run the C.E.
on Sunday evenings. Our
Minister is expected to come
in soon and no telling what
changes he will make.

We hope you are keep-
ing well -

With our best wishes -
Margaret Anthony

Anne Shumate



*The President
The Faculty and Graduating Class
of
Gustavus Adolphus College
announce the
Conferring of Degrees
Sunday evening, June fifth
Nineteen hundred and sixty
seven o'clock
Athletic Field
St. Peter, Minnesota*

April 15, 1960

[Minneapolis]

My dear Miss Musser,

What can I say to you? There are so many things in my heart, but I have neither the words nor the composure with which to convey them. I find that I have so much to be thankful for; but this, the means to continue what is nearest and dearest to me - my music - is the supreme gift.

You must know by now that I am so very, very grateful to you, although I do not have imagination enough to think of a way to repay you. I can only accept your kindness with all humility and thankfulness.

I should also like to thank you, on behalf of my mother and myself, for your invitation to the opera. We are most happy to accept. It will be, I am sure, an exciting experience;

especially for me, as I have never yet attended a live opera.

Miss Messer, I have known you such a short time, and yet there are a great many things you have given me that shall never be erased from my memory - the Symphony concerts, the dinner at the Curtis, the pleasure of your company, and now, the scholarship. Would I be too bold in asking for just one thing more - your friendship?

With love and admiration,

Susan Watkins

Upld, Sept 12 - 60

Dear Miss Merros

Our summer is 'gone and I hope you have had a most delightful one. Susie has worked quite gently with her nurse. This summer and also been a most wonderful help to me. And now she is back to school and I am job hunting again. To be able to be with Susie as much as possible, I put up with an ill paid job this summer part time and Sundays. I'm almost afraid I'm imposing on you, but you, not only belonging to Wamsco but also being the great supporter of Upld. Symph. Arch., know better than anyone, if I stand a chance getting a job in the Symph. Ticket Office. I do have qualifications (college degree in Sweden plus Office Reprocher Course last winter). I do so love to be close to music and the U. of M.

Could you perhaps tell me to whom I may turn, or give me a help to get in? Indirectly it is of course for Susie's benefit, I must

get going and make some sort
of living.

May I again Thank you
for all you have done for
Susie. Some day she'll repay
you in some form or other,
I know.

Please keep my letter
confidential and may
I hear from you soon?
Yours ever so gratefully
Mrs. Adeline Walburn
5209-43 WISO. MPLS 17.



[Little Falls]

Wed. June 8
[1960]

Dear Laura Jane,

Thank you so much for the graduation gift. It was so sweet of you to remember me. I'm using my graduation money to buy a stereo which I've wanted for such a long time!

I also want to thank

Thank you

you for all the wonderful
times you've shown me.
I've enjoyed your friend-
ship and all the fun we've
had.

Thanks for everything!

Sincerely,
[JATC Yoerg]

ON GULL LAKE

Voyageur

AT PINE BEACH, BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

September 14, 1960



Dear Friend:

It has occurred to us that you may be coming to Brainerd, for the premiere performance of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, on October 1st.

With this in mind we would like to tell you about our lovely new apartment resort, the Voyageur. This attractive new resort is located only twelve miles from Brainerd. In addition to being on the shore of Gull Lake, the Voyageur has its own heated swimming pool, and is just a few steps from the popular 27 hole Pine Beach golf course.

Why not make this a gala week end, and come up to the Voyageur for a game of golf, a dip in the pool, and a delicious Prime Rib dinner at the Inn, before taking in the concert. You will find our out of season rates very attractive, \$14.00 per night for two.

We are enclosing our colored brochure and rate sheet which will give you more details about our lovely Voyageur. We would be most happy to make an advance reservation for you for the week end of October 1st.

Sincerely

THE VOYAGEUR
Kay King, Mgr.

kk

Minneapolis, May 29/60

Dear Miss Musser,

For a perfectly lovely evening and a most wonderful dinner both Susie and I say: Thank You, a thousand times. It was indeed generous of you to put up with us, as you must have a line of important friends. However, I assure you we enjoyed your company every minute as you are a most refreshing personality. People of your standing usually are either boring or snobbish. You are neither. You were so entertaining I completely forgot to thank you for what you are doing for Susie.



It means so much
to me also as I
temporarily, I hope, am
unable to pursue her
music-education.

God bless you,
Miss Misses, now
and always.

Gratefully
Mrs. Walker

Dear Laura Jane:

Since I saw you at the opera, I have been in the hospital three times — after-effects of the accident. So, I could not get to Impls. when my pupil, Elaine Goldberg, played at the program you sponsored at the Aquetennial. I hope it went well! She played the Polonaise in a flat, which I had not heard her do for months. She is a gifted

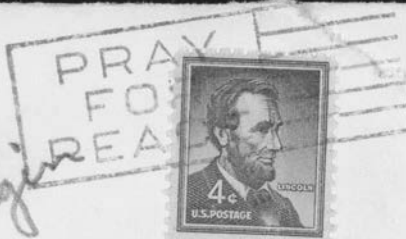
student, however, so I
let her play even though
I had no opportunity of
going over it with her.

The program no doubt
was your idea and I
commend you highly for
it. Too bad it was such
a hot day.

Hope you are well.

Sincerely Dorothy

Mrs. Frank P. Bourgin



Bourgin

*Miss Laura Jane Messer
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.*

Mrs. Frank Bourgin
25 Merritt Drive
Virginia, Minn.

Monday
January 18, 1960

Dear Mrs. Musser,

How have you been? I am just fine. Did you have a nice trip home? I hope you did. I wish to thank you for taking me out to eat and bringing me to the concert. I had so much fun. I just loved it. Thank you 10,000 times. A wonderful time I had with you. I enjoy your company. Well, I must go. So Good -

bye.

Love
Suzanne

P.S. Say hello to

every

one

Suzanne wants
to know when your
birthday is so she can
send you a card.

January 18 th

Dear Mrs. Musser;

We enjoyed your company last Friday very much and hope you won't wait so long before you pay us another visit. Now that you know where we live, you can visit us more often. Some day we will pay you a visit at your home. Suzanne enjoyed her time with you too.

Today it is very windy and
Cold here

Hope your finger gets along all right and this finds you well & happy. Again thanks for the lovely dinner and time we had.

Love
Fred & Burnett Polkey

Polkey



Mrs Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

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Dec 12-27-60

Laura Jane Musser,
Linden Hills,
Little Falls,
Minn.

Dear Miss Musser,

Your frame
was sent to New York City
to-day.

Thank you

J. P. Poud

10th & Sibley
St. Paul, Minn.

[Postmarked: Dec. 6, 1960]

Dear Laura Jane -

I didn't get to call you
on Sat. I didn't feel very
well - I hope you have been
feeling good.

It has been windy here all
day.

My school is out the 16th - If
you are around and not too
busy - perhaps we could get
together -

I am not doing anything
for Christmas - I suppose you
will have a pretty tree and
beautiful things. you have
such good taste -

I wish when you were in the
city you could come to my
school sometime -

Well, I hope I'll get to see
you soon, and take good care
of yourself.

Agnes Wallberg

Dear Laura Jane,

Just sending a note to wish you a happier Easter. This little token isn't much but I hope you will enjoy it. I didn't know what to get but I know you could always use this.

A very happy Easter,

Suzanne Polkey



Dear Mrs. Messer,

I am so sorry that I haven't been able to write but I have been so busy with the end of school and vacation. I just got back from a twirling camp. I was going to write you but I couldn't find time. I had a lot of fun and

I sure worked hard. I got a whole new routine. Well I must go and wash my hair. So

So

Long.

Love + Kisses

Suzanne

P.S. For this camp I got a scholarship. This has been the second

yard received it. The
name of the camp
was Camp of the Dells.

Original by
the Celebrated Artist
Lillian Grow.



Suzanne Polkey

1910-4 St NE

Mpls Minn



Mrs. Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Laura Jane, Monday 1.
April 18, 1960

The mailman just came and I received your beautiful card. And when I saw the handkerchief I was so happy because I didn't think I deserved such a beautiful gift. I promise I will always blow my nose in it. Also, to this gift my mother received your flowers. It was Saturday when a man came to the door and said for Polkey's. Well, I was so exciting I almost dropped it. When I opened it and looked at the card, I said

to my mother, "Boy is Laura Jane a ²
wonderful and sweet person. And
it is still true. Thank - you so
much for the handkerchief and
the flowers. When I heard you
were going to Hawaii I thought
how lucky you are. I have heard
it is a beautiful place and when
you get there it will be even
more beautiful; Have a wonderful
time and always think of me. I
sure would love to visit you.
I tell my girlfriends alot about you
and they say you must be a
wonderful person. Today and

the next 3 days we have off.
One of my girlfriends (Judy) is
having a pajama party tonight.
I am going to try to stay up but
I ~~will~~ always doze off. Well!
I must be going now. Thanks again
and have a wonderful time
in Hawaii. Bye Now!

Love & Kisses always

Suzanne

P.S.

Write very soon because
I love to hear all your exciting
news.

(I forgot to tell you.) Sharon, who^{4.}
is 17 is going to the Prom tonight.
Some time in late ~~April~~^{May} she will
graduate. Then she is going
to the U. Her dress is just
beautiful because my mother
made it. I hope you had
a wonderful Easter. What did
you do? We all went for
a ride. Got a lot of l's candy.

Bye Now.

Please excuse the crossed-out
words. I hope you enjoy this long letter.

Polkey



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls,
Minnesota



12 Allendale Drive
St. Cloud, Minn.
[Post marked: May 8, 1960]

Dear Laura Jane,

I wish to thank you for
allowing our group of women a
chance to visit your home
next Monday afternoon, May 23rd.
We shall plan on being there
at 3 P. M. If for some reason

You find that you cannot
allow us this opportunity you
can call my sister, Mrs. Neil
Gammon, there in Little Falls
and she will contact me. We
are looking forward to our
visit with you. Thank you
kindly.

Mrs. Archie Phillips
12 Allendale Drive
St. Cloud, Minn.





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est quality furnishings throughout. Phone 4-7411



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Dear Laura Jane,
I thought you might
like to hear from me.
We are on our way
home from New Orleans.
We had such a nice
trip. Our whole family
went, even the little
girls. Well we're on our
way to Chicago Ill. now.
I hope to see you soon.
Betsy Phillips



POST CARD

Address

Miss Laura Jane
Messer
Little Falls,
Maine.

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Love + Kisses

Melzanne

P.S. Say hello to you chauffeur
and to your wonderful cook
+ pool + house.

Dear Miss Musser, Friday

I sure am sorry for not writing but I am so busy. I have been teaching for two weeks now. I started on Monday and I have 4 classes. Beginners, 2nd class, 3rd class, and advanced. I start at 3:30 and finish at 5:15. It sure is fun. Yesterday a boy who I like chipped his elbow playing football. A boy stepped on his elbow and I guess his arm is in a cast. He sure is handsome. He has black wavy hair, real dreamy eyes, and he is real short. To short for me but he still is my boyfriend. A few weeks ago Sharon got a pink phone for her room.

I use it most of the time though. How
is the weather there? Here it is just
like summer. But tonight it's supposed
to be colder. How have you been? I
saw you in the Sunday's paper when
you were at that concert. Boy did
you look pretty. Now you looked like
you just came out of a beautiful place.
Write soon if you get a chance and
I don't want you to tell anyone but
I sure love ya! Well so

Long

[Postmarked:
Oct. 19, 1960]

Mrs. J. R. Poisson
The Grier School
Tyrone, Pennsylvania

Dear Laura Jane;

Thank you for your wonderful letter and I'm sorry that my reply is so late, but my spare hours are few and far between.

Of course I am most anxious to see you and think that my coming to New York would be the best way. Tyrone is a good eight hour drive from New York and we are really out in God's country.

We have no space to put you up and there is no hotel in town. The nearest motel is 12 miles away and I really can't imagine what it might be. This is a beautiful part of Pennsylvania but we are certainly isolated from civilization.

I am entitled to a week-end in October and if Saturday, October 22nd fits in with your plans I should

like to come down then. Even though
we are on the main line of the
Pennsylvania, the trains are few and
far between - anyway I wouldn't
arrive until late Saturday and would
have to leave Sunday around noon.

Life here has been quite trying
but we are both trying to do a
good job and I know that Dick
is held in very high regard. The girls
are happy and with all our trials
and tribulations we manage to
keep our sense of humor. I can't
write about life here so will have
to regale you when I see you.

Bells are ringing so must run
to chapel.

I can't wait to see you.

Much love

Betty

Our phone number is Mutual 4-4673

[Post marked:
Oct. 5, 1960]

Mrs. J. R. Poisson
The Grier School
Tyrone, Pennsylvania

Dear Laura Jane;

Thank you for your card
and I am certainly looking
forward to a visit with you.

I won't arrive until about
5:00 o'clock so don't expect me before
5:30 or about that time - one never
can tell about trains.

Excuse this very brief note
but bells are ringing and I must
dash.

Love
Betty

1710-4 St N E
Mpls 13

Polkey



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

Monday

Dear Miss Musser'.

I am enclosing the pictures we took at your place. I thought you might like them.

Hope you are well. The children are in school now and quite busy. Suzanne started taking piano lessons from the sisters at school. It is easier that way.

She also will teach baton to some 100 students for the South East all sports. This all will keep her pretty busy.

We are still talking about the

wonderful time we had at your
house.

Stop and see us some time

Loue

Mrs. Polkey

Dear Miss Musser,

Sunday

I have been so busy with school that my time is all used up. Between school, homework, and practicing I just don't find time to breath. Friday I had 3 teeth pulled. Ouch! Bay did that hurt. Today I am going bowling. I love to bowl but I haven't had time. My mother is sending pictures of us when we were at your house. You sure look wonderful. I am looking forward to see you in the fall. Well! I must go because I just have woops of homework. Bye now see you soon

Love Suzanne

P.S. Write

Soon

[Postmarked: Little Falls Nov. 4, 1960]

Dear Laura,

Hope you have
had a real fine trip.
I bet it was swell!

I have been so
busy with school
and cheerleading. I
also have been busy
with church work.
I do get at my piano
RUST CRAFT
sometimes when I
get time. But I haven't
to much of that left
any more.

I'll come over
and visit you
sometimes.

Love

Yvonne Dantke

Miss You
So much!





Just a note
to say "Hello"
And then to tell you, too,
That things are
pretty much the same
Except for
MISSING YOU!

(over)



To Mrs. E. G. Plouman
New Canada Farm
Danbury, New Hampshire
August 8, '60

Dear Laura Jane,

So many interruptions
this Spring! Just this week I
am finally and slowly tackling
a pile of very much overdue
letters.

My busy husband had
a longer looking season than
usual. Larry flew up from
Florida for a weeks vacation.
~~for~~ He worked for one of our clients
in Wisconsin for a couple
months, and now he's a
counselor at a fine camp
near Keene, 75 miles from here.
Jeff was a couple weeks
late in attending this camp

because three days prior to his departure he had an emergency appendectomy, then made a rapid recovery. I had a fancy race to get all his paraphernalia accumulated and masked.

Then my cousin, who keeps a summer vacation farm here for the past thirty odd years, invited us to use her guest cottage, since her daughter in Oklahoma had only 2 weeks this summer and went to Colorado instead of vacationing here. I am $\frac{3}{4}$ miles from the big house and have no electricity. The pantry was turned into a bathroom, and bottled gas provides the stove and kitchen lighting and refrigeration.

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tion. Last year Jean & Roger
papered and painted inside
the cottage. There are two large
rooms downstairs and two large
bedrooms upstairs, insulated
throughout. This is the end of a
shaded dirt road halfway up
Ragged Mt. Yesterday we drove
to Lake Winipereauke and there-
abouts and reveled in this
marvelous scenery.

Laura Jane Honey I'd so love
to have you here with me. It's
awfully rustic and the country
is primitive - I don't know how
you'd like it here. Fred comes up
in the little Fiat Thursday night
and returns before dawn Tuesday
mornings to N.Y. to work. In between
those days I either paint or Jimmie
takes me round the locale looking

at antique shops in the
local towns, or auctions of
antiques, or browsing round
this assembly of meandering
pretty dirt roads. Views
everywhere! We may find
a little farm round here
next year. I'll want you to
help me make someplace
charming for you, filled with
immeasurable information.
Hold yourself so much about
you. I guess I've made you
out to be quite a genius!

On the 31st we attended
Visiting Day at camp, and saw the
swimming meet, horsemanship show,
and dramatic exhibition. We came
away thrilled with the relaxed
and happy faces of our boys.

Parents came up to us to tell us how much their sons love Larry, how he'd carried one 72 lb boy home piggyback 8 miles from an overnight outing because he was suddenly stricken with a stomach virus and fancy fever, but Larry never told us a thing about it!!

The wind is blowing through the trees and clouds change the shading of the nearest hills every few minutes. Last eve. the moon was full, as we left.

Genieford, from where we'd just finished showing our Little Falls movies. I've wonderful pictures of you and the boys.

This piano is in tune, and I have been fooling on it. Fred has a chance to practice his fiddle, of course.

Remember me to Ed & Pauline.

I think of you often and
love to remember the lovely times
we had together in Minnesota.
You will always be one of our
very favorite friends. Remember
us with kindness and let us
hope we can get together whenever
it is convenient for you for we
dearly love Laura Jane.

My family joins me in
sending love and very best wishes,
Dorrie.

Dear Laura Jane -

Add my hugs + best
wishes to the above! We're
having quite a restful time
here, & I must say it's some-
what easier than driving over
3000 miles, as we did last

Summer - except then we
had the added pleasure of seeing
you.

The folks here got a big
kick out of seeing the pictures
we took with you, in Little
Falls, in your pool, at Stasca,
walking through & over the Mississippiⁱⁿ
headwaters, & at Bemidji! (Ouch,
spelling.)

Trust you are feeling fine &
in top shape again as far as the
hand goes (you're such an indomitable
person, I expect the hand to be
perfect!)

Hope to see you before too long, &
please let us hear from you! - Best,
Fred
(sent to Ed & Aveline!)

Pittluck



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

S. Pitluck

% Mrs E. G. Plouman

New Canada Farm

Danbury, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Masser,

[Postmark: Minneapolis
Feb 12, 1969]

How have you been? I am fine.
Nothing has happened here. The
weather is cold. It is 3 above right
now. How is everything there?
Well, I better go. Have a happy

Valentine's Day.

Bye. Love

Suzanne

(over)

Dear Miss Musser:

I'm sorry we couldn't
come for your event Thursday
night, but our littlest girl has
the Measles. Hope to see you
again soon.

Have a Happy Valentine's
Day

Love.

Burnette Palkey

[Postmarked:

Minneapolis

Saturday

June 26, 1960]

Dear Laura Jane:

How are you these days.

I bet you are more busy now.

We were hoping you could attend
some of the Pianos Aquatennial
contest on Thursday July 14th
class A. and then stay over for some
of the Organ Contest Friday July 15th
(Fred is running the Organ contest).

Suzanne just got back from a week
of Baton Twirling at the Dells in
Wisconsin. She got a second year
scholarship. Here's hoping this finds

you well and hope to see you
soon.

Love

Burnette Polkey

+ all.

quite well) and I must say
we were extremely proud of her
because she took more than
any human being should be
subjected to. Our only answer
to the question is that Miss
Gault wanted no one around
unless they had money. Susan
made her own decision and
she is here with us and has
started off with flying colors.
With 2 years of boarding school
experience she was able to fit
right in - has joined a group
of wonderful girls and is
really working hard. For the
past year she has expressed
a great deal of interest in
going to the U. of Penn and
getting a B.S. in nursing.
Another idea is 3 years at
Corry Junior College and
studying to be a medical

The Grier School
Tyrone, Pa. Postmark:
34 WILSON ROAD
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
Sept 20, 1960

Dear Laura Jane;

These past months I have
thought of you many, many
times but I couldn't bear to
write the Prosser's saga until
the move had been made
and we were in our new
life.

As you may remember
Dick Taught School many
years ago and for the past
several years he has been
thinking about returning to
the academic world, but
it was not an easy thing
to do after 19 years in business.
Finally the time came when
we could not maintain
our home in Princeton (to be

perfectly frank we were priced
out of Princeton) and we took
the step and are at The
Grier School here in Tyrone,
Pa. It is a girls' boarding
school of 190 girls in the
Allegheny mountains. It is
certainly cannot compare to
the New England schools but
with help and new faculty
we feel the girls will get a
fairly good education. Dick
is teaching French and English -
we have a tiny 3 bedroom
house right on the campus
and of course all our living
expenses are provided. As you
know school teachers salaries
are low, so I am working
as the bookkeeper - the work
was presented as a part-time
job but I must say I have
never worked harder in my

life. My salary will go towards
getting us away over vacations.
This place (Tyrone) is an
incredible town and we would
die here and not during
vacations - the girls would
have nothing to do.

Both girls are with us
and once again we are a
family group. The story behind
York Hollow is much too complicated
to write in detail, but here are
a few points. They raised the
tuition \$500 and when we
applied for a scholarship Miss
Parvill wrote and seemed to
be quite amenable to the idea
(on paper that was). She would
never talk with us either
in person or on the phone and
she bedeviled Susan until
we didn't know whether she
could last through exams.
She made the grade (and

for making Susan's last
year at Tribhollow possible. As
you know the loan has been
repaid in full.

Love from us all
Betty [Poisson]

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technician. She has her two
feet solidly on the ground and
we feel sure she will come
to the right decision and
somehow we will manage to
send her to college.

This past summer she had
a 6 weeks job at Martha's
Vineyard baby-sitting with a
Princeton family. She apparently
did a good job and managed
to make enough money to
finance her trips to various
friends at the end of the
summer.

Wenget was terribly disappointed
not to go away to boarding
school but is adjusting in her
~~at~~ own way. She is home
as little as possible and

wants so hard to be a part of everything. He is certainly no student but we are keeping an eagle eye on her and will be informed if she doesn't make the grade. She is young and perhaps with supervision will be able to do better than she looks.

Our only regret ~~was~~ about leaving Princeton was selling our home, particularly as I feel sure we shall never own another one. Of course you know that it was your Mother who made it possible for us to buy a place in the first place. We really loved every inch of that place. An 83 year old widow bought it and she was so thrilled with the place that I felt someone would love it as much as we did.

Most of our things are in

storage and we have only what we can squeeze into our tiny house.

I wrote to Billy telling of our intended move. Of course I had hoped he might want to see us before our departure but I guess that was wishful thinking because I have never heard a word from him.

Sometimes I wonder why life should have treated us in such a way, but I realize I have a lot to be thankful for - a wonderful husband and 2 girls of whom I am very proud. I just hope that I can adjust to our new life as well as they have.

Please let me hear from you because you seem to be the only person who ever cares anything about ^{us}. Dick and I thank you from the bottom of our heart

[Postmarked:
Nov. 6, 1960]

Mrs. J. R. Poisson
The Grier School
Tyrone, Pennsylvania

Dear Laura Jane;

I certainly expected to have written long before this but the pace here has quickened and after work I am so tired that I really don't do anything.

It was wonderful seeing you and I am certainly sorry it couldn't have been for longer - there was so much to talk about and it doesn't seem as though I talked about any of the things I really wanted to discuss.

Your news about Billy was a bombshell and most distracting. I called him from the bus terminal and he minimized the whole affair and seemed sure that things will straighten out. He did say that he was never home but

it is necessary to travel etc. with his business. After all it is a new venture and I gather very successful, but I believe he has borrowed heavily and of course that is a great concern to him. For everyone's sake I hope things work out for the better. I can't visualize a marriage such as this but everyone to his own liking.

Life here is hectic but certainly not stimulating. The girls are fine and interesting but the heads of the school leave a great deal to be desired - They are neither administrators nor educators and, if it weren't for a strong faculty, I'm afraid everyone would suffer. Money is their chief concern and is almost a phobia with them - it is pretty hard to take at times. Both Dick and I yearn for the New England school. Some day we'll be there.

At this point everyone is pointing

Mrs. J. R. Poisson
The Grier School
Tyrone, Pennsylvania

towards Thanksgiving. Susan and
Margot have both been invited
home with friends and Dick
and I am off to Princeton for
a few days visit. It will be
fun being back in civilization
again.

Of course we were all disappointed,
but not surprised over the outcome
of the election. Nixon stopped here
for a whistle stop and we took
four bus loads of students to see
him. It was heart warming to see
the reception he was given, particularly
in as much as this is classified
as a "distress area". The people around
here are so friendly and warm-
hearted and it is difficult to see
why when one sees how and where
they live. Nags (even here at school)
are pitiful and in many of the

house there is no electricity or
running water. Of course I have
always known these things existed
but I never thought I'd be living
in the midst of such things.

Please write when you have
a chance - I do love hearing from
you.

Love from us all
Betty

107 Fourth Avenue NE
Little Falls, Minnesota
April 27, 1960

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Laura Jane:

Not having had any luck in dialing MEdford 2-4315 to talk with you, methought mayhaps I could find you with this little note. Just wanted to tell you, Lovely Lady, how appreciative the Music Committee is to you for your expert guidance in having made the various suggestions pertaining to the tuning of the organ at church and your selection of Miss Haugh as the tuner for this precious instrument. Art Haviland, a representative from the Board of Trustees, was present during a great deal of the time Miss Haugh and her assistant were at work in the church and he has compiled a report, for the Trustees and our committee, which I believe is very thorough and complete. In the report he had noted the defects which have been corrected by Miss Haugh and also listed recommendations to be borne in mind for future care and maintenance of the organ. This initial step seems to be in the right direction toward "educating" the impassive people regarding the importance of using and caring for this very special instrument.

And so in behalf of the Music Committee may I express our gratitude to you, and, personally, may I add how delightful it was to visit with you and hear your impressive and stimulating music. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,


Beverly Pantzke



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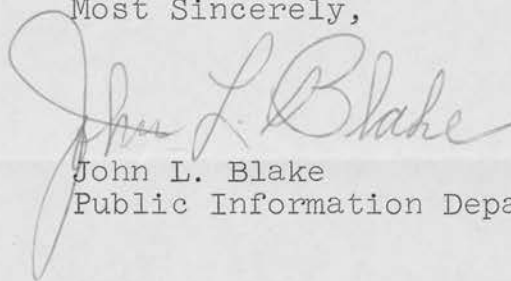
Dear Miss Musser:

Under separate cover this date the pictures you loaned us for consideration in the Weyerhaeuser history are being forwarded to you. They have been registered under #109965.

We appreciate very much the effort you made to make this collection available to us.

At this time I am also attaching a letter received from the American Historical Company, Inc. with regard to the publication of your father's biography. This letter is in answer to our inquiry on how far along they were towards completing the publication.

Most Sincerely,

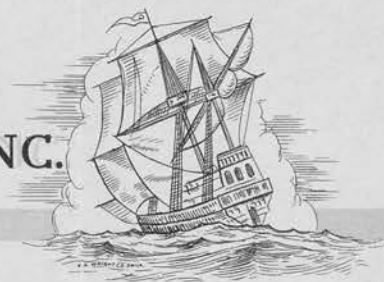


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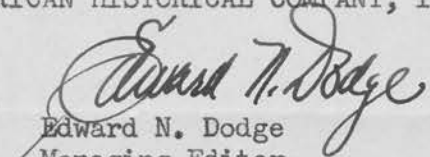
Dear Mr. Blake:

In response to your letter of December 1, concerning the illustrated record of R. Drew Musser, we wish to inform you that type is now being set with distribution of the volume scheduled within six months time. We wish we could be more specific but there are several items to appear in the same volume, The Encyclopedia of American Biography, that require much additional work.

Thank you for your inquiry, and we trust this is the information you were seeking.

Very truly yours,

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Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
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Dear Miss Musser:

I thought you might be interested in the attached report from the New York Public Library. As indicated, the report was the result of our inquiry about the "Encyclopedia of American Biography".

I have not read the reviews they refer to. However, you may wish to do so. No further response other than that which was forwarded to you on December 12 has been received in this office from the American Historical Company.

Most sincerely,

John L. Blake
Department of Public Affairs

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In reply to inquiry { received November 14, 1960
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From — Mrs. Frances V. Brown, secretary to John L. Blake

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The American Historical Company, with offices at both 80 Eighth Ave., New York City and 205 Datura St., West Palm Beach, Florida, publishes the Encyclopedia of American Biography, a set of volumes which is in the Reference Department of this Library. Up to 1938, the publisher was known as the American Historical Society. Each year, they publish a volume listing people who have died recently.

This Library does not evaluate books or publishing firms. We can refer you to two reviews of the Encyclopedia of American Biography that appear in the American Library Association's publication Subscription Books Bulletin in January, 1931 and in April, 1938. Undoubtedly, you can read these reviews at the Tacoma Public Library. The encyclopedia is not listed in Winchell, C.M. Guide to reference books, 1951 edition, which is a standard guide for libraries.

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