



Gratia A. Countryman and Family Papers.

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San Diego, Calif.
Jan. 6th '37.




My dear Grace Countryman,-


Do you recognize the portrait, or must you turn to my signature for an introduction? Ah, "The years are many the years are long", as the poet said-- and blonde hair has turned to gray and dimples to wrinkles-- but you are still you and I am still your devoted friend and admirer.

Clara Allen sent me the menu of your testimonial dinner, and today I received a clipping with pictures of yourself and the various dignitaries that graced the occasion-- so I could not longer postpone the letter which I have had in mind ever since hearing of your retirement. I want to say how very proud of you I am, adding the little

mite of praise to all you have received. Not an iota too much for your years of hard work and your wonderful accomplishment.

I have often compared the estate and rewards of the business woman and housewife respectively, and can never quite decide which is the more successful, or the happier, or the more to be envied. So very much depends! For myself, tho I have missed much that I should have enjoyed in intellectual fields, I feel well repaid by my good husband, children and grandchildren- the latter well fitted to carry on. And certainly you could ask for nothing better than all the honors that are yours.

I was disappointed not to attend the fiftieth anniversary of  1886 class last spring, but Elliott flatly refused to go and be an "aged spectacle", and I could not go alone- I mean I would not go without him. I think if the Websters had been able to attend, and Josephine King, perhaps we might have persuaded him.

 We both keep well, and Elliott still practicing, Phil Allen with him. I have studied Spanish ever since coming here in 1928; and also have enjoyed modelling off and on as a pastime. We have gone every summer to Portland where we still have property and where Rachel and her children live. Constance is in Social Service work and lives with us. David Litchard is studying for his M.A. in Univ. of Ore. and will make teaching his profession.

I am wondering if you will not want to come for a visit in the west now you are free. If you have been in Calif. you did not tell me! We think San Diego a veritable Paradise; Los Angeles is a big overgrown villiage, lacking the personality that this town has gained thru its long and interesting history. Polly Webster can tell you about it- and us. I hope she is coming again soon.

Elliott would join me in congratula-
tions and wishes for a very ^AHappy New Year"-
were he at home.

Ever devotedly your old schoolmate,

Ada Kiehl King

1215 E. 12th St. Harpport, Ia.,
Jan. 8, 1937.

My dear and honored Gracie,
I have been all curled up with
pride, University of Minnesota and
Delta Gamma pride, and happy
personally because you are my friend
ever since I received notices of your
retirement and the deserved tribute
to your notable service to city and
state.

I don't know what I would do
without Bessie Sevell to keep me
posted on news of friends and
events, she is so good to write and
send clippings.

I am sorry you should have to lay
down the work in which you delight
and for which you have so eminent
fitness; but I am glad you can
be relieved of the heavy burden
of responsibility and labor you
have borne so long and do hope
that you will relax and cope

about in your ^{1st} freedom and re-
new your youth. But if going to
California means attendance
on an invalid sister, I fear you
will still have care and responsi-
bility. My sincere good wishes for
you and Laura.

I am hindered in letter
writing and many other jobs be-
cause I have been in the grip of
grippe or flu or something for over
two months and while I fluctuate
between different phases or forms of
incapacity, I don't seem able so
far to shake myself free of the
"critter."

Things have piled up and
demanded time and strength
beyond my ability the past year.
I have kept home for my brother-
in-law since my sister's death
six years ago this month. He is
eighty-two and remarkable
for his age, still he is a care.

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A year ago last winter, he was struck by an automobile, foot broken and in cast three months. Last winter he had rheumatism for first time and both winters I had the furnace down two flights of stairs to run. Last of July we moved to this heated furnished apartment to get rid of that labor. The summer was awful and packing-moving + getting rid of much furniture was no easy job. I have been county president of M. E. for two years + have of course conventions, institutes, missions and workers on my hands. Then I teach a Bible class of dear women and try to attend and work in two missionary societies. The Harmonic Club allures me to attendance and so on.

My church, St. John's M. E. celebrated

the Centennial of Methodism in
Liverpool Nov. 22-29, I bring histo-
ry in chief. I speak much time
and strength digging out data, but
had to leave the putting together
of the booklet to a younger woman.

I had a wonderful week, wrothes
attendance, program, all fine
I went to most of the meetings, but
slumped woefully the next week.

I am trying to catch up on
several piles, letters bring me.

Mr. Smith and I went to his son's
for Christmas Eve as usual and
were brought back after midnight;
but we had dinner next day alone
the first time since Robt's marriage.
His wife's mother always had both fam-
ilies to dinner, but the dear lady
died last June. We were richly re-
membered with gifts.

On my seventy-seventh birthday (77
now) six men once in my bible class
in Decatur forty or fifty years ago
wrote me and sent draft for eighty-
four dollars. Work with boys is worth
while.

My love and prayers follow you.
With love yours.
Louise E. Holcher

Gratia Countryman To Head WPA Job

Gratia Countryman, Minneapolis librarian for more than 30 years, will head a new WPA project for indexing all local and state news contained in Minneapolis newspapers now on file in the Minneapolis public library, the state office of the WPA announced today. The project will provide work for 250. It will be operated under Carl Vitz, city librarian, and Genevieve MacDonald, reference librarian.

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

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TO WORKER

YOUR EMPLOYMENT
WILL BE TERMINATED
AS INDICATED, FOR
THE REASON EX-
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IDENTIFICATION NO.

89-63706

TIME EFFECTIVE

5:00 PM

DATE EFFECTIVE

7-31-41

ON PROJECT NO.

8540

Form 419-Resigned because of operation on eye.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

Gratia A. Countryman
3243 France Ave.,
Robbinsdale,
Minnesota

CASE NO.

N.R.

DATE ISSUED

7/29/41

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SIGNATURE OF PERSON ISSUING ORDER

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(DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT OFFICIAL)

TITLE

UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

APPLICANT'S IDENTIFICATION CARD

IDENTIFICATION No. 2789-63706

Notice to applicant.—Please show this card each time you come to the office.

NAME Gratia Alta CountrymanADDRESS 3243 France Ave. N. RobbinsdaleAGE 71 HEIGHT 5'1 WEIGHT 140CLASSIFICATION P. Librarian

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Notice to employers.—The applicant named hereon has not been referred by this office unless he presents also a card of introduction.

471-16-8646

Registration Date

8-18-38

No. _____ DISTRICT _____

IMPORTANT

Please notify the office if you change your telephone number or address. It is necessary for you to come into the office at such times as are specified by the office in order to obtain good service. We will get in touch with you just as soon as there is a suitable opening for you. If you find a steady job, please let us know immediately.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Esther A. Countryman

INTERVIEWER

Edith G. Cronan

KEEP THIS CARD—IT IS YOUR IDENTIFICATION

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY AND
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
EDWARD A. MOONEY, PRINCIPAL

January 28, 1937

My dear Miss Countryman:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Board of the Staff Association, the suggestion was made that there were many staff members who would enjoy having a picture of their former "Chief". It was therefore decided that if the plan was agreeable to you and you would give us permission to use your photograph, the Welfare Committee would adopt this as one of its undertakings. Miss Fanning tells us that there is a photographer available for this work, and we plan to sell the pictures for a nominal fee; the proceeds to be used toward payment of the movie. The photograph which we have especially liked is the one similar to the portrait in the staff room. Miss Todd assures us that if we tell you it is the "large one" she has at home you will know which one we mean.

We are always interested in the rumors which drift back to us of your activities and rather suspect that after cooking for a family of six the new edition of Library Ann may prove to be a welcome edition to your five foot shelf.

If we can believe the radio comedians, your California weather and our local brand must be very similar. I can personally vouch for the slippery conditions of the streets after having lost a battle with a piece of ice last Saturday. The outcome was a broken right wrist which means my work as well as my correspondence is being carried on by proxy.

You will have no reason to remember that on February first I shall celebrate my tenth anniversary, but I am sure that on that day you shall be in my mind and I shall be thankful then as I have always been that it was you who gave me my start.

With all best wishes for a healthful
and happy season

I am sincerely yours,

LOLITA L. NEWMAN

X my mark



1912

Women's Welfare League

1937





"Only a woman
knows a woman's need."



The
Annual Meeting
of the
Women's Welfare League
January Twenty-ninth
1937



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Mrs. C. B. Greenwood	-	-	-	-	1932-1936
Mrs. H. B. Tillotson	-	-	-	-	1936-1938

Concerning the Home for Convalescents

Mrs. Alex McCune, Chairman

From the following sources 99 patients have been received and cared for at the rest home:

The General, Eitel, Deaconess, Swedish and University Hospitals; Family Welfare Association, Community Health Service, State Board of Control and Volunteers of America. The majority of cases were placed in the Home by physicians and private individuals.

Sixty-six patients were not self-paying, but care for them was provided by some agency, church, or individual. Thirty-eight of this number were given 804 days' care on the Free Bed Fund of the League, which is made up of membership dues and money contributed by the Community Fund for free care.

Attractive rooms are furnished and maintained by Zuhrah's Ladies' Society, Bon Accord Chapter of Daughters of the British Empire, Women's Rotary Club and Utopian Club.

Gifts of many kinds attest to the interest of clubs and individuals and add much to the comfort and enjoyment of the patients in the Home. The League has made improvements to both house and grounds, from time to time, each improvement adding something to the beauty and comfort of the property.

Concerning the Club House for Girls

Mrs. L. H. Fawkes, Chairman

During 1936 the following agencies found the Club House a haven of security for their 395 collective charges; spending a total of 4,882 days in the Home.

Catholic Central Bureau
Children's Protective Society
Department of Public Relief
General Hospital
Hennepin County Child Welfare
Jewish Family Welfare Association
Probation Office
Sauk Center Home School
State Board of Control
Travelers' Aid
University Hospital
Woman's Bureau—Police Department

The Club House is located at 2437 Nicollet Avenue and provides room, board and supervised care for girls placed in the home. Additional furnishings provided by gifts and from the funds of the League have added to the comfort and attractiveness of the Club House. The girls are given as much training in housework, mending, and other simple tasks, as the length of their stay permits. The social workers are most appreciative for the service this house affords.

Relief

The word "relief" covers a good deal of territory when the relief is administered by Mrs. Blanche Jones of the Women's Bureau. The greater portion of the small sum given to Mrs. Jones by the League to be used according to her best judgment has been spent on car fare and lunches for witnesses brought into Municipal Court, as this Court does not pay witness fees.

Suitcase

Fifty-five articles of clothing have been given out by Mrs. J. Walker Smith, Chairman of the Suitcase Committee during 1936. The requests for help from this source have been greatly lessened in recent years, by the very generous giving of the Public Relief Department.

Legislative

Last year being non-legislative, there is nothing to report, but the present year promises some activity, judging from present indications. Mrs. John Elliott, Chairman of Legislation, will keep the League informed on measures pertaining to welfare for women and girls.

Treasurer's Report for 1936

Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1936.....\$ 108.43

Receipts:

Community Fund 4,336.00

Home for Convalescents:

Board	\$8,068.39	
Nursing care	229.70	
Interest on investment	1,823.34	
Rent	447.50	
Miscellaneous	8.65	12,961.15

Club House for Girls:

Board	\$2,223.87	
Miscellaneous	11.23	2,235.10

Office:

Miscellaneous	\$ 8.47	8.47

Total receipts\$17,405.58

Disbursements:

Home for Convalescents	\$9,948.92	
Club House for Girls	5,852.15	
Office	1,053.90	
		17,304.97

Bank and book balance Jan. 1, 1937.....\$ 100.61



There is a sort of virtuous selfishness in benevolence: for the more we live for the good of others, the more we really benefit ourselves."

City Library Association,
Springfield, Mass.

February 19, 1937.

Dear Miss Countryman,

I have learned, belatedly, from
The Library Journal of your
retirement, and I cannot
let the occasion pass without
offering my homage for all
that you have achieved in
Minneapolis and all that
you have done for the library
profession. May you enjoy
many years of happy and
profitable leisure!

So many friends and
contemporaries are dropping
from the ranks that I
feel like an old pine with
scarred branches standing
in a forest of flourishing
saplings! As the years pass
The ~~stronger~~^{stronger} I feel and cherish
the bond with those who
worked together so enthusiastically
when the library movement
was in its lusty youth.
I hope we shall continue

to meet at A. L. G. gatherings,
and when you come East
Mrs. Freeman and I shall
be delighted if you will
visit Springfield.

Sincerely yours,
Hunt Freeman.



On Valentine's Day

No fairy wand or Cupids fine
Go with this little valentine
But just a good greeting true
And hope that all is well with you
With wishes that your joy increase
And blessings for you never cease.

Minneapolis Public Library
Staff association

(Sent with big heart
box full of chocolates)
Feb 14 - 1937



Day

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MUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY
2230 MUNICIPAL BUILDING
NEW YORK CITY

February
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1937

Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Librarian
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Miss Countryman:

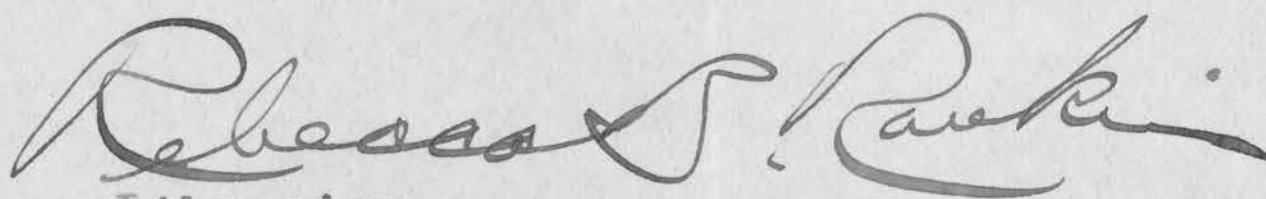
The LIBRARY JOURNAL brings me news of your retirement from active library service. I rejoice with you in that opportunity since you relinquish your work with a great deal of satisfaction. You are to be congratulated on your many successful years of efficient administration. You have received many honors which you well deserved and we have rejoiced in them for you.

Your library confreres will miss you in our conferences. Perhaps you will still meet with us as you did in the past. I hope we shall see you in New York next June.

In addition, I think the profession has been glad that as a woman, you brought particular honor to them. Too few women have advanced to the position of administrators. Therefore there is a note of sadness in the fact that your successor is not to be a woman. We could wish for that.

May your days after your 70th birthday be as happy as those before it! I wish you joy and satisfaction in your well earned retirement.

Sincerely yours,


Librarian

Rebecca B. Rankin
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MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

CARL VITZ - LIBRARIAN

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

April 1, 1937

My dear Miss Countryman,

The first letter on this stationery goes to you. Today has been a perfect day of welcome; a clear, sunshiny day, friendly greetings from all the staff; and as I write, bright red and bright yellow tulips also are bringing their sunshine here in the office.

This afternoon is the monthly April Board meeting so you see I am being very promptly inducted into the business of this Library. Yesterday noon I had luncheon with Mr. Palmer and today with Mr. Gale.

I realize more and more the tremendous amount of background information about staff, about organization, the book collection, and about the city that must be acquired before decisions can be made with any sureness, and before changes looking towards a continued growth of the Library can be made. I feel much encouraged, however, this morning because of the evident co-operation on all hands and the evidence on all sides that the work is thoroughly organized and effectively carried on while the new Librarian is learning what it's all about.

With all good wishes to yourself and to your sister, and looking forward to discussing the Minneapolis Public Library's past, present, and future with you on your return, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carl Vitz
Librarian

Miss Gratia A. Countryman

[JUNE 9, 1937]

Wm. M.
Miss

Dear Miss Countryman,

Since your retirement from the library it's been on my heart to write you a dozen times, but you know how it is, one waits for time to write a long letter and the time never comes.

But tonight I've just met the little slat in the Wilson Bulletin and I can't wait longer to say how happy I am for you that you are

How you retired from meetings as well as from the library, & may we hope to see you at an occasional A.L.A.?

Don't forget that when it's turning fresh and beginning to snow in Minnesota along about the middle of October we're just beginning a long lovely fall down in the Great Smokies, and that a trip down here would be a nice transition to California.

With affection and my very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Helen Harris

June 9-1937

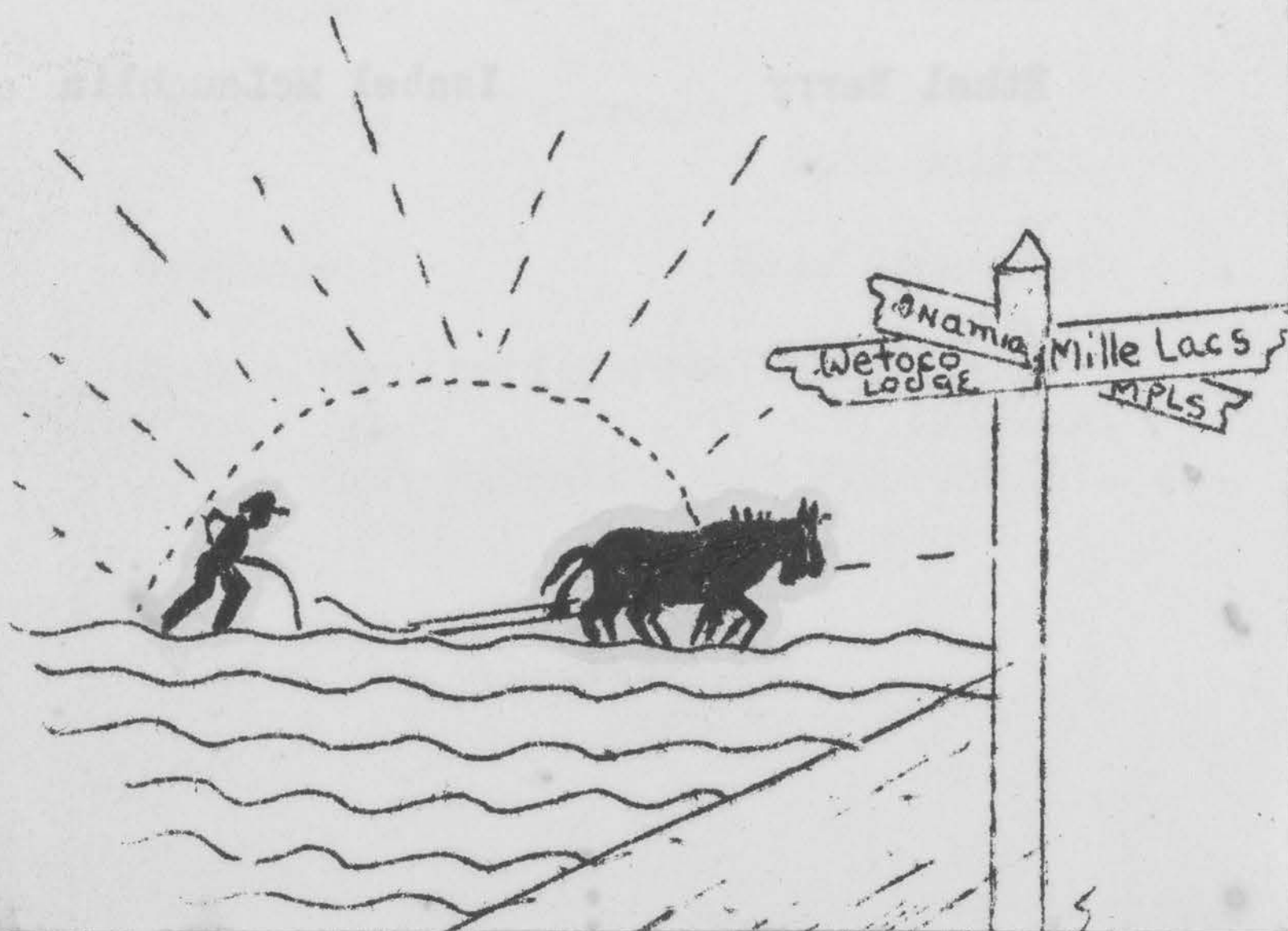
having some leisure to enjoy the things you have mailed for. I do hope this will be a good corn year in Minnesota for I remember that canning corn was one of your specialties!

I look back to my year with you in Minneapolis as a most propitious start in library work. In reading this notice tonight I realize how many of my ideals of service and standards for work can be traced to you, and how much I shall always be in your debt.



Birthday
Greetings
And
Congratulations

Dec 4
1937



Staff Association
Minneapolis Public Library

Past Presidents

Ruth Rosholt	Gunhild Oftedal
Adelaide Rood	Adra Fay
Augusta Starr	Glenn Lewis
Ethel Berry	Isabel McLaughlin

"Thursday's Child Has Far to Go"

- Program -

Mr. Vitz Presiding

Music

Miss Michalson and Mrs. Baillie

Greetings from the Staff Association
Miss Brunat, President

"Farmer in the Dell" Miss Starr

"Landsakes" Miss Rood

Adventures in Retirement
Miss Baldwin

Response Miss Countryman

Duet - "Meditation from Thais"
Massenet
Miss Michalson and Mrs. Baillie

Just What They Wanted

A Christmas Comedy

Characters

Gilbert Ash

Stanley Carlsen

Eva Ash

Marion Playman

Maud Ash

Anne Brinda

Bessie Eckles

Margaret McGuire

Jim Eckles

Robert Longfield

Direction

Susan Stuhr

Properties

Ruth Lohn

Stage management

Robert Longfield

WPA

Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 20, 1941

Miss Countryman:

The appointment to a civil service job as test checker makes it necessary to sever my most pleasant associations on this project.

It is only natural for me to express pleasure in your acquaintance, but I would like to add that I am an ardent admirer of your belief that conscientious work furthers personal development, which in turn raises the plane of our civilization to the level of our own ideals.

Many examples of your kindness have come to my knowledge and the radiance of your stability has tended to keep me far to the right of the line of demarcation between right and wrong, for which I am truly grateful. What I really want to say, Miss Countryman, is that you are a grand person and may your many kindnesses return to you a thousand fold to bring the blessings of having lived a superior life.

Sincerely,

A. G. Nobbs

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WORK PROJECTS
ADMINISTRATION

WPA Form 412
(Revised 8-31-39)

Employee's Identification Card

Feb. 7, 1940

(Date issued)

Gratia A. Countryman

(Name of employee)

2789-63706

(Identification No.)

Robbinsdale

(City)

Hennepin

(County)

5'1"

(Height)

145#

(Weight)

Female

(Sex)

Blue

(Color eyes)

73

(Age)

Brown

(Color hair)

Gratia A. Countryman

(Signature of employee)

(Issuing officer)

GPO 16-10957

RECLASSIFICATION SLIP

Employee's name Countryman, Gracie Alta
Address 3243 Franco Ave.
Robbinsdale, Minnesota

Identification No. 2789-83708

Case No. N. R.

Date 1-6-39

Sex Female Race White

Certified ☐ Noncertified ☒

Now working as Supt. Class E Wage class \$200.00 per month
On Project No. 6681 (Assigned occupation) at Trudeau School, 9th Ave. SE & 4th St.
(Address of project) (City or village) (County)

A change in occupation is recommended for the above-named person:

To Supt., Grade 7 Wage class \$200.00 per month
(Occupation recommended)

Explanation: In accordance with Administrative Bulletin #227-28

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TO WORKER

By [Signature] (Foreman or supervisor)
Approved by [Signature] (Supervisor WPA Employment Division)

Effective with pay-roll period beginning 1-6-39, 1939

This form is to be used ONLY for changes in occupational title. It is not to be used for transfers or reassignments

NOTICE TO REPORT FOR WORK ON PROJECT

Name CONTRIMAN, Charles A. Identification No. 2789-63706
Address 3217 Terrace Avenue Case No. N.B. Date 8/19/38
3336 Inglewood, Minnesota Sex Y Race Certified ☐ Noncertified ☐
Transfer—Yes ☐ No ☐ From Project No. to Project No. 6681
Additional information

You are asked to report ready for work at 8:30 ☐ A. M. ☐ P. M. on 8/22/38
(Hour) (Day of week and date)
at Public Library 10th and Hennepin with
(Exact place to report) (Equipment owned)
as Superintendent Class III On 6681
(Title of occupation) (Project number)
Wage class \$200.00 per month
Location of project 1424 Henn. Minn.
(City or village, State; street number, building or other exact location)

Signature of placement officer Wm. M. Burke

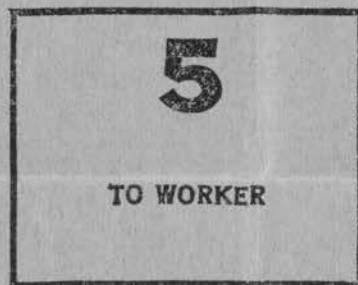
(Penalties are provided for illegal signature, transfer, or use of this form)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the person named above as employee:

Employee's signature

Date employee begins work

Foreman's signature



1938
DELTA GAMMA ANNUAL BANQUET
APRIL FIRST, NINETEEN THIRTY-EIGHT
AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB

TOAST PROGRAM

THIS PASSING SHOW

"Nothing is there to come and nothing past
But an eternal NOW does always last."

Toastmistress

Gratia A. Countryman

A Balanced Budget

Laura Henry

A Minimum Wage

Lovene Rairdon

Music

Dictators

Julia Mills Diehl

Consumers

Jean Heskitt

Music

The Youth Movement

Maris McQuarrie

Old Age Security

Matilda Campbell Wilkin

GROUP SINGING

LED BY THE ACTIVE CHAPTER

OMEGA TOAST

O Oh Delta Gamma, now we pledge,
Our loyal faith to thee.

Oh fairest maiden of the Greeks,
Each one among us seeks,
To reach the gold of fairest Lambda,
Shining from afar.

May she ere stay, by night by day,
Our own, our guiding star.

ANCHORED

I'm anchored in Delta Gamma,
As happy as I can be.

For I drifted far out o'er the bar,
On a sea of uncertainty.

But the harbor lights burning brightly,
The bells ringing pure and clear,

Came straight to me out over the sea,
And soon had dispelled all fear.

And now I am anchored in thee,
Delta Gamma, as happy as can be.

I love your girls so true,
And I love your colors too,

Your bronze and pink and blue,
Delta G.

And no matter where I may be,
On land or adrift on the sea,

My heart will turn to you,
I'll be loyal, fond and true,

To your bronze and pink and blue,
Delta G.

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

February 23, 1938.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman,
Public Library,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed biography of yourself has been prepared for our Current Series. Will you be so kind as to read it over for accuracy and return it to us with your corrections and additions. We should like very much to include a brief summary of the growth and development of the Minneapolis Public Library during your administration as its librarian.

No doubt you will recall that your biography was prepared for an earlier edition of this Cyclopedia but, as that article was not completed in time to be included in that issue, we have held it over for the present volume. This sketch is now being submitted to you in order that it may be up to date.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

George Derby
GEORGE DERBY
Managing Editor

GD pbc



Municipal Pension and Retirement Board

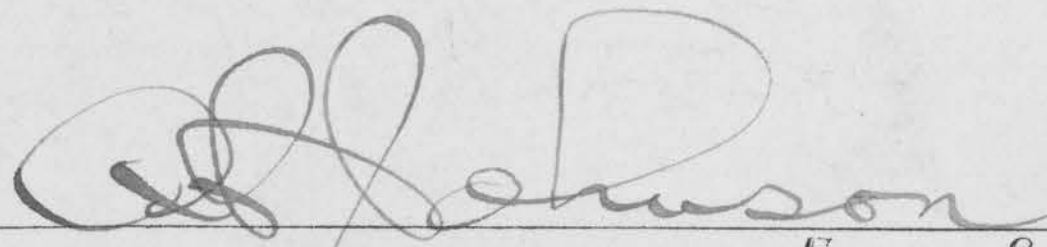
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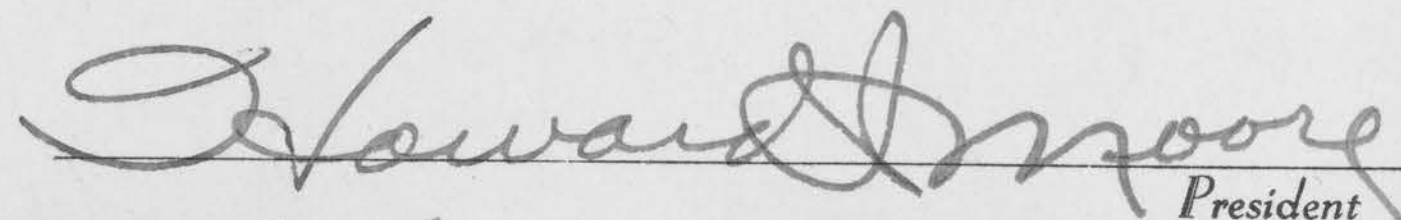
GRATIA A. COUNTRYMAN

having faithfully served the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as an employe and having complied with all the provisions of Chapter 522, Laws of 1919, as amended, was on the 29TH. of NOVEMBER 19 36 duly granted a retirement allowance for life in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned law.

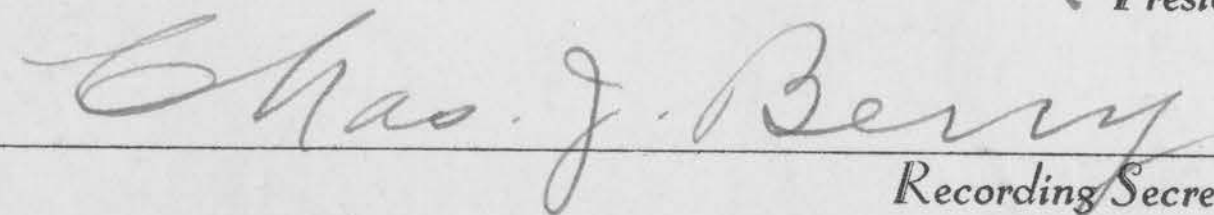
In Testimony Whereof The Members of the Municipal Pension and Retirement Board have caused this certificate to be signed by its President, its Recording Secretary and its Executive Secretary at Minneapolis, Minnesota, this 12TH. day of APRIL 19 38.



Executive Secretary



President



Recording Secretary

RETIREMENT PLAN

In accordance with the retirement plan selected by you on date of retirement you will receive \$162.00 a month during your lifetime under the Single Life plan.

At the time of your death: The pension will cease with no benefits payable to anyone.

Minnesota Library Association

Public Library
Duluth, Minnesota
April 16, 1938

Miss Gracia A. Countryman
3243 France Ave. North
Robbinsdale, Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman:

I know exactly how you feel about the legislative committee but I also knew that you would not let us down. I see no reason why you should not do this and still get away to a southern climate next winter, unless you were planning to go before Christmas. I think the important part of the work will be the educational part before the legislature meets, and if the plans are laid by that time, the other committee members can carry them out.

As to lobbying, your suggestion of Mrs. Harris is an excellent one and I believe she would be thrilled with the job. Miss Baldwin, of course, will help you out and so will Miss Penrose, and with Miss Jones or Mr. Vitz, or one or two others who will form your policy-making committee, you will have excellent help. Then, if you enlarge your committee to take in a great part of the State, I would suggest Miss Olson, Albert Lea; the librarian at Thief River, and a few other such energetic people. If Mr. Rosman, editor of the paper in Grand Rapids, and a member of Mrs. Bennett's Library Board, is sympathetic to the idea, he might also work for us. He has just completed a survey of industries in Minnesota and is tied up with Tax Payers Leagues, and Chambers of Commerce, and so would represent an element entirely different to that of Mrs. Harris' group. What about Gladys Ecklund of Chisholm? I think she is a good librarian and a very attractive person, but whether she could be very effective in her locality, I do not know. The Range Trustees must be approached and interested. I question whether my own Board will endorse the movement.

Mr. Zimmerman was anxious for this committee to start functioning in order to do some work for the federal bill. However, there was not time enough to get the committee organized between Mr. Vitz' report to us and action in Congress, if such is taken. Mr. Zimmerman has written to all librarians, I think, and I hope some have done something about it. We also had a communication from the A. L. A., and I have a promise of our Mr. Bernard's support.

I believe you will find Mr. Zimmerman full of good ideas and certainly willing to work. His name cannot appear on the legislative committee, nor should the names of Mr. Walter's staff, I suppose, but Mr. Zimmerman, I am sure, is ready to help in any way possible.

Miss Gracia A. Countryman

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I really feel quite conscious stricken in asking this of you, but as I told you before, you were mentioned almost in unison by the entire group. The only thing that I was afraid of was that you had taken on so many other activities that you could not do it. Now I hope you will not take on any more, but give us as much of your time as you can.

Will you let me know the names of such of these people as you want for committee members so that they can be published in the next issue of the Notes and News if possible. I think we need not wait for Miss Baldwin's acceptance. You can get in touch with local people by telephone probably easier than I can write to them, but if you want me to do anything more about it, let me know.

Yours very truly,

Jane Morey
Jane Morey,
President

JM:W

*The Juniors will get busy with a little
direction - Miss Thayer is chairman you
know - Mr. Stritman willing -*

*I've appointed Miss Bond chairman of a Radio
Committee to get us some general library
publicity now -*

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May 3-1938.

My dear Miss Countryman-

My husband and I were
very pleased to find this nice
editorial in today's San Antonio
paper and are much pleas-
-ed to pass it on to you.

We have had a wonderful
rest and vacation together
and Lolita has made mark-
-ed improvement. We are motör-
-ing and he is enjoying it
immensely. We shall turn our
faces north and home ward to-
-morrow. With esteem and very
kind greetings to you in which
Mr. Coffman joins me.

Sincerely
Mary F. Coffman
(Mrs. D. H.)

TUESDAY

SAN ANTONIO EVENING NEWS EDITORIAL PAGE

MAY 3, 1938



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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

May 9, 1938.



Miss Gratia A. Countryman,
3243 France Avenue, North,
Robbinsdale, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed please find galley proof of the biography of yourself prepared for the Current Series of this Cyclopedia. You kindly checked a typewritten copy of this article but we wish you would please pass on the final statements before publication and return this proof at your first opportunity.

Will you please send us a photograph of yourself to be reproduced with your life-story. It is not necessary to send us an original photograph as a glossy print will serve our purpose. However, it should be the best likeness available and, if possible, bust size, full face.

Assuring you that both the biography and portrait are to be included entirely at our own expense and that you will not be financially involved, and thanking you for your kind assistance, I am

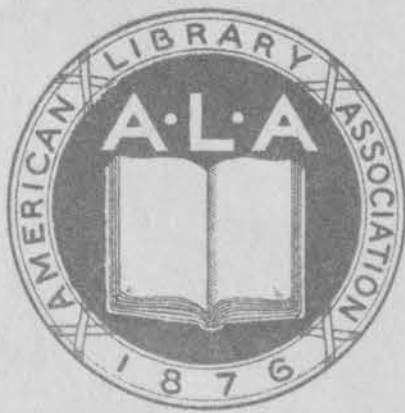
Very truly yours,

George Derby
GEORGE DERBY,
Managing Editor.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 520 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO

May 24, 1938.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
3243 France Avenue, North
Robbinsdale, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman:

Enclosed are two editorials which I think may interest you. I'm glad to see that my mother's name for you is in such good use. *(97) The Jane Adams & the Library Program*

Ever since Midwinter I have hoped to have a note from you saying that you would come down to see your son and that I would see you then. Now that I am really feeling better, won't you send me your son's address? I probably won't be able to see him for a while, as I will have to conserve my strength until after the Conference, but I shall hope to see him as soon as possible.

Our new address is 10 West Elm Street, Chicago, and my telephone, in case there is any chance of your using it, Delaware 4269.

Will you be at Kansas City? It would be such a joy to see you again.

Yours sincerely,

Beatrice Sawyer Rossell
Beatrice Sawyer Rossell
Editor of the Bulletin

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NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR 1939



WORLD'S FAIR, NEW YORK

September 9, 1938

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
3243 France Avenue North
Robbinsdale, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman:

Miss Walsh, Director of Women's Participation for the New York World's Fair 1939, tells me that she has not heard from you in answer to a letter sent out from her office last February regarding membership on the Minnesota Advisory Committee for Women's Participation in the World's Fair.

I hope very much that you are going to be able to serve on this committee which seems to promise so much fun and requires so little hard work. Unless I hear to the contrary I shall inform Miss Walsh that you have accepted the appointment and that we can count on your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Bernice B. Dalrymple

Mrs. John S. Dalrymple
President

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MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Public Library
Webster Groves, Mo.
September 20, 1938.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
3243 France Avenue, N.,
Robbinsville, Minnesota

My dear Miss Countryman:

The Missouri Library Association will hold its annual conference in Hannibal, Missouri, October 27th to 29th. I have been requested to invite you to make an address at the banquet Thursday evening, October 27th, in the Mark Twain Hotel.

We shall be pleased to have you discuss as you see fit, the subject of Federal aid and libraries. The time allotted to you will be about twenty-five to thirty minutes. Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick will act as toastmaster, and we are expecting Governor Stark of Missouri to be with us also, on this occasion.

We are not able to offer you an honorarium, but shall, of course, pay your expenses.

Mrs. Gertrude Drury, Chairman of our Citizens' Council for Missouri Libraries, learned that I am writing to you in this regard. She requested me to ask you to speak before her group also. This will be a luncheon meeting at noon on Friday, October 28th.

We hope very much, you will be able to accept these invitations, for we feel our Missouri librarians would receive a distinct benefit from hearing you.

I shall appreciate as early a reply as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Eleanor D. Manning
President

*Retired
2 years ago
but such interesting
deep coming*

MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Public Library
Webster Groves, Mo.
September 27, 1938.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman
Public Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Countryman:

About a week ago I wrote a letter to you and sent it to the address given in the last A. L. A. directory. I am wondering if you received it?

In case you did not, I will repeat my request to you. The Missouri Library Association is holding its annual conference in Hannibal, Missouri, October 27th-29th. The members of our Executive committee wish to extend to you an invitation to make the principal address at the opening meeting, a banquet, Thursday evening the 27th. We are giving a good deal of attention in our conference to the Library and Federal Aid. Mr. C. H. Compton is chairman of the Legislative committee for the Association. He has suggested to me that you might be willing to make that the subject of your address.

In addition, Mrs. Gertrude Drury, who is chairman of our Citizen's Council for Missouri has requested me to ask you to speak at a luncheon meeting of her group on noon Friday.

We are not able to offer you an honorarium, but shall, of course, pay your expenses.

I hope, sincerely, that you will be able to be with us in this conference. In the event you cannot, may I hear from you as soon as possible, so that provision can be made for another speaker?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Eleanor B. Manning

President

St. Mark's Church
Hennepin Avenue and Oak Grove Street
Minneapolis, Minn.

September 30, 1938

Miss Gratia Countryman
3243 France Ave. No.
Robbinsdale, Minn.

My dear Miss Countryman:

I have always enjoyed the thrill of pulling out the throttle early in the fall and feeling my train of responsibility move forward. Since we have established our Conference of Jews and Christians, I am taking particular interest in the prospect of our association on various occasions during the months to come.

I want particularly to introduce you, along with Mrs. Brin and Mrs. Ryan, to the Fortnightly Club, a group of 30 to 40 women, meeting every other Tuesday evening at St. Mark's.

They have requested me to invite you to come on Tuesday, January 10th, 1939, and conduct a panel discussion similar to that of the Conference teams including a priest, a rabbi, and a minister. I hope you can accept.

With warmest regards, believe me,

Cordially yours,



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ERNEST C. OBERHOLTZER
President
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Miss Gratia A. Countryman,
3243 France Avenue,
Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Countryman:

It was very gracious and kind
of you to preside at the luncheon meeting
of the Quetico-Superior Council the other
day. I don't know anyone else who has
given the same amount of service to the
city and who could at the same time perform
our own task so gracefully.

Thank you for the help and for
your sympathetic interest and best fortune
till I see you again!

Sincerely yours,

Ernest C. Oberholtzer

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October 4, 1938

ERNEST C. OBERHOLTZER
President

J. G. BYAM, *Treasurer*

Miss Gratia A. Countryman,
3243 France Avenue,
Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Countryman:

Your gift of \$30.00 to the Quetico-Superior Council is most sincerely appreciated. It wasn't at all necessary, Miss Countryman, for your help to us in organizing the luncheon, in signing the invitations and in presiding at the luncheon was worth more than money to us.

I am sure you share my feeling, which I have heard expressed by many others, that the luncheon was a very distinct success.

We are most grateful to you for your interest and your help.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick S. Winston

Frederick S. Winston,
Chairman, Executive Comm.,
Quetico-Superior Council.

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