



4338 Enright Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.,
October 31, 1923.

My dear Louise,

I am feeling quite New York-ish tonight--writing you and Eddie Coates. You and Eddie are the gold-star members of the gang right now, being the only ones I have heard from for quite a long time. Had a lettdr from Aeolian while I was in Chicago, but nothing since.

I met Roberta's husband while I was in Chicago--Grace Carter's old fiance. Everyone seems to think she has an ideal husband. I have had many friends to marry this year and I do hope they are all happy always.

I am not so sure about the Louisville males thinking me clever--oh, I don't doubt you, but you know how those creatures are. I have really hibernated since September first and whatever cleverness I had is quite dull now. But speaking of cleverness I am reminded of that terribly funny tale you told about E. Harris' call on you in New York, and I want to tell you one confidentially. 'Cause I would not have Everett know how funny I think he is. Now Hazel and I were disappointed in getting some one to drive us from Chicago to St. Louis. Dick Jones offered to drive us as far as Danville and Everett was invited to go that far and be company back to Chi with Dick. Six o'clock in the morning the trip was begun, and when we called for E.H. he emerged from the house quite sleepy, and apparently only half awake-but- carrying his already famous cane and with goatee carefully arranged. Before we were hardly out of town E began to ask for ~~his~~ his breakfast, but most ridiculous was his request for tea, and as we passed thru each little town his constant question was, would we not stop and see if some hot tea was not available. Thru some mismanagement we were out of gasoline at an inopportune time and E. and Dick went to a nearby farm house to get five gallons. Imagine the picture of E. returning, with one hand doing his share with the gasoline load --and--in the other the cane well poised. Never was he conscious of the irrelevancy of the cane. Well, anyway Hazel and I laughed most as much as when you told your story.

I guess you are looking forward to a great time when the Kappas are there Christmas. We will look the Omegas over at the same time. I'll be glad when something happens to wake the old town up again. I am not raving about dogs, parrots, or potatoes just now. 'Deed I am so tired when I get home from the office that I just sort of drag along. Oh, I guess if I have a hobby now it is for getting fat. I drink milk every day--and weigh almost that often and am now getting disgusted because I seem to gain only five pounds.

If your father remembers my mother he will remember her as Carrie Mason. It was, of course, a long time ago that he taught her; too, pupils always remember teachers rather than vice versa.

See the scandal in the New York Age about Naomi's husband? Newspaper gossip I guess. Can you imagine how I feel not having had a line from our friend Cuffee? Ha!

I have to tell everybody that this machine that I am using is a very clever little Remington portable. While it is new I think it fun to get my personal letters out on it. Saving on the readers too if they don't object to a typewritten letter.

Give my best greetings to my Louisville friends.

Sincerely always,

Glad.



been up here. Marie and
Katie are teaching at Clapham.
D. U. has a fine team
this year, eh? Good!

I spent Thanksgiving Day
in Columbus. I like that
city very much. Mr. + Mrs.

Gibson are there. Loung
says he expects to visit
Louisville - and you - after
Christmas. I was hopeful of
spending Christmas in Chicago.
But don't think that I will.

Now write again soon.
Heard from Marion Henry yesterday.
Lovingly, Margaret.

248 Belmont Ave.
Youngstown, Ohio.
Dec. 5, 1923

Dear Louise:

Ever since I received
your letter, I've been
trying to answer it. I
was certainly sorry to hear
about the death of your
Grandmother.

Are you teaching?
No doubt it keeps you

and Will. But I must
work since I'm helping
my sister through school.

How are the girls? Married
on us, eh? Well. Maybe
we will too, some time, eh?
I'm not too anxious but
I think I want to.

I told you that Marcia
and Bert were up to see me
this summer? She was in
Phila. for Thanksgiving. I've
seen, Greenwood, Hal Hunt,
Eugene Hubble and several
home folks since I've

been busy. I wish that I were
back in it. I thoroughly
enjoyed my work last
year and as soon as
I can find something
else to do I am going
to leave here. I do not
like it at all. So - if you
know or hear of any
positions open, please
recommend one and let
me know. I can leave
here at any time of year

1522 N. McCulloch St
Monday. [1923?]

My dear Louise:

I am writing everyone
I owe a letter today. We are
still having it very warm.

I wrote Wesley and gave him
your N. Y. address. He said
he had been to see Preston.
Margery is in bed. We had

To call in the Dr. for her.
She is better now. The folks at
1528 are as lazy as ever.

"Marg" likes Vermont pretty well but
she don't like the cats. Aunt
Julia still washes the dishes. She
sees as low. The Laussey gang is
fine. I hope you will have an
splendid summer.
Love
Aunt Minnie

Lat Love

1582 a Pacific St
Brooklyn N.Y.
Feb 17-'23

Dear Louise:-

Appreciated your letter
& the only way to let you know, is to
say so - Be a comfort to your mother
always, for she loves you, as no one
else can or will - Now to scribble you
what news I can - Glad you write me to-
day - I hear once a week - Earl hears ^{every}
day or so - Guess they are still very
much in love, eh? She is quite
content in her new surroundings
"Cousin Al" speaks of going out on
Washington's birthday - If the ^{weather}
gets better - it has been at freezing

Temperature since Thursday & over over fire-side
feel so inviting - was out to see Sol two ^{weeks}
before & were called South - Haven't seen them
since. he is teaching by day, post office by night
He calls up every week & the baby picture came
last week & he is a whopper for four months
Looks larger than our baby. Grace wrote me
when she left, & when I returned New Years week
~~received~~ received one from she & Muriel in the
same mail. nice letters of sympathy - They
hear from her weekly in the house - her ^{brother}
tells me she was made ill by the fire in the
dormitory - excitement, I guess.

Will be glad to see you again
this summer - maybe I will see more of you

Vashti Proctor is in Fisk this year
No one home but Roy & he is attending N.Y.
University - Muriel was home Xmas. we had
planned some jolly times - but sorrow came to
me, I left on the 15th & did not see her.

Love to the home-folks & Cousin Al asks to
be remembered to all

with love

Cousin Ida

they say "Day by day, in every
way, I grow more ^{and} more
like her." (Apologies to Louie)

Well, I must close now.

Regards to all.

Sincerely

Josephine

1701 Druid Hill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.,

Jan. 16, 1923

Dear Louise: (in L)

This is rather late
coming to thank you but
better late than never.
I appreciated the hand-
kerchief so much because
it was so badly needed.
The children have thrown
away ever so many for
me.

2.

This leaves everybody very well - considering the cold weather and coal shortage. Aunt Julia was ailing during the holidays but is quite herself again, now.

Donald, I'm glad to say, is doing so well in school. It has never occurred to him that there is anything in store for him except promotion. He says "I do my work. Why shouldn't I pass?"

Florence & Mamma are still the family butterflies. It remains for them to hold up the family socially. By the way B. Price Hurst has a son. If he doesn't have any more sense than his paternal grandmother he is doomed.

How is Aunt Belle your mother & father? Tell Aunt Belle that

Louisville, Ky.

October 8, 1923

My dear Miss Matthews:

As the time approaches for our fall initiation we are wondering as to your decision concerning membership in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. It was your expressed desire, we recall, to have your initiation postponed till this time.

We will be very

glad to hear from
you, as to your
initiation and pin
which we have in
keeping for you.

Sincerely yours,

Xsi Chapter

Delta Sigma Theta

per Nannie G. Board

Secretary

Since my return I have been quite busy trying to get things in running order again. My mother is still in Jamestown, but she will be coming back soon now. About two more weeks and I presume I shall have her with me again. It is lonely here without her as I am alone.

I also received and appreciated your other letter though I was greatly disappointed at the reaction which you took to my proposal. However, I may have been hoping for more than for which I was justified. Please remember me kindly to your father and mother. Hoping that I may hear from you again, I am your friend, Paul.

625 E. Vine Ave.,
Knoxville, Tenn.,
Sept. 23, 1923.

Dear Miss Matthews:

Your letter was awaiting my return; I was very glad indeed to hear from you. I regretted, however, to learn of the sudden death of your grandmother. I had no idea that she would be called away so soon when I visited your home. I assure you that you have my deepest sympathy in your loss of her.

And so you did not get to attend Columbia this summer after all. When I came through New York I presumed that your school had closed and that you were back home again. I had quite a pleasant vacation. I spent about a week in Chicago; a few days in Amherst, Mass.; about two weeks in Jamestown, Rhode Island, where my mother and two sisters are; and a very short while in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington. I went away on the 1st of August and returned on the 31st. I immediately upon my arrival I was called to officiate at a funeral service. A lady who had been a member of our church years ago died and her body was brought from Washington on the same train on which I returned.

Paul Johns,
625 E. Vine Ave.,
Knoxville, Tenn

Sept 23, 1923

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville,
Kentucky.

Columbia University
in the City of New York

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

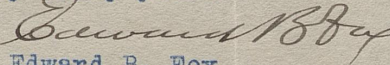
August 15, 1923

Miss Florida Louise Matthews
2121 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Madam

I am very sorry indeed to hear about your trouble and to learn that you had to withdraw from our Summer Session. If you will let me know the exact date of your withdrawal, I will see what I can do to arrange for a refund of your fees.

Very truly yours



Edward B. Fox
Assistant Registrar

K

188 W. 135th St.
New York City
August 14, 1923

Dear Louise:

I was very sorry to hear of the death of your grandmother. I have never known the love of one but seeing and knowing yours has made

me realize what it must
mean to have and
lose her.

I do hope you and
your mother, as well
as your Father, are well.

I shall be seeing you
soon. My best wishes.

Lovingly yours
Mam

Hope I have the correct address
You will note there is a
change in mine. I saw
Helen White and Luce at a
distance when I was in
Belanta.

- Bee -

517 E. Henry St.,
Savannah Ga.
May 17, 1923.

My dear Louise:

As I was thinking over
my trip of last summer and trying
to plan something for this summer
I recalled how happy I was made when
I met you at the "Dance". Do you recall?
What are your plans? I wish you
would come the last of July or in
Aug. and spend some time with
me - How about it?

Well, since I saw
you last I have lost a brother. The
one I visited in N. Y. last summer,
and it has been one sad year

mother she is much better than
you. Remember me kindly to
her and tell her I thought of
her last Sunday - mother's day.

Where are "Bill Mace" and
Sheppard - we have a few changes
here in Ga. Louis Callen and Marquette
Massey are married, also Willie
Williams.

I shall look for a letter
before the 1st of June on the 15th
I am to go to Albany, Ga for a month
I would like to have a talk with you.

Be sweet and write an old
friend - with kindest thoughts

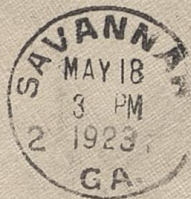
Yours
Beatrice Holmes

for me. I went to Atlanta for a
few days to have a change. You can
imagine my stay was pleasant.

Savannah has had a few
dances - nice ones, but I could not
go - You know I am now in school every
second I look ^{up} to see if my "Boss" is
coming but something tells me to hurry.

My mother is in Atlanta for
a few days on her vacation - I am cook,
housekeeper, mother and teacher some
big jobs you bet.

Tell me all about your
work and yourself. I would love to
hear from you, but I guess to get
a letter I had better write you



Miss Louise Matthews
2121 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.

517 E. Henry St.
Savannah Ga.

EXAMINATION FOR SERVICE
IN THE
LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The examination for admission to the Apprentice Class preparing for service in the Colored Department of the Louisville Free Public Library will be held Friday, June 15, 1923 at 9 a.m. at the Western Colored Branch Library, Tenth and Chestnut Streets.

The first essential for entrance to library service is a complete four years' high school course or its equivalent. It is necessary to pass the examination, enter the apprentice class and complete the course. The course will cover a period of six months.

The members of the Apprentice Class who successfully complete the required work and pass the final examinations satisfactorily are placed on the eligible list for positions in the library to receive appointments as vacancies occur.

Application to enter this examination must be made in person to the Librarian at the Main library before Thursday, June 14.

Geo. T. Settle

Librarian

18 May 1923

scalps have you added to
your belt? How many love
stories have you — ?

Now that you have answered
all my questions I will
turn to my Odyssey. I have
been going to lots of plays,
concerts etc. Saw three french
plays given by the Comedie Francaise.
There hasn't been much doing
socially, at least not for
me. I went quite a bit
during the Xmas holidays.
I am going to take "Precious" to
a nice dance Friday night.
I have been reading a great
deal this year. When you
answer my letter next Sunday

56 Atlantic St
Jersey City N.J.
April 8, 1923

Dear Louise;

Let me tell you a faery
taylor. Once upon a time
there was a lovely young
brave, a quite goodly fellow
who yearned for a little
playmate. Since he was
a goodly young fellow
his faery grandmire promised
that his wish would come
true. True enough in due
time from the land of

had so cruelly taken his faery
princes away. But now
the warm zepher frolic and
he would play again.
Will the faery princess come
again ???

Hells Louise, what do
you know? pardon my
English, my French is worse.
Did you enjoy the Thanksgiving
Christmas, New Years, Lincoln's
and George Washington's birth
day, St Patricks day and
Easter holidays? Have you
been a good girl? Did you
sweep lent? Did you enjoy the
Easter parade? How many

Green Rivers emerged his
faery princess. Great was
his joy. Much he did romp
to baseball games and Museum
At times when the dusk at
eve had spread her wings
didst he buss ride with her.
But unfortunately when the
cool breezes began to blow
his faery princess up and hid
herself back to the land of
Green Rivers. Great was the
lad's sorry, so great indeed
that he off and hid himself
from the cool breezes that

51

suppose you tell me what
you have - . Maybe our
tastes are similar. I haven't
read anything much in
French. Let me see I think
Camille, Vingtt Ans apres, (Dumas)
and La Bas (Huysman) are
about all. You see I don't
know the stuff well enough
so naturally I turn to easier
channels. La Bas was quite
interesting. Huysman is a
rather abstruse stylist.
At times I doubt his sincerity.
He is also rather naughty.
This is not a recommendation

6

young lady. There is a new
french novel called La
Garçonne which I want
to read. Enough of french
for the present. When I write
again I will try to write in
french. I will tell you
about the English novels
then or anything else
you want to know. The
next thing I do now I
think, will be to jump into
bed.

So-Long
Ed.

assistant went to the lab which is on the ground floor and saved a number of microscopes but most of the lab went up. The Sewing, Cooking, Auto-mechanics, Carpentry, Physics, Chemistry, Millenium, Mechanical drawing, Agriculture and Biology Departments are hunting new homes. I have a room and a few microscopes and books left. I suppose I will have to finish out this term with them.

We have our own heating and lighting system. It was in on amix and was put out of commission by

Institute W. Va.
March 19 '23

Dear Son:-

I now have something to write about. This is such a quiet little place that there is little excitement. Even in Charleston we very seldom run across anything out of the ordinary. At last we have been aroused from our daily routine and have become a front page feature. We have had a fire. Last Saturday I was called to Charleston to referee a basketball game between Charleston and Parkersburg High Schools. I took

George along. We performed our duty in a game which Charleston won twenty to fifteen. Having done this we returned to the Hotel and retired and after a good night's rest caught a trolley and returned to the Institute. When we were being ferried over the river the ferryman asked us if we had heard about the fire. "We had not" The Trade Building had burned down. We climbed the banks and looked. There laid the A. B. White's Trade Building, Department of Biology and all in ashes. It

was a grand and glorious sight. The fire started in the center of the building and soon burned to the ground. The watchman did not see the fire on his three A.M. round. He was about four blocks away when he happened to turn around and saw flames shooting out of the top of the building. He gave the alarm and the men turned out but there was little fire fighting apparatus so they could do little. The wing happened to shift or two other buildings would have gone. My

ΑΦΑ

IOTA LAMBDA CHAPTER

Duquoin, Ind.
March 15th, 1923.

My dear Louise: Just a line or so to let you know that I am thinking of you amid the great storm of festivities and functions that are being in Duquoin this week. No doubt you know that "Shuffle Along," the wonder colored production, is playing here. Not ~~the~~ reproduction of the original that played in London - it was hit the original by and with Miller & Segler, Kisse and Blake.

It made good right off the reel, the first night. And the theatre has been crowded to its capacity every night. Enough of this.

Well Louise by some hook & crook I was lucky enough to pass in everything with a

Lincoln Pidge

1923.

Ky.

My Dear Louise-

Of course you
have said many a time that
we had forsaken you but no
such a thing we have had
so much trouble. My I was
first taken sick. Then Laura
was very ill had Dr Wheeler for
her we were worried about her
and after that I was taken at
first the Dr's thought it was
cold & I suffered so. Couldn't
get any relief & at last I went
to a brain specialist & he
found I was having
spasms of the brain I tell you
I suffered some. I feel better
now. Of course I have to be a
little careful. Irene is not
out here any more she tells
everyone that she is married
her mother talks of putting her
in a reform school. You remember
me showing you my pink blouse
well. she was sick & went to
the Dr's & that went too. she
stayed 2 wks & that stayed
too & when it came home

It was so dirty. I was through
 then. I haven't seen or heard
 of your mother for a long time
 she has forsaken me. I am so
 glad that you like Covington.
 Mr Cordery told me to tell you
 that he is somebody the last
 Sunday that he went to Simpson
 ville church they gave him a
 rising vote of thanks for coming
 up & oh puffed him up about
 being so much help to them so
 his head has out grown his
 hat. Geo J & Laura are as cute
 as ever. Geo J shows everyone's
~~Soules~~ Louise's picture. We
 have 84 girls some Vamps &
 some the opposite. I am looking
 for you Xmas, please excuse
 this note and my long delay
 & write me soon. Maude is
 in Nashville I haven't written
 her yet & she wrote me twice
 Mr Cordery & the kids
 send love.

Dora, W. C.

We lost your address in our sick and troublesome
 times so am asking Mr. Penman to deliver this for us.
 Hope you will pardon us.

D. W. C.

Wed. P. M.,

9-19-'23.

My dear Louise,

Received your letter
and was so glad to hear from
you.

It is about eleven
o'clock now and India and I
have just finished a game
of five hundred. We have
gone five hundred crazy
since you left.

I've planned writing
you every day to tell you
how much I appreciated
your remembrance of Mamma's
birthday.

Grace is in Durban.
She likes it fine. India

(4)
began school yesterday. The
Baby, Mrs. Nash and I are
still here. Little Earl gets
worse daily, I don't know
what his Daddy and I will
do with him.

Tell Aunt Ophelia I'm
going to write her soon but
I'm so lazy about writing.

Don't know any news
Love to all.

Lovingly,

Ophelia.

438 N. Ashby
Atlanta

9/9/23

Miss D. Louise Matthews,
212 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville,
Ky

too. Very nice ⁴³ looking. I heard
from her and she's received
a wonderful engagement ring
from him. How is everything
at home? How is school?
Everything is always lively
here. Homer and I are going
down in the loop to a show
tonight. Did you see my picture
in the Whip? It's been a good
while ago now. Will send you
a pudding picture real soon.
I think they are going to be real
good. Love to your mother & father
Now Louise. I want you to write
me real soon. Lots of love for you.
Homer sends regards.
Yours But.

4839 - Calumet Ave.
Chicago Illinois
Nov. 22 - 1923.

My dearest Louise :-
I've been
here two whole months and
a little over. but every minute
of my time has been occupied.
Every night we've been invited
some where and I've been
kept busy otherwise getting
my apartment all straight.
It's pretty straight but still
lots to be done. I wish you
could see it. I know you would
like it. It's on the first floor
and that makes it seem more
like a house. It's really a pretty
place nice and roomy too.
My furniture is very pretty.

a Victrola. Later on we are going to get a Grand Piano. Married life is wonderful Louise at least I think it is. I guess its because I have a wonderful husband. I like his folks so much they live about six blocks from me. Mother Lewis came over yesterday and stayed a long while. She is so motherly and nice to me and his father is just as nice as he can be. You know we had our wedding Breakfast there. Ferris my new sister is to marry in the Spring. A real dandy fellow

Home had it all picked and everything before I came. He certainly has nice taste. Its just what I like. Our bed room suit is beautiful four piece. You'll just have to come up sometime and see it all.

Louise I want you to promise me that from now on we are going to really correspond with each other.

Home and I are just as happy with each other as we can be. He is just as sweet and thoughtful of me as he can be. We are still sweet-hearts and will always be.

I didn't tell you we had

148 Howell St.

Atlanta Ga.

August 19/23.

My dear Louisa:-

Suppose I should say better late than never, yet I was disappointed not to receive the letter from Knoxville, nor earlier from Louisville; Any way I enjoyed your letter and hope that we are such good friends that I will continue enjoying them at least weekly.

Please believe me

Louisa when I say I
enjoyed few minutes
spent with you and
that the impression
you have made cuts
deeply on my heart
strings; really too bad
that you were forced
to leave so quickly.

Atlanta has been
dead from heel up but
promises a little ex-
citement for this week
a fraternity dance (Omega)
and a dance by the
Joy men's club.

My days are limited
here, as I expect to

return to Pittsburgh
about the middle of
September. Would you
object to my stopping
off in Louisville for
a day or two to see
you? P

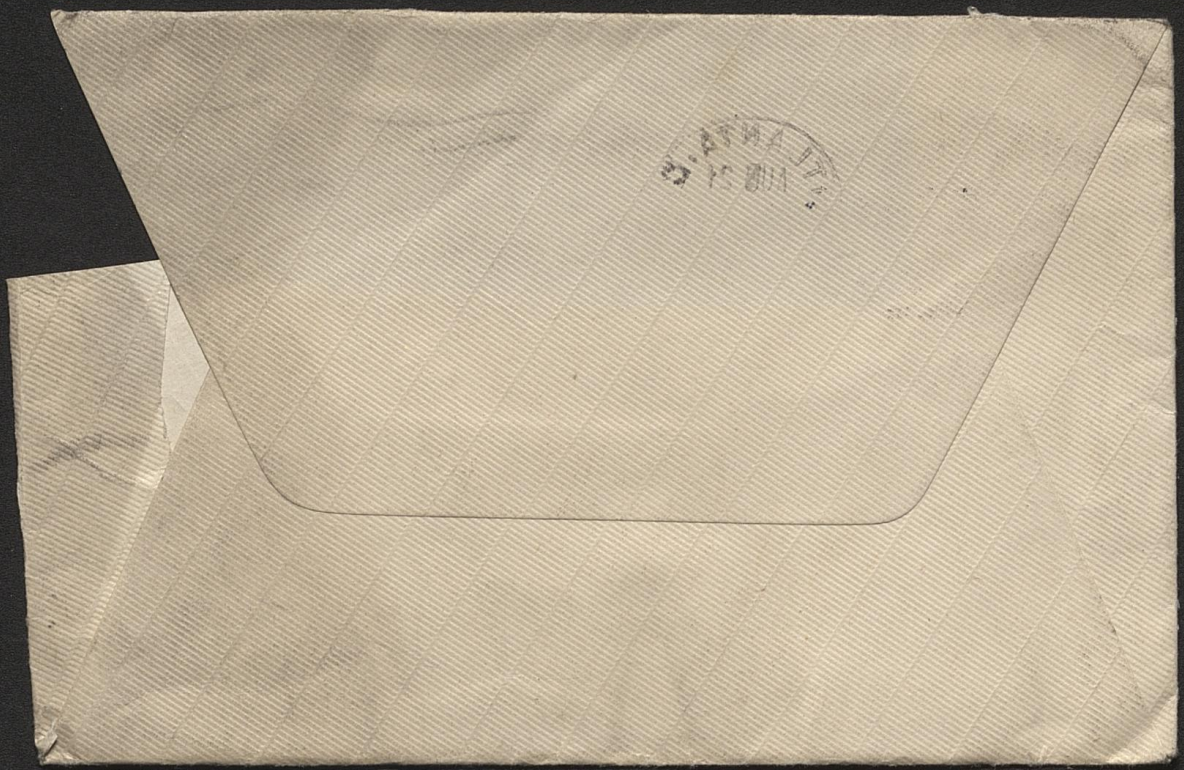
Have 'nt seen Marcia
for two years - had
planned to motor to
N.Y.C. the last of this
month, but the trip is
off now.

Regards to your Mother
and Dad. Please write
me.

Sincerely
Herb

Aug 19,
1923

Miss. Louise Matthews,
2121 West Chestnut,
Louisville,
Ky.



you there.

I am not quite satisfied with Pittsburgh after spending the summer in Atlanta, there is no place like home.

Suppose you keep quite busy teaching your young students.

Give my love to your Mother and Dad and please write me real, real soon.

Sincerely

Best.

2027. Euclid Green
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Oct. 5, 1923.

My dear Louise:-

Hope that you haven't forgotten that I was in the land of the living because of my delay in answering your letter, but your letter reached me just at the time I was preparing to return to Pittsburgh, was quite busy getting things together for my departure and since my arrival here have been on the go every

minute, school work and getting ac-
quainted with my new work, for-
give me for taking so long to
answer and I won't let it hap-
pen again.

Met Hugh Wimbish in Cincinnati
and we had two days together
also so quite a few people there
who spoke of you and of your
visit to Cincinnati. Spent two
days in Youngstown Ohio with
Margaret Moore and Marcia,
Margaret is in Y. W. C. A. work
there and Marcia was visiting
her! Told them of your short
stay in Atlanta.

Regret that I won't be in
Atlanta when you go down
for Eloise's wedding - but know
you will have a wonderful
time. Hope you decide to
go from Atlanta to the
game at Phila. as I may
have the opportunity of seeing

L. B. Hamilton
2027. Euclid St.
Pittsburgh Pa.

Oct 5, 23

Miss. Louise Matthews
2121 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville
Ky.

D. B. MEACHAM, PRESIDENT

W. W. FREEMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN H. MILLER, TREASURER

HARRY W. HUTCHINS, SECRETARY

NINTH STREET BRANCH
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
BUILDERS OF MANHOOD
636 WEST NINTH STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO

B. W. OVERTON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

W. T. NELSON, CHR. COM. MGMT

7/2/23
Dear Miss Mather
Your message at once. Yes
the old master is feeling a bit up.
and fit as a fiddle. Your letter
was very interesting and chock full
of news.
My own boys were defeated, but your
cock at the 2 is so small and heavy
to play in Indianapolis the next day they
just let it go.
When they come here I am sure
they will make amends for the defeat.
On the 23rd of the month a really
ball team from C. M. Y. will be
down to play you professional men.
It is probable your humble servant
will be in the party of 7

D. B. MEACHAM, PRESIDENT

W. W. FREEMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN H. MILLER, TREASURER

HARRY W. HUTCHINS, SECRETARY

NINTH STREET BRANCH
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
BUILDERS OF MANHOOD
636 WEST NINTH STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO

B. W. OVERTON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

W. T. NELSON, CHR. COM. MGMT

I just at least like to say hello to you
without infringing on any one's right
in Louisville.

So Miss Wheeler is in San Antonio.
It is a grand old Mexican town and
Grand. Glauke for falling in love with
it. And Miss Lou Clegg, engaged to
Will do at least will be seen with
the gentleman I hope. I see her better
now and then.

And Miss Gotham has gone back to
Gotham, great stuff isn't it.

Well tell lady you be good and
careful. That is tough for heart to
lose his dad. Can really sympathize &
will be.

My kindest regards to you and
yours and will see you later in the
month.

Sincerely,
Frank T. Layton

Friday

[28 DECEMBER 1923]

My dear Louise:

I guess things are rather lively there now & I certainly wish I was there with you.

I have been out every night & am certainly tired!

Was tante good to you? I know he was as he always is to nice little girls.

Helen Louise just got everything, seven dolls. I bought her a bicycle (13⁰⁰).

Thanks so much for the handkerchief Helen L. shows everyone her pocket book

& tells them who sent it to
her.

I am invited to a formal
affair next Wednesday so
I'd have to ask you to
send me my dress so
I can have it by then.
I hope you liked it & that
it fit you O.K. I know you
looked just too sweet in
it.

Give mother & give her
a big kiss for me.

And give me in love to
you. Always,

Your Cousin,
Helene.

CHICAGO
DEC 28
11 PM
1923
ILL



Miss Louise Mathews,
2121 W. Chestnut St
Louisville
Ky.

508 Elizabeth St.
Cincinnati, O.
Oct. 19, 1923.

Hello Louise dear
Just a line, haven't
time now to write more
but I did want you to
know my address. I
am working hard
Monday from 9-3 PM, 3-5
and 7:30-9:30 same on
Friday other days I
substitute but will have
my nights filled soon.
Mrs Jordan is here.

Please write me some
news soon I'm crazy
for a bit of scandal.
Love to Mother Mattheus
and your dear self
Yours Bill.

-H-

to your mother for me
that she has my deepest
sympathy and prayers
in her great loss.

I am supposed to re-
turn to Louisville the 1st
week of September and will
see you as soon as I return.

With very best wishes

I am,

Sincerely

Helen.

H

927 Bolton Ave.
Alexandria, La.
Aug. 15, 1923.

My dear Louise:-

Please don't
believe me selfish even tho
it must seem that way to
you. I wanted so much
to see you before leaving
but I had so much to do
and so little time that I
really couldn't make it.
You will try and under-
stand won't you?

leaving us behind (smile)
I'm so anxious to see her.

Louise I was so very
sorry to hear of your bereave-
ment for I too, have had to
give up a dearly loved
grandmother and I know
the heart ache that it brings.
Somehow we must try to
realize however that God
in his infinite wisdom
knows and does what
is best. Will you say

This is my first time home
in twenty two months so
you can imagine how very
much it means to me - yet
my stay is going to be so short
until it throws a shadow
across the sunshine. I
can't enjoy the present for
thinking of the near future
which isn't the wise
thing to do at all.

Has Roberta returned
yet. You will have much
to talk about I am sure,
especially since she is

Ohio's Greatest Colored Weekly

GUIDE PUBLISHING COMPANY

Publishers of

THE DAYTON GUIDE

S. E. Cor. Fifth and Ludlow

Phones, G 834
835

~~Dayton, Ohio~~ 49 Lafayette, St.,
Nashville, Tenn.,
Oct. 10, 1923.

My dear Louise:-

Just a line to say hello and that I enjoyed each and e every seperate minute that I spent in your company while I was there. as I fell that we have come to understanf each otger better although you still think of me as a fellow that has to do nothing but want a thing and presto,! it is done Cant see where you get that.

Jus did get here in school in time not to be too late to register, as the books closed that day and all of the fellows gave me the devil for fooling around there, but I told them that if they had been me that they would have done the ~~thing~~ same thing.

Tell your mother for me that the explanation that I gave her was absolutly yhe truth and nothing but the truth.HAHA. ~~Man~~

Has Bill come back, and when does she paann doing the marry act ?

Let me know as soon as possible when the wedding is to be, I mean Eloise's, so that I can find out definitely about reseruations. Well must close and write up some notes. Please may I have an early letter now that you owe me two ?

Yours,

Hugh

P.S. Pardon type, but you know how I write. If you dont like it, let me know and I will change again.

"The Sun Always Shines in Ohio"

Ohio's Greatest Colored Weekly

GUIDE PUBLISHING COMPANY

Publishers of

THE DAYTON GUIDE

S. E. Cor. Fifth and Ludlow

Phones, G 834
835

~~DAYTON, OHIO~~ 49 Lafayette, St.,
Nashville, Tenn.,
Oct. 17, 1923.

My dear Louise-

Must really say the first thing that I was very much surprised, as you surmised, by your very early reply, and agreeably so. Still I shouldnt have been as you are very prompt about your promises, and I had your promise, and Bill had too.

Would have appreciated being there with you and Ruth at Bill's funeral, oh! beg pardon I should have said marriage, as we could have had some real fun watching Bill trying to be serious. Was she? I really dont think that such is possible.

Was exceedingly glad to know that it was possible for me to compensate for the absence of any one, and especially Bill. No I shant get the big head as it might be a dream and that might wake me.

Each time I think of my last night there the more pleasant the memory is. Why I cant say, but so it tis. Hope that my great knowledge of all kinds of people will help me in your case to find out the why of the above. Could you help a little?

Cant quite understand just what you mean by Bert and myself looking out for each other. Wish you would give me some light, and maybe I could help you in your study.

Things here have about settled, and started to work smoothly. Was very glad to see two of our old school mates, in the

"The Sun Always Shines in Ohio"

Ohio's Greatest Colored Weekly

GUIDE PUBLISHING COMPANY

Publishers of

THE DAYTON GUIDE

S. E. Cor. Fifth and Ludlow

Dayton, Ohio,

persons of McClendon, And Fuller (used to play on the base-ball and foot-ball teams) They both asked to be remembered to you when I wrote.

I saw Dillard and gave him your message. He seemed tickled to death. I wonder why? Have you been vamping? Oh well I dont guess that I should mind a little vamping by you myself.

Started to call you long distance last week and thank you for being so nice and sweet and dear and prompt about answering, but thought that you might think me foolish.

What have you decided about the wedding? Let me know as soon as you find out but dont wait until that time to answer this letter.

Dont see where you got that stuff about my liking, or being interested in any married lady here. Havent been that lucky as I know of. Let me in on the dope.

Well I guess that Ill stop before you tire of reading, and dig in a little. Remember me kindly to your father and mother, also inquiring friends if any.

Sincerely,

"The Sun Always Shines in Ohio"

Phones, G 834
835

220-W-Vermont St
Indianapolis, Ind.
August 23, 1925.

My dear Lewis:-

I have been en-
tending writing you ever since
I left home, & did drop a card,
but have been busy & lazy too
or just haven't.

First let me express my deep-
est sympathy to you in the
loss of your grand mother.

Had hoped to stop on my

Week. Just staying a while
before she settles down &
marries in Sept. ab. How's
your mother & father? Give
them my regards, also remem-
ber me kindly to Dr. Johnson

Sincerely
Huf.

P.S. Would appreciate hearing from
you before going back to school
very much. May I?

way up but could not so I
shall not say any thing a-
bout stopping on my way back
although I should enjoy it,
as I'd like to see & talk to
you & may we could get
straight with each other con-
cerning correspondence.

What's going on there. Saw
Bill while in Indianapolis during
the Shriner's convention. I
hear that she's in Ohio there's



THE SWANOLA
THE PERFECT TALKING MACHINE

HARRY H. PACE, PRESIDENT

BLACK SWAN PHONOGRAPH COMPANY, INC.

MAKERS OF BLACK SWAN RECORDS

PLAY ON ALL PHONOGRAPHS

2289 SEVENTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Aug 8, 1923.

Dearest Louise:

Well, I am all alone again Gladys left last week for Boston, so it is nothing to find me in bed at 9:30 and 10. I can't tell you how much I have missed you. I was really not prepared for such solitude. We all were grieved to hear of the death of your grandmother and wish to extend sympathy to the family.

Well, kid, since you have been gone I have not had an opportunity to find out much about our friends. Eddie was very sorry that you had to leave. I couldn't find out who went on the picnic with him. Roberta went with Leon. B. was not invited and Gladys didn't go altho Cuffee insisted. He, Cuffee, was very nice to her after all, took her to a couple of shows and her last Sunday he took her to Church. She said she liked him immensely. A real deep man. Which for me, was too deep. Regina has not returned yet. we all got cards from her. I thought I had yours with



THE SWANOLA
THE PERFECT TALKING MACHINE

HARRY H. PACE, PRESIDENT

BLACK SWAN PHONOGRAPH COMPANY, INC.

MAKERS OF BLACK SWAN RECORDS

PLAY ON ALL PHONOGRAPHS

2289 SEVENTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N.Y.

me, but find that I must have left it at home, I will send it next time?? However, if you get a chance to send her one her address is 236 W. 158th.

My dear Roy got so heavy on my hands that I haven't seen him since the night you left. He has called up to come every night, but my plea is busy, going to school and tired. Poor thing called yesterday with no better success. I suppose some day he will realize he is hopeless. I have really crawled into my shell for the rest of the season or atleast until I find more desirable acquaintances. Of course, all of the bunch was surprised to find you gone and was extremely sorry you had to leave so suddenly.

By the way, I called your cousin the next day. He had a rather nice voice I think you would have been pleased with him, and I am sure you could have used him conveniently for everything has been as bad as could be. By the way, Glad got a chance to tell Ed about the night over here. She ~~had~~ he could not open his mouth, only said it was not intentional, but realized the rudeness.



THE SWANOLA
THE PERFECT TALKING MACHINE

HARRY H. PACE, PRESIDENT

BLACK SWAN PHONOGRAPH COMPANY, INC.

MAKERS OF BLACK SWAN RECORDS

PLAY ON ALL PHONOGRAPHS

2289 SEVENTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Miss Arrie Badger and Pittman have arrived in the city. They motored up. I didn't call up the Cummings, but met Miss Arrie and told her. After thinking it over I thought since we had had a difference I would not bother.

You see Louise I really have a bit of news to tell you. But you must write me when you have time and I will keep you posted. I am just dying to hear about Atlanta. Do write me soon.

All of my family wish to be kindly remembered to your family.

Trusting that you all are well and looking for a letter soon,

Lovingly,
A



Aug 8,
1923

BLACK SWAN PHONOGRAPH CO
2289 Seventh Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Miss Louise F. Matthews
2121 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.

Sept 21, 1923.

My dear Louise:-

I know you that all kinds of things about me for not sending your coat but I simply could not get around to it, and after all, I had to get mama to send it. I hope ere now you are wrapped warmly in it and are tipping up to the old "High School" as it were, in comfort. Our house has been exactly like a beehive for several weeks. For a while we had six house guests so you can imagine what that meant. We were going night and day.

Well, last night while dining at the Blue Grass who should come breezing over but "Turk" today - well, anyway your musician friend. I won't bother about the spelling of his name. He told me he had spent a few days in your small city and enjoyed himself beyond utterance. From all appearances things are getting more serious and more serious. Write me about it.

Our good friends Lew and Ed are now things of the past. Ed called a few Sundays ago - without an engagement - and I made the atmosphere so icy that he soon shipped on his way. yesterday he passed me and I was too small to be seen, can you beat that? John and Earl appeared once more on the scene of action. I suppose they had just gotten cooled off from their

mad spell beginning July 4th. Earl took me
to a little dance one night. He tho't he had
really done something. Poor Boob. I didn't even
say I enjoyed the evening. By the way—
There is a new Cabaret on 7th Ave new. "Comie
Dan." It was there when you were here
but we didn't get a chance to explore it. A
party of eight sneaked in there about a week
ago and it was really classy, a swell orchestra
and a very good Revue. Regina and I
are still clinging together and going about
together. Well I have had a time this summer
with Roy sticking closer than a brother. I don't
seem to be able to make him understand that
I don't care to be bother. He and Archie frequently
ask about you, and wish to be remembered.
I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the
Atlanta news. I have seen several since you
were there ~~(that)~~ have added a little to the gossip.
One of the girls that use to teach with me
was here, and of course I got school and
other news. I am expected in Atlanta & ma.
but now I really haven't any intentions of
going. I have promised several that I would
surely be there. Something like your fathers
prayer. By the way, I whooped when I read
where you were praying for the poor summer
students. I was sure it was another case of the
wrong day to pray.
Well I have consumed quite a bit of the Black
Swan people's time writing to you so I think it
advisable now to stop. Remember me to your mother
and father. My folks wish to be remembered to yours
Write soon.
Lovingly
Abraham



THE SWANOLA
THE PERFECT TALKING MACHINE

HARRY H. PACE, PRESIDENT

BLACK SWAN PHONOGRAPH COMPANY, INC.

MAKERS OF **BLACK SWAN** RECORDS

PLAY ON ALL PHONOGRAPHS

2289 SEVENTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Nov 5, 1923.

My dear Louise:-

What can I say for myself?

I can only bow my head in shame and ask forgiveness for taking so long to write you. I received your letter and Oh, I can't tell you how much I appreciate the dainty powder puffs. They so pretty that I hate to see them on my dirty face. I think I shall save them for my Repair Box.

Well so much has passed since the last time I chatted with you that I don't know where to begin. The last thing that happened was Regia and I had a Halloween party last week. We considered ourselves pulling off some stunt. And everybody said they had a real time. We danced in the library until 12 o'clock. The lights were dim and everywhere decorated to suit the occasion. At twelve we went down to the dining room and had a informal lunch, frankfurter, rolls,



THE SWANOLA
THE PERFECT TALKING MACHINE

HARRY H. PACE, PRESIDENT

BLACK SWAN PHONOGRAPH COMPANY, INC.

MAKERS OF BLACK SWAN RECORDS
PLAY ON ALL PHONOGRAPHS

2289 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

~~Oct. 13, 1922.~~

potatoe salad. cider. Jello and cream,
peanuts and lots of other little silby stuff.
We played games until 1:30 o'clock. - Oh yes,
we played spinning the fan, which included
a little kissing. Shocking went at ??? Well
our guess was practically the same old
punch with a few new ones added. Dr
Scott and Mr Costes was very much in
evidence and forthwith called Sunday and
invited to take me out. I refused again.
So Dr Scott jumped in his little car and
came tipping over to find out the trouble.
I didn't have any particular reasons so I
pleaded engagements! engagements! By the
way Edwin Covington from Atlanta was
present. He had just arrived from England.

New York is now all in a flurry over Mae
Robinson's. Miss Lila Walker Wilson daughter,
wedding she marries on the 25th to
Dr Gordon Jackson of Chicago. I hear that
several thousand dollars have been spent
on the trousseau. Yesterday she had a
luncheon seating fifty people. I hear
the bridal party only ate out of gold plates
and drank out of silver cups. It has been



THE SWANOLA
THE PERFECT TALKING MACHINE

HARRY H. PACE, PRESIDENT

BLACK SWAN PHONOGRAPH COMPANY, INC.

MAKERS OF **BLACK SWAN** RECORDS
PLAY ON ALL PHONOGRAPHS

2289 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

the talk of the town.
I know you have seen in the paper
the scandal about our neighbors. All
of N. Y. is taking a bit of interest in the
case. Plenty of scandal these days. By
the way I hear Henry Procter has really
married the little lady that was here
with him that summer.

Well, what's going on in Atlanta? I haven't
heard anything in a long time. Write
me the news.

Remember me to your mother
and Dad. All my folk wish to be remembered.
Write soon.

Loveingly,
Aetolian

How is "Too Jay"?



BLACK SWAN PHONOGRAPH CO
2289 Seventh Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Nov. 5, '23

Miss Louise F. Matthews.
2121 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.

4338 Euclid Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.
Sept. 7, 1923.

My dear Louise,

We missed you so much after you left N.Y. Somehow things just were not the same.

Know you are busy in school now. I am back on the job in a pretty restless fashion. I had such a good vacation, I don't want to scale down again. Isn't it a shame!

Saw your co-worker Edward
Harris in Chicago. Remember how
he came to see you in New York? Well
he was the other extreme there —
a real Englishman — Van Dyke,
came tweeds etc. Imagine the
contrast!

Hope you will write
me again some day.

Forgot to say I one day got
to tell Eddie Costes about his
behavior the night he and
heon performed. Did it in
good humor but adequately.

Sincerely always,

Mad Carnison