



Laura Jane Musser and
family papers.

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...and I'll Purrr!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Dearest Laura Jane -

Hope you are getting along all right - we leave Feb 19th for a month in Antigua -

I've had a very pleasant winter ice skating and studying the ballet again -

We did not see Betty & Dick over the holidays - Too bad. I had the flu -

Hope by now your finger is back to normal -

Betty joins me in sending
love
Jane

Brigham



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls
Minnesota

Dearest Laura Jane -

What a thoughtful little
person you are to read such
happenings into my heart and
home with the gorgeous
Easter lily - It has five
full blossoms + five buds,
which are about to burst
into bloom.

I thank you many times -
I hope you had a happy
Easter + were not alone -
Bud + family are visiting



This wife's people in West
Virginia for the holy days -
but I was not alone - Louise
(Budd's wife), ^{since} lives in Massachusetts.
They invited me to dinner -
I feel almost as close to them as

to Louise -
I am ~~feeling~~ ^{finding} this short as I
must catch the mail men.
It is raining too hard for me
to go out -

I hope you are planning

to come ^{east} North this spring - I am
looking forward to seeing you -

Best love
Ben
Carrie
Maudy -

Excuse mistakes.

I have written this in a hurry.

MRS. HARRY BENNETT
12 MCKINLEY ST.
BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK



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Miss Laura Jane Musson.

Box 300.

Linden Hill.

Little Falls

Minnesota

Feb. 29, 1960
[Cambridge, Minn.]

Dear Miss Musser,

I am writing to you mainly because I have heard about you and your music background. I am writing you about my six year old sister, Cynthia, who has, I think, an outstanding talent and I know you would be one who would ^{enjoy} and appreciate hearing her playing.

Cynthia started playing by ear at the age of two. She used one finger and played simple tunes. The first song was Clementine. At four Cynthia started reading and learning notes. She began her first regular piano lessons when mother is a piano teacher and went to the Sherwood Music School in Chicago. She teaches in our home and started my sister with her first lessons.

Miss Giesler, another piano teacher in Brainerd, is also giving Cynthia lessons.

Cynthia entered the annual music Teachers Association contest which holds its ten-piano concert at Northrup each year. And after taking lessons only four months at the age of four, Cynthia played at Northrup auditorium and also the following year. However, this year she will not be entering the contest.

I believe Cynthia has perfect pitch. She names any key on the piano by not looking and can sing the notes back.

She likes all kinds of music - folk songs, classicals, and has her own arrangement of Chopsticks.

Cynthia started to learn the Minuet Waltz or the Chopin Valse Op. 64 No. 1 last week.

She now has most of it memorized.

I am enclosing several items in connection with her playing that may interest you further. I do not expect to take up your time unless I was positive you would be interested in hearing her.

I know my mother would be most surprised if Cindy could play for you sometime. And I would really like to know from someone with your knowledge if this child is as great as we think.

Very sincerely,
Janette Bock

I am a teacher in Cambridge, and my home is in Brainerd.

[1965]

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days in June. If you
are at home perhaps
we can get together
Low Bridge.

Thank you again for
the invitation to the
opera - can't tell you
how much I enjoyed it.

Greetings from the family

Fran [Cuman]

[Postmarked: St. Paul May 26, 1960]

Dear Laura Jane,
Just a note to

tell you how very
much I enjoyed the
Opera last Sunday
afternoon. It was so
nice to see all the
girls again - perhaps
we'll have more time
to visit some other time.

I plan on being in
Little Falls a few

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Edgar Yell
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Bldg. 2
Mpls
Minn.

[Myra Carlson]

ST. CLOUD STATE COLLEGE
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

[Sept. 27, 1960]

Fed

Dear Laura Jane -

This noon Capt. Terry phoned me from
Brainard (I believe) inviting me to dinner Sat. Eve.
before the concert 6 P. M. You are the
co-hostess. A lovely surprise invitation!

I accepted, telling her that Harvey Traugh
& I were coming together - (not with any
other St. Cl. folk) because I (only) was
specially (by formal invitation & also by Mrs.
Braham of Br-) to the supper following.
I invited Harvey as my guest - she said
I might bring a guest. I've told
him about it - (Capt. Terry's phone call)

After putting down receiver I was
puzzled as to place - I thot 'she said
Pine Edge Inn - I got to thinking
that that Inn is in L. F.? Or, did
I misunderstand? - Is it a Brainard
Inn with similar name?

May I trouble you to write the
place & town on this card? Thanks so much
In haste - Myra

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=LAURA JANE MUSSER=
LINDEN HILL LITTLE FALLS MINN=

OUR BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY EASTER WE ARE THINKING OF
YOU AND SENDING OUR FONDEST LOVE=

THE CROWTHERS.=(

8:20AMC)

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By MP At 850a To W.C.

Thank You

Laura Jane

Please accept my many thanks for your graduation gift. It was quite unnecessary, however.

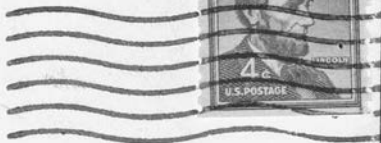
I want to thank you also for the help you've given me which has made me aware of music, good books, & art. I value your teaching very much and will always remember it.

Mother & I both extend our invitation for you to visit us some time.

Thank you,
again

SANDY DEURR

Dawn



Miss Laura Jane Musser
608 Highland
Little Falls,
Minnesota

concert on Sunday evening. Our twins
are in it so we did want to hear the
concert. I'm sure I'm not prejudiced when
I say it was exceedingly beautiful. The
choir has grown so tremendously in the
last few years and they are exceptionally
good this year. What a wonderful
opportunity for these young people to
earn this beautiful music.

I hope you have completely
recovered from your cold. When will
you be coming to Duluth?

Phil sends his regards.

Love

Hilda [Eckman]



[Duluth]

February 23, 1960

Dear Laura Jane:-

It was so good to have a short
visit with you in your charming home
on February 11. The doughnuts and
coffee were delicious and the conversation
interesting. Thank you so much for your
hospitality. It was such fun to have a
good laugh with Anna Russell, too.

We were in St. Peter over the
weekend. The Gustavus Adolphus
College choir had just returned
from a 5000 mile concert tour to the
West Coast and gave their home

C A O

[Postmarked.
May 26, 1960]

407 S.E. 3rd St.
Little Falls, Minn

Dear Laura Jane,

I want to thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to see the opera last Friday night. I enjoyed it tremendously and will never forget it.

I would be pleased if you could attend my children's piano rental. It is Tuesday, May 31 at 8:00 at the Lindbergh School Theater.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Olson

(Postmarked;
Duluth, July 19, 1960)

Dear Laura Jane,

We are so sorry Sawey won't be able to sing on your program for the Aquatennial. We are just back from two weeks vacation and he is much too busy to be able to get away. Especially because you asked, he would like to have done it.

I know you will enjoy the singers who are coming down. This group is just loaded with talent! Maybe next year if you would want them again the company might be able to give you a show.

We are having our usual busy time. Miream is clicking in a downtown store -

a far cry from her last
two wonderful summers
— first with you &
then last year on her
Red Cross trip. I'm
going to start working
too in August as a
Welcome Wagon hostess,
calling on mothers of
new babies. It should
prove to be very
interesting.

Take care of yourself,
and will hope to see
you soon.

With love,

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NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

October 13, 1961

Dear Laura Jane:

Many thanks for your sweet note.

I am sorry that your savings passbook was sent back to you without the October 1 interest. I had requested that the book be returned to me after the deposit was entered, and when I went looking for it a little later it had already been sent out in the mail.

You have no doubt received our announcement of the change-over in our system to machine posting, effective October 16. The next time you have occasion to send in the passbook, you will receive the new one; and the old one will be canceled and returned with it.

I am sorry that you will not be able to get to New York this season, but how wonderful that you enjoyed a visit to Alaska. I suppose that is one of the few places that you had not seen before.

This summer in New York was exceptionally hot, and the warm weather is still with us in the middle of October. I don't think the people here are much concerned about bomb proof shelters. There has been news in the papers about them but I have not heard one word of conversation on this subject from any of the many people I talk to each day.

Marie Fuchs has just returned from vacation, looking and feeling very well, and Louise Holzer leaves the end of this week for a trip to Canada where she and her sister and another friend will visit several shrines.

All of your friends here join me in sending best wishes.

Affectionately,

Clair

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Brainerd, Minnesota
August 29, 1960

MISS LAURA JANE MUSSER
LINDEN HILL
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

DEAR MISS MUSSER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER AND THE CHECK FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN LAKE AREA MUSIC ASSOCIATION. PLEASE EXCUSE THE TARDINESS OF MY REPLY, BUT I HAVE HAD A PARTNER ON VACATION AND THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE HAS KEPT ME UNUSUALLY BUSY.

WE ARE ALL VERY EXCITED ABOUT OUR FORTHCOMING SEASON OF CONCERTS, PARTICULARLY THE FIRST CONCERT WHICH IS AS YOU KNOW THE PREMIERE PERFORMACE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS SYMPHONY WITH ITS NEW CONDUCTOR. A RECEPTION FOR THE ORCHESTRA AND CONDUCTORS AND SYMPHONY PERSONNEL IS BEING HELD AT THE BRAINERD COUNTRY CLUB AFTER THE CONCERT, TO WHICH YOU WILL SHORTLY RECEIVE AN INVITATION. WE SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

I HAVE THOUGHT OF YOU MANY TIMES AND MY WIFE, BERTIE AND I HAVE TALKED OF DRIVING DOWN TO SEE YOU, BUT THE SUMMER FLIES BY SO RAPIDLY, AND WE IN BRAINERD ARE KEPT SO BUSY DURING THE TOURIST SEASON. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME RELIEF FROM THE RUSH AFTER THE LABOR DAY WEEK-END.

BERTIE AND I WILL BE MOST PLEASED TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION TO DINNER AND SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO THE DATE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR KIND ATTENTION.

SINCERELY,



ARDEN O. ANDERSON



[Baltimore, Md.]

Aug. 27, 1960

Dear Laura Jane,

I often think of you
and I'd like to hear
from you beyond the
regular Xmas card.

This is my third year
of teaching public school
music. All my steering
away from this led me
right into it. It's quite
a challenge but has some
merits plus security.

What are you doing
musically and do you

make trips to New York?

I hope it will be possible
for us to meet again. Never
will I forget your kindness
of inviting me to the Concerts.
Since then I haven't had
the pleasure of attending so
often.

We have to renew our teaching
certificates every three years
so I'll probably engage in some
graduate study next year.

I've lost contact with just
about all the former Juilliard
students.

Hope I can hear from you
soon

Cordially yours,
Elizabeth
Anderson

MRS. HARRY BENNETT
12 MCKINLEY ST.
BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK



U.S.



Miss Laura Jane Musser -
Linden Hill - Box 300 -
Little Falls.
Minnesota

Dearest Laura Jane.

If I had written as often
as I think of you, you would
have been flooded with letters.
The reason I have not written
is because I have been
battling anemia & my eyes
refused to focus for writing or
reading. They are better -
Hope you escaped the flu
this winter. and that your
broken finger has long since
ceased to be painful -

I am mighty proud of
all the honors bestowed
on you in your world of
music as well as for the
many thoughtful things you
are always doing for others -
If only your Mother were
here to share your various
projects!

Everton love & Everton Blessings
From Bea

April 10/60

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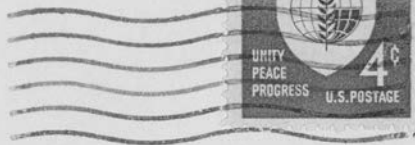


Dear Miss Messers,

Thank-you so much
for the ticket to the opera.
I really enjoyed it!

Carol
Clark

Clark



Miss Laura Jane Musser
Sinden Hill
Little Falls, Minnesota

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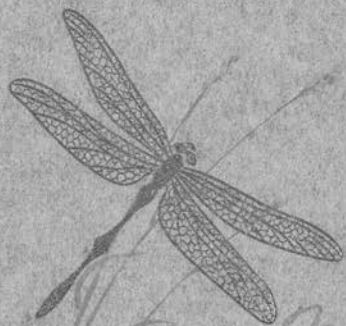
Miss Laura J. Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls
Minnesota

E. M. A.

Box 33

Millersburg

Ohio



January 9-1960

My dear Laura;

Yours Christmas
Greeting over the years
always brings a special
joy to me. I failed to get
my message to you so
I could not let another day
pass without some word
to you. I shall always
hold dear the kind wishes
you extended me & the
real joy that you brought
into my days at Columbia.

We did not take many
trips but the ones we took
have remained as ^{so} memories
that still inspire. "Carnegie
Hall," "Shriffs" "Movies" etc.
and your visits with & to me

These joys could not have
been possible without
you. I shall ever be
grateful.

I am still working
full speed, but I know
I shall never have money.
A Sister of Thomas, I suppose
gets her compensation in
the service. She is able to
render it perhaps the
joy that comes with
lighting one little candle
in this changing world.

I am not complaining for
I am always grateful when
I get up feeling well and
able to do and face the tasks
of each day.

How are you and I
always remember you and
dear Mother. Let me
hear from you and tell
me all about what you
are doing and how your
family is. Maybe you
could come see me

sometime, if only for a
week-end. -? Anyway
if you have time write
a note between Texas
Cards and I'll do the
same. My best wishes
for good health and
happiness throughout
the year.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth.

[Postmarked;
Jan. 7, 1960]

MRS. J. RICHARD POISSON
34 WILSON ROAD
PRINCETON, N. J.

Laura Jane dear;

Please forgive this very tardy note but vacation and working haven't left me a free moment.

How how love all my Corn Things - I haven't smilled so delicious in ages and it really bolsters my morale.

Christmas Eve I called you but there was no answer, did so want to talk with a member of the family.

As is customary I invited the Brighams and Poissons down for Christmas. They accepted, but when I refused to allow them to bring two potatoes with them, they refused to come. I don't know when I have ever

been so hurt. Perhaps I was
selfish but I just couldn't
imagine Christmas with these
dogs fighting all day. They must
be angry because Christmas was
the first time in 17 years
that Billy hasn't called me -
oh well let by-gones be by-
gones. At least I had Dick
and my two girls and we
did have a wonderful day
together - lots of laughter and
pleasantries.

Susan has had a wonderful
vacation. The day after Christmas
she went to Lake Placid on
a houseparty and it was
an experience she'll never
forget. There was plenty of
snow and the skiing was
superb. Of course she is only
a novice on this, but

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fortunately she returned all in one piece. Her description of the beauty of the mountains made my mouth water.

We have had plenty of cold weather but not too much snow. From all reports Minnesota must be knee deep in drifts.

Margot started back to school last Monday and has started off really working. Just hope that she will continue. They are starting swimming next week and she is terribly thrilled. Don't know what she will learn as she is already an advanced swimmer.

It is train time for Susan

so must stop.

Love from us all
Betty

Dear Miss Messer,

Saturday Nov. 19, '60
[Minneapolis]

Since it is Thanksgiving I am writing to say hello. Have you gone to Hawaii or any other place? They are having concerts again and I am privileged to go. I sure am thrilled. Last year I went and had so much fun. It was fun enjoying the wonderful music. I just adore the director. He sure is talented. This year I am going to 4 of them. It sure will be interesting. Well Happy Thanksgiving and don't eat too much turkey (just kidding). Bye. Write soon real soon D. K.

Love "Suzanne" [Polkey]

311 Fenmar
LA HABRA, Calif.
Feb. 8, 1960

Dear Miss Musser:

I have wanted to write you before this date, but I have been confined to bed since Dec. 26. I became ill with Rheumatic Fever and Arthritis. A few weeks ago my hands and arms were crippled with Arthritis, but I have recovered perfectly with no ill effects. It was necessary however to cancel all concerts until May 1st but things are so much better I will be able in March to resume my schedule.

I was very alarmed to learn of your accident, and I hope you have recovered completely from that incident.

It was disappointing to miss a "get together" in New York but there is perhaps another time coming. Also, because of circumstances I haven't contacted Columbia Artists.

This coming Sat. I will fly from L.A. to Mpls. as I have a business appt. there next week. I shall also be in Brainerd a week or so and I will call you, and I would like to see you before I leave again for San Francisco.

I thank you very

much for the exquisite
Christmas Card. I received
it during my illness, and
it gave me great pleasure
to hear from you.

It will be a great
happiness to talk with you
and I look forward to it
very much, therefore, until
next week.

Sincerely yours,
Oscar Feltzer

Aug 22, '60

Dear Laura Jane,

Our letters to one another crossed, didn't they!

I'm so glad that we will see you next month! We'll be home by the 12th, just in time for Geoff to return to school.

This summer has been marvelous for both boys.

Geoff loves to ride, I suppose not childproof. He blows bubbles into the water, but hasn't learned to swim - that

will come next summer
unless Larry teaches him
this winter.

Larry is sporting a fancy
red beard on his chin, and I
have to admit it actually looks
well on him! We took him,
and a Turkish exchange student
(attending music school in Boston
in the winter), to the cottage
we're using, and yesterday
drove them back, but they
enjoyed their "time off." They got
home here in Forest Hill about
2 A.M., had a lovely dinner in
there en route home.

I would just love to
return to New Hampshire round
the first of October to paint, but
that would mean taking Geoff out

of school, so I hesitate.

Larry will be so glad to see you, and Geoff will have so much to tell you. In fact, Sherm and I will also be so very happy to see you. Will you be driving? You know you're welcome anytime, to prove it I'll give you a key to use whenever it's convenient, and we'll have a place for Ed to sleep, too. We can arrange for garage space in the bldg, too.

This next weekend will get Geoff from camp + bring him home - the following weekend we get Larry and all 4 of us will go on to the cottage for a week - otherwise

Sherm and I will remain home.
Our phone is no longer listed.
Let me hear from you at home
approximately when you expect to
arrive.

Love & kisses from us all to
our dear little Paula Jane.
Best regards to Pauline and Ed.
Your "big sister"
Dorrie

AIR MAIL

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Linden Hill
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MRS. CHARLES H. RICHTER
33 Highbanks Place
St. Cloud, Minnesota

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Miss L. Musser
Little Falls,
Minn

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State College Campus Laboratory School
for use of auditorium.

Second Piano - - Loaned by friend.

*Buffet supper 6 P.M.
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to meet Kathy, and her
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Katherine Hultstrand

in a

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Assisted by Sharon Forman, Soprano
Accompanist, Marie Krolzek

Saturday, December Third, 1960
at 4:00 P.M.

State College Campus Laboratory School Auditorium
Third Avenue and Ninth Street South
St. Cloud, Minnesota

PROGRAM

Allegro from "The Italian Concerto" . . . Bach
 Six Selections from "Papillons" . . . Schumann
 Scherzo in E minor . . . Mendelssohn

Berceuse, from "Jocelyn" . . . Godard

Sharon Forman, Soprano
 Marie Krolzek, Accompanist

Three Waltzes . . . Chopin
 E minor, posth.
 D flat, Op. 64 No. 1
 A flat, Op. 42

In Autumn . . . MacDowell
 To a Waterlily . . . MacDowell
 Gardens In The Rain . . . Debussy

Si mes vers avaient des ailes . . . Hahn
 Deborah . . . Fenton

Sharon Forman, Soprano
 Marie Krolzek, Accompanist

Concerto in G minor . . . Saint-Saens
 Andante
 Allegro scherzando
 Presto

Assisted by Mrs. Donald Hultstrand

December 30, 1960

Dear Laura Jane,

The loveliest gomsettia we've ever received arrived just in time to be enjoyed through the Christmas holidays. It was most impressive; therefore, it enjoyed the place of honor in our living room. Thank you so very much! What joy it has given us and our friends!

DRR

We do hope 1961 will bring you to
Denver to see us again. It has been a long
time. Walter and the children are well and
happy. We all send many thanks and
best wishes for a happy new year.

Fondly,

Peggy

[Mrs Walter S. Rosenbergs III]
[Englewood,
Colorado]

D. Robertson
2418 W. 7th St.
Duluth Minn
June 1-60

Dear Laura Jane,

This is to ask if the offer for that job is still open. Up to now I have not found anything. I have applied at a few more places, but as yet have not received any answers.

If you still want me I'll come down right after school is out. I'll be done on June 10 and will be able to come down that weekend. My only problem is that I haven't found any place to live yet. If you happen to know of any ^{place} please tell me when you answer this letter.

Your cat is ready for you if you still want her. I can bring him down with me. He is bigger and more devilish than ever.

answer right away, please.
I hear that you have a birthday coming soon -

Happy Birthday

Sincerely,
Danel [Robertson]

MOLAND BROS. TRUCKING CO.

We'll arrange for Darrul's
place to live - we are waiting
for an answer from Shurtley &
Deloris will be coming up
this Sun. or Tues. for Donna's
graduation. I just read
his note to you. E.

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Sept. 7

(1960)

Dear Laura Jane,

Well, now after the Labor Day weekend is over and I've had a chance to un-pack and get settled, I figured that I would write and thank you for a real wonderful summer.

It was a real pleasure to work for you this summer. I enjoyed my work so very much. A special thanks for allowing me to teach swimming. I enjoyed working with the kids each and every day this summer.

I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to say

good-bye on Thurs., but you left for the Golf course before I had a chance.

You said, once during the summer, that if I wanted to come back next summer I could. Well, I would like to very very much. My last day of swimming I was asked, "Will you be back next year?" so many times that I didn't know what to say. However, the decision is up to you. I only hope that I have proved myself so you will want me again.

Sincerely,

Dan [Robertson]



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

510-4th St. N.E.

Little Falls, Minn.

Sept. 18, 1959

Dear Miss Musser,

Sharon Kay would like to resume piano lessons again this fall. She would prefer her lesson on Wednesday, but if this day is filled, most any other day will be fine.

Thank you!

Yours truly,

Mrs. Chas. Reaser

ME2-8285

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



Miss Laura Jane Missor
Linden Hill
Little Falls,
Minn.



June 3, 1959

Duluth, Minn.

Dear Laura Jane,

How are you? Everybody at our house is fine right now. Well, school is just about over for the year, then I will have time to babysit and play.

On May 26th was Court of Awards at the Junior High, and I got to carry a flag. Well I had better go to bed now.

Lore,

(P.S. I have a lost friend Janet. ~~But I don't know where she is.~~)

I'll let Janet finish her side and I'll start here. It is cooking up a storm with wind, rain (here it comes) and lightning so I'll quit ironing for a bit. Still has gone fishing with the other 2 fellas from the office.

We had circle this afternoon and the girls all had summery dresses on. It got up to 86° today. That old sun is sure welcome after the cold rainy Sat. & Sun. However it did clear up in the afternoon - in time for Baccalaureate at 4 o'clock.

Darrel was able to obtain just 6 tickets for graduation Thurs. night. He could have used 3 more easily.

Namely Dacks and you.
 There are 318 in the class
 and only 1200 seats available
 so the kids had to ask of
 those who weren't going
 to use all their allotment.

Evelyn tells me you
 enjoyed your trip to Calif.
 and that Hawaii did you
 wonders - like a "rust-
 brown Maiden". That's good.

He are going to Java
 on our vacation the last
 2 weeks of this month. Will
 must get completely away
 from the power company.
 I'd prefer July but that
 month is all taken up
 already.

There will be a big
 celebration here in July for

the opening of the seaway.
Maybe for once you could
come up while it is warm.

I'll be asst. director of
Day Camp in Lincoln Park
July 13-17th. We awarded
24 girls their 2nd class
badges at court of awards
last week Tues. at Janet's
school. I was chairman of
that too.

Next week Tues. I'll
have a meeting of my
W.S.C.S. Executive Board to
get started on that. Our
pastor is leaving so our
first big thing will be a
farewell party for him &
a reception for the new one.
Then no more of that until
Aug. - the last week. We
had a salad luncheon

6 weeks ago and made
\$149⁰⁰ on it. He sold tickets
and came out ~~at~~ almost to
the last reserve salad. Teachers
and people working at the
hospitals and in the West End
came too. It is a new venture
for us and a good one.

Bill is getting teased
a lot. His garden is coming
up fine but some of the
rows are partly crooked.
He are enjoying the yard
work and soaking up the
sunshine. He transplanted
an ornamental crab and
it is coming along beautifully.
Do you have one? The blossoms
are reddish pink and later
the fruit makes lovely table
decorations.

Darrel has a car! His

grandpa helped him buy
it for graduation. His pal
gave him seat covers and
he is using some of his
money for fixing it up -
2 new tires, brakes, wheel
alignment etc.. He'll use
it to drive to U M D next
winter. He + his pal have
set up a lawn + garden
service - they get \$1.00 per hr.
and have 7 jobs already.
There's no other work so
the kids are happy. We
know they are easier to
live with - kids are hard
to handle when they get
Darrell's age + no work.

Guess I can iron again.
The birds are singing in the
rain. Have a lovely
birthday. Give some new avon for
you. Love, Ethel



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Tues. [Jan. 19, 1960]

Dear Laura Jane:-

Heard you were in
to see me - sorry I
missed you - I have
never been so busy
in my lifetime as
now. and for the last
six months. Slip in
again. Very sincerely
Edgar [Schaust]



dinner - really 5 o'clock
by the time the cook
finished.

Love

Isabelle [Simon]

Apr. 20, 1960

Dear Laura Jane, [Little Falls]

Thank you so much
for the lovely Easter
Lily. It has thirteen
blossoms (counting the buds).

I hope you had a
nice Easter.

I planned to cook my
own dinner but was
invited out to a 4 o'clock

apt. 2C: 210 Clinton Avenue

Brooklyn: N.Y.

June 8-1960.

Dear Lady Laura:- Please
forgive my ~~very~~ late
reply to your most warm
welcome letter. My
only excuse for not being
is a case of Arthritis.
It came suddenly and
departed so, - just a
short time ago. Anyway,
it is gone - I hope for
always. Had it all
winter and 'twas no fun.

I hope you did not "follow suit" and have it too. I hate to admit it, but "old age" sticks its head in, too. And no thing, that is earthly known, seems able to cure that. So—!

Even if I am far away, I miss your parents, ^{they} not being in Little Falls seems "not right". They were so much a part of the Little Falls life.

I hope your hand is normal and remains so, — No fun to be "hand unable", I know, having ~~been there~~,
I thank you again for your greeting.

Hope you can make out my scratching — it grows less readable each year.

Yours Truly

Mary B. Sumner.

Wish I lived near enough to come in and bother.



May 25, 1968
[Dietz, Minn.]

Dear Laura,

The opera was just
wonderful Sunday —
and such perfect
seats! Thank you
again - just loads —
for inviting me.

Jean Madeira certainly
was marvelous, I
thought. For my part,
she "stole the show".

I certainly enjoyed
meeting your friend
Thelma. She seems
like a lovely person.

Today is such a
beastly windy day, &
I was so anxious to
get on with my
gardening, too. The
wind is ruining the
little plants already

set out. Sometimes
I wonder why I
bother.

I'll have to get
together for another
game of bridge
soon. Our last one
was such fun.

Thanks again for
your lovely gift of
the opera.

Sincerely,

Dorothy
[Smith]

Mrs. Harry Skypack
11483 Moorpark St.
North Hollywood, California

[Postmarked:
Jan. 5, 1960]

Dear Laura.

Thanks for your very
lovely xmas card and kind thoughts.
It was real nice hearing from
you.

Seems you are having
more than your share of heart-
aches, sorry to learn you are
all alone. I hope and pray
1960, will be the year which
will bring you real happiness,
no more broken fingers, etc.,
and God willing we may still
see each other again.

Take good care of yourself
and if you need me for anything
I'm still at your service.
Remember that.

Love Bess

and drove to Mrs. Lee's home in Connecticut, where we had lunch and met Gerfried. In the late afternoon we followed him to New York and to his lovely new apartment in Jackson Heights.

I won't relate what we did - I'll save that until I see you. I'm looking forward eagerly to going home at Easter. The weather should be good, since Easter comes so late.

I hope your finger is improving rapidly. Write when you have time. Thanks again for the records.

Love,

Lillian [See Bohm]

January 13, 1960
[Vestal, N.Y.]

Dear Laura Jane,

At the moment, I presume all your attention is concentrated upon the Anna Russell Concert. It is scheduled for next month, isn't it? I do hope that everything goes well and that the concert will be a great success. Will Miss Russell be your house-guest while she is in Little Falls? I shall be interested in hearing about her - whether she is as entertaining off-stage

as on.

We were all very much pleased that you chose phonograph records as a Christmas gift for us. Our record library grows very slowly, as records are a luxury in which we cannot indulge often. I hope you will not be offended when I tell you that we acted upon the suggestion contained in the note from the Doubleday Book Store which was enclosed with the records. Hans has no liking for

Wagner at all; and for the listening opportunities which we have something lighter and shorter seemed advisable. So while we were in New York between Christmas and New Year's, we took the opportunity to exchange the album for one of the music from the "Mikado" and selections from "Annie Get Your Gun".

Yes, we were in New York — the whole family, for three whole days and four nights. We left here the day after Christmas

MRS. WILLIAM SAMUEL SHAW
1319 NINTH STREET SOUTH
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

November 10, 1960.

Dear Friend Laura Jane:

Received your good letter the other day. Thanks so very much. Am sorry I could not get a ticket for the Mpls. Symphony concert Friday evening. Before, I have been able to buy tickets at any time, but not so last Friday. I called Mr. Lombard (he knows me) Mr. Sokoloff, and a few others, but could not get one. They told me they had 500 on the waiting list. I was so sorry I did not get to see you. My sister would have loved to have you come over have the concert too.

Thanks for your credentials. On account of National, I must know if you have a degree (and what it is) and if your grade average could be about "B". If you could tell me these two things, all will be quick sailing. I have to turn this in to the National Sorority. I used to be Natl. Vice President of it some years ago.

Do let me know as soon as possible, and if you have had the usual run of harmony, ear training, counterpoint, etc. I know you have or you could not do such excellent work in composition. Thanks again Laura and do write me. I want to put this through as soon as possible.

Most sincerely yours,

Hildur Shaw

You were kind - & very considerate -
to write about the opened note. Nothing
like that has occurred before as far
as I know. I had sent it sealed as
usual. Had it been forwarded to you
in New York? Has it a New York
& Boston stamp, plus a little falls
one? Rose thinks it could have been
opened by accident. However, the incident
warns everyone of cautiousness.
Would you be willing to send me
a copy of it if you still have it, or
the note itself for the sake of my
seeing it as it was?

I returned last evening at 10:30
from Chicago after having spoken

[Ruth Letterberg]

[Boston]

November 27, 1960

Dear Laura Jane,

You were kind to send us the
note of appreciation. We enjoyed the
New York visit also and were glad
to know the story of Mrs. Gardner
interested you. Sometime we shall
take you to see the Museum.

Yes, we also had a delightful
visit with Ruth & her name
is Elizabeth! Coincidentally unusual.

There at the National Council of Teachers
 & English Convention. It was a Golden
 Anniversary occasion, at which
 almost 5,000 attended. For me, the
 highlight was hearing Mark Van Doren,
 the poet, speak. The flight was interesting—
 by Turbo-Jet Electra. Only six boarded
 it in Boston. About six more at
 Buffalo—50, carried in a 100-passenger
 luxurious liner, we felt as if we had a
 chartered private plane. The Electras
 apparently are in disfavor with the public

Children and Birds — designed by Joan Miró of Spain and sold for the benefit
 of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund.

Since the 7 accidents. Of course, we left on

Enfants et oiseaux — composition de l'artiste espagnol Joan Miró — carte
 vendue au bénéfice du Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'Enfance.

Thanksgiving Day, a day few travel anyway.

Niños y pájaros — esta tarjeta es obra del artista español Juan Miró y se vende
 a beneficio del UNICEF, Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Infancia.

Hope you had a happy holiday. Rose sends her
 greetings.



Miró
 1951

Monday

Dear Laura Jane,

We were glad to hear
from you — and hope
you are having a very happy
rest in New York.

Our days are, oh, so
full of activity — Yesterday
we went to an international
Vesper service; tomorrow
I go to a tea & pour at
President & Mrs. Case's home;
Wednesday night we should

for you if we come down
for the day? We shall
love to have you come
to visit us — whatever
fits best in with your
plans.

Election speeches
grow more tense. We
need to relax a little
from our reading & listening.
We'll be hearing from you
love,
Ruth

So to see Oedipus Rex +
Oedipus at Colonus at the
University Theatre; Thursday
I have a Boston Y W C A
World Fellowship Committee
at the Y, + a luncheon
later with Mrs. Thurman; -
and at the end of the
week we see you for a
nice visit. Will you be
coming to see us here, or
did you plan to be our guest
Saturday for dinner in New York
if it is better

THE CHAPTER A Waltz F. O. B. A.



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[Boston]

[July 5 - 1960]

Dear Laura Jane,

The inclosed notes on the Macdonnell Colony give a brief insight into the aims of the Macdonnell family, of Mrs. Macdonnell particularly. I'll try to get more for you. These were among some of the papers Rose & I went through Saturday while discarding materials in a midsummer housecleaning — hence, they're a little crumpled but readable.

I hope you can visit the colony
sometime when you are in the East.

The inclosed clipping from the
Boston Traveler may also be of interest
to you in relation to the program
of Mrs. Russell. Apparently a Boston
agency or independent group has
booked her for January already.

As always we wish you a
truly happy summer. The
emblems of beauty in music +
poetry which you gave us reflect
the loveliness you always long to participate
in + share. We are grateful for these emblems.
Cordially, Ruth





Our whole family
is for Dick Nixon!



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We're still
working for
Nixon-Lodge. It
was great
see you.
Rosebush

Volunteers for Nixon-Lodge, Peter M. Flanigan, Dir., Box 7398,
Washington 4, D. C.

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Little Falls, Minnesota



MANAGER'S OFFICE

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September 19th, 1960

Miss Laura Jane Musser
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Miss Musser:

We wish to acknowledge your card with further reference to the reservation we are holding for your arrival October 10th. We have noted that you will be occupying the room alone, and consequently, have changed the rate to the single occupancy rate of \$16.00 per day. We also will extend the reservation to departure October 31st, and will see that the room is held for your arrival about 11:30 P.M.

Also, we acknowledge and thank you for your letter of September 17th requesting accommodations for Mr. and Mrs. ☒ John Simmette who will be with us the nights of October 10th, 11th and 12th. A double room with twin beds and bath will be held in their name at \$20.00 per day, and charges for this room will be billed to you in accordance with your instructions.

Cordially yours,

E. G. Schoenhardt
E. G. Schoenhardt
Manager

[*Simmette]



[Flushing, N.Y.]

Feb. 26th, 1960.

Dearest Laura Jane,

This has been a winter for sickness if there ever was one. One d—d thing on top of each other. Geoff is recovering from another "strep" throat. Actually he's not been too uncomfortable, due to penicillin; it's just this constant confinement with little ~~interruption~~ or diversion. I doubt if I've ever finished my Christmas letters!

Have thought of you so often and do so wish we could have been having the fun we'd planned so happily. The summer plans are indefinite, because we are anxious to settle on the "Shangri-la" we hope to find. Before we buy anyplace it would seem logical to rent first, to determine how well we like it, and to have time to look into all aspects, don't you agree? So I doubt

if we'll get to Minnesota again this summer. I'll tell you now that our movies we took last summer are reviewed over and over again, and your share in these are our favorites.

It's good to hear from you that you're so busy and active, and that your hand has recovered normal use.

Larry wrote that he may decide to work in New York next season and go to night school. At least he felt that way at the time he wrote! We had a nice weekend with him several weeks ago in Washington. He's happy to be independent.

Geoff's face changes with new teeth coming into place, actually grins, smiles whenever he grins.

When will we see you, Laura Jane? We all love you so much and feel so close to you. You are very dear to us, our little Laura Jane! and want you to be happy always.

Sherman is on the road most of the time.
Give our very best to Ed and Pauline.
Most lovingly,
Dorrie
(PIT LUCK)

Polkey



Mrs. Laura J. Messer
Linden Hill
Little Falls, Minn.



Thank You

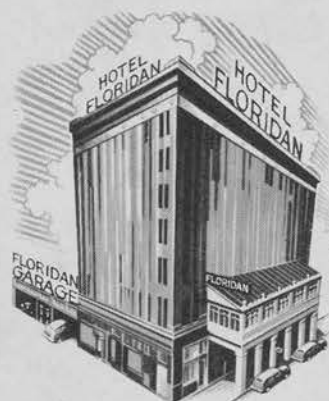
Dear Mrs. Musser,
Thank-you so much
for the gift. Now
I will smell so
sweet. Thank-you
again and hope
to see you soon.
Say hello to
everyone.

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nicest things
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May 6, 1960

Dear Miss Musser: - When I met you at the National Convention of the Federation of Music Clubs last April, I told you that I would tell you which were the best artists that we had in St Petersburg + which I thought you might like to present.

Gerard Souza, a French + very handsome tenor with a beautiful voice + interesting manners.

The Wagner Choral, a group of about 25 men + women that are the very best that I have ever heard.

a boy pianist 14 yrs of age Horin
Hollander was excellent.

I know nothing of which
agency they book with & what
their price is. You can find out with
whom they are booked by looking
under the various agencies in
Musical America & then write to
the agency.

I think you are doing a fine
job & I wish you the best success

Sincerely

Lydia Piipps

1124 Sheridan Drive
Danville Ill

P. S. I am on my way home & am
spending a few days in Jackson-
ville. I spent the entire winter in St
Pete except for a Caribbean
Cruise in January.

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Thank
You

[Postmarked: Saint Cloud, May 24, 1960]

Just a special word or two
Bringing grateful thanks to you!

It was so nice of you to
let us visit you last
Monday afternoon. In behalf
of the rest of the ladies I
wish to say it was enjoyed
very much & thank you.

Mrs. Archie Phillips