

Tuskegee Inst.  
July 3, 1911.

To Miss Louise Mathews.

Dear Louise: \_\_\_\_\_

I received your sweet and loving letter and it was read with much pleasure, as I am always glad to hear from all the Atlanta children. But I think you care more for me than any of them. I'd you make your class I should like to know very much but I guess I have told you we are having summer school. We have new teacher my teacher name is Miss Mary Watts she is very good to me altho I am bad. It is very warm and so she lets me out wher ever I want to go out.



(3)  
How did you send the 7th July?  
I should like to write a longer  
letter but am in a hurry I am in  
school the teach is coming to take  
this away from me.  
what is the 7<sup>th</sup> in your name for?  
Your loving and sincere.  
Friend. E. J. D.

P.S. Heartly greetings for the 4<sup>th</sup>

Ans very very soon.

With a long letter

(2)  
Mam her pimp as the children here call  
it. I think it is fine about your party.  
There are 3 or 4 sets here of young people  
Early about 16 to 20, next 12 to 16. Then  
you will be interesting you more about  
our set they are in there 9 to 12.

We have had 2 hay rides and there  
are 2 to be given this month and 2  
party I guess there will be more tho.

Mama has not made up her mind  
where we shall go that we are  
going off this summer. Papa Emmett  
and brother have gone off and stayed  
2 week but came back on the 3.  
It is very warm here. How is it  
there.



after 5 day return  
to E. B. Scott.  
Box I.

Miss Louise Melhert,  
399 Houston St.  
Atlanta Ga.



Tell Neddie, Grandma  
Hattie and you to write  
Box I



4.  
Well I believe this is all the news  
I know. Write me real soon and  
let me know if you received my  
letters. I haven't heard from you  
since I wrote. Many thanks for  
your beautiful present. Give my  
love to your mama + papa. Excuse  
these blots.

Lovingly your friend,  
Eloise.

212 Summit Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Dec 27, 1912.

My dear Friend,

How are you  
this time? Have you received my  
two letters? I received your beautiful  
gift Christmas day and I wish to  
thank you a thousand times, it  
is just beautiful and exactly what  
I wanted. Did you receive the gift  
I sent you. It wasn't much, just a  
little token of remembrance. How  
did you spend Xmas? I had a good  
time. Heddie and all the smaller  
ones and Neby and her sisters came  
out in the afternoon and we had  
a fine time. What did you get? I



gave Clentonia a pink one. <sup>3.</sup> Grace Nash has a hobble skirt. She got it for Xmas. I haven't seen it but she told me it was a dress with a hobble skirt. There is not much going on now. Ruthy Ling is still going with Austin. Her mother came here for Xmas but I didn't see her. Bloss is going back to school Thursday. She is going up to Miss Badger's. I suppose you heard of Olive White's wedding. George and Minnie Cantey also married so it was a double wedding. Mama said it was very pretty. I was going to the moving pictures yesterday and I met Ruby and Helen coming from Olive Mai's. They said her house was very pretty.

know you received <sup>2.</sup> some beautiful things as you always do. I received some pretty things. Conora sent me some blue bed-room slippers they were very pretty. Instead of getting a piece of drawn-work I received a beautiful box of candy the shape of a heart and it was tied beautifully with ribbon and a spray of holly. It was so much larger than I expected it would be. I wish you were here to have some of it. A great number of the school children went home. Mary Beard and Lilian & Pauline went home also Clyde and Steele. Bertram sent Mary a pretty lavender scarf. Harold Thomas



212 Summit Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Dec 17, 1912.

My dear Louise,

I was certainly glad to hear from you, I suppose our letters must have crossed each other because when I wrote you I hadn't received your letter and when you wrote you hadn't received mine. I intended to answer before now but last Friday night and went to the moving pictures, and Saturday to the fair and then the moving pictures. There were not any people scarcely at the fair, not any of the A. H. people but Robinson. We had a real nice time with Bertram, Lucia's Harold Thomas and Leigh Maxwell. Well Lucille Byrd came yesterday at last. She looks just the same. maybe a little bit older and her dresses are longer but she is just the same. I don't know of any new couples but Albert Edwards



and Emma & Evie & Cora. I suppose every one is waiting until after Xmas. Emma is tickled to death over Albert. This year they are going to give us Xmas Eve (Tuesday) for holiday, we are all glad but would much rather have Thursday. How many days do you all have? I am still going with Lawrence. We received our card about two weeks ago and I made B in everything except sewing and History C. Just think now of B in Civics. I am glad you liked your gloves. I was so sorry to hear of your mamma being sick. We all have red caps except Lina and she is going to have one real soon. I suppose you have many friends. You said "Some nice looking ones but none to come up with your Atlanta friends" from my opinion I shouldn't think they would be so nice looking. What are you planning for Xmas. I haven't given Xmas a thought I haven't even bought Xmas cards but



I am going to town Sat. What do you want? Lawrence hasn't put on his long pants yet, but he spoke of putting them on yesterday since nearly everyone else has them on. Roscoe and Douglas Coter have put them on and I would like for you to see them. I don't think I will get any drawn worked for Xmas. I am not looking for anything. Percival Hamilton was buried to-day. I was certainly sorry to hear of his death. I don't think I know of anything else. Bloss's eyes are all right now and she is going to school after Xmas. Give my love to your mama and papa. Norris Herndon is well now he started to school last week and seems to be all right again. I had a letter from Leonora last week. She was well. You must write me again real soon.

Loveingly your friend,  
Eloise.

Haint let you mama see this letter.



212 Summit Ave. Atlanta, Ga.

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Dec. 17, 1912

JACOB PHARMACY  
STAT. DEPT. M. T.

Miss Louise Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville,  
Ky.



212 Summit Ave.,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Dec 9, 1912.

Dear Louise,

I did not wait for you to write a letter, as I know your time is well occupied. We all thought once that you were not going to write. Well how do you like your new home? I was in the ante room yesterday and a girl asked Ethel Lewis why you stopped coming to school now. Everyone is all right Mrs Walker has as much mouth as usual. Friday I didn't buy anything from her and she said "what's the matter with you Miss Murphy." I am sorry you cut two of <sup>your</sup> fingers. I went to rhetorical Friday night and had a fine time. I will tell you about the program before I start on the social. Your sister-in-law Mamie Tate read an Essay on Chickens and Willie Tate and his sister and brother were there. Mamie Raiford read an essay I forget the subject. Hattie Smith had an oration



and it was certainly <sup>2.</sup>fine. Robinson was  
to recite but he wasn't present. I think be-  
cause of your absence. A chorus of about  
twenty four boys and girls, I won't try to  
name all of them. Marie Heron, Lucile  
Gassitt, Clyde Wilkins, Mae Belle Prather,  
now for some of the boys. Morton, Pace,  
Laylor, Walter White and Slaughters.  
Jessie played and Corington sang. The  
program was fine and not so long. We  
had about a half hour social. Bertram  
was with Mae. Lucile with Lillian  
Harrison. Pretty Sing with Austin and  
Standard a little while. I was with  
Lawrence, of course and Albert Edwards.  
Ruby wanted to come but couldn't get  
out. I went to the moving picture last Sat  
evening and they were fine. You heard about  
Grace's party the Sat after you left. There  
were not many there. Ruby and I were  
about the largest ones there. Maudie couldn't  
come. We had a real nice time. Bertram  
came about time for us to go and of course



I.

Lawrence was there. They are going to have the fair next Thursday through Sat next week at the Congregational Church for the Free. Kind (I hope you can understand this writing). I am going to send you a snapshot picture of myself soon but this is not the one I want you to catch me a fellow with. Look them over good and ~~the~~ which one you like the best and save him because I am not ready for him right now. I think this is about all the important things that have happened. Miss Emerson is as crazy as ever so is Miss Woolson. We are making our draws now I have mine all cut out we used the machines last Thursday. I don't know any new couples. You see I have told you most of the news. I saw Grace yesterday and she said she had a card and a letter from you. Well you must write me about your school, studies and how you like it. Tell me about your friends the girls and boys. I want you to keep your promise



about writing me once a week if you find  
time. I am going to write again real soon  
and you must too. Give my love to your  
mama and papa and tell them I say hello.  
All are well and send love.

Lovingly  
Eloise. (H.)

When you write please don't forget and let  
me know if your mama and papa will read  
my letters. Excuse such paper and writing



Dec. 9, 1912

Miss Louise Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville,  
Ky.

JACOB'S PHARMACY  
STAT. DEPT. T.



<sup>4</sup>  
you could have seen her. I am going  
to send ~~you~~ my picture as soon as I  
have some made. Send me one of  
yours if you have had any made  
since you have been up there.  
Well I believe this is all the  
news I know. Weddie was in  
school writing me a letter last  
week eight pages but she has never  
mailed it. She said she was going  
to mail it this evening.

Lawrence is fine and certainly looks  
good in his long pants.

Give my love to your mama and papa.  
Mama said she is going to answer your  
mother's letter real soon.

your friend.  
Cloise.

212 Summit Ave,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Feb 21, 1913.

My dear Louise,

I am really  
ashamed to write you after waiting  
so long. I haven't been busy but lazy.  
I haven't written to any one. I am glad  
you liked your little present and I  
should have sent a letter along with  
it. I know you had a happy birthday.  
We had holiday to-day as we celebrated  
Washington's birthday. I have just  
come back from the moving pictures  
with Weddie and the other children.  
You all certainly have some society.



children. We don't have anything to<sup>1.</sup>  
do with Minnie at all. She goes with  
May Shelton and that crowd. I  
don't like English Literature as well as  
American. We dropped Elocution and  
didn't take up anything in place of it.  
I am almost through with my apron  
we are going to make coat covers next.  
I didn't get any valentines. Did you?  
Charlie gave Neddie a beautiful one on  
the order of a Calendar. Miss Emerson  
is as crazy as ever I carried her some  
flowers the other day that Grandma  
sent and at recess she brought them  
down in the study room at recess and  
let all the children in her class  
smell them that wanted to wish

up there. Send some down here.<sup>2.</sup> The boys  
have a club and they intended to give  
a party over to Bertram's on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
but most of the boys have to work  
on Saturdays and our holiday was  
unexpected so that through every thing  
off. To-night the Sophomores intend  
the Freshman class out to school.

Annie Mae is not coming back this  
year. I don't know what the trouble is.  
Lucile Ryd told me to tell you hello  
when I wrote and also sent much love.  
Harold Thomas is going with Leathy  
Giles now. Cleotona is going with  
Everett. Neddie and Charlie are  
getting on fine now, just like two



at school.

Jan 17, 1913.

My dear Louise,

Since I didn't bring  
any books to school, and to keep  
from talking, I decided to write to  
you, which I intended to do long before  
now. To-day is prayer day and I don't  
like it all because I want to go to  
music the fifth period. I think  
the latest is that we never intend  
to make up with M. M. I suppose  
at the time Charlie wrote you all  
were friendly except me but we  
have had a fuss since then.  
At first she got mad with Ruby



Smith and that crowd about nothing and stop speaking to them, and then she got mad with us because we took sides with Ruby Smith. We haven't spoken to her in over a month, besides we don't intend to. I know I am out for good and the rest are too. I went to rhetorical last Friday Night and carried Ruby and her mother. I wanted Yeddie to go but she couldn't go. We certainly had a good time. Lawrence had on his long pants and he certainly looked good. Bertram was with Ruby and Mary. To-night, Mr Woodward is to give a recital. I



think I will go. New Years day  
we all went to the "Movies" I havent  
been since, we had a good time.  
Annie May Williams went home  
about two weeks ago and havnt  
come back, she took sick.  
I havnt heard from her since she  
has been gone. Luckie and Meddie  
are still going to-gether. The box  
of candy he gave her was beautiful.  
They are getting along nicely this  
year. I saw Grace yesterday and  
she had her hobble on it. Looks  
real nice on her, and she is tickled  
to death over it. Bertram said the  
boys were going to give a party



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real soon. I hope they will. We  
are through with our drawers  
and are making long sleeve aprons  
for next year in cooking. I think  
they will be real nice. I believe  
this is all I can think of. Please  
you remember at this prayer meeting  
to take my place this afternoon.  
Give me love to your mama and  
papas

Your friend,  
Claire.



and  
Jan. 12, 1913

JACOB'S PHARMACY  
STATE OF KY.  
T. M. BIRD

Miss Louise Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville,  
Ky.



above my shoe tops. I haven't but one  
plaited skirt dress. I am a little too  
stout for them. I wear most of them  
tucked around the hips. I have one  
hobble and one with a long peplum  
as they are all the go here. I am  
going to get a suit this winter. How  
long do you wear yours. Say, have  
some pictures made and send me  
one. I am sending this thing to  
you. I don't like it much. I have  
intended sending it before but didn't  
do it. That was my President's reception  
dress. Well our school will soon  
be open. We open on Oct 1st. We are



212 Summit Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Sept 14, 1913.

My dear Louise,

Your letter was  
received and I was more than glad  
to hear from you. Well, have you  
spent a pleasant summer? I know you  
have, the first part of the summer  
was very dull for me but since  
I came back from Macon I have  
had a real pleasant time, nothing  
special going on though. How  
did you like Ethel's aunt as a music



teacher? I heard them speak of her  
so often and from what they said  
I suppose she must be very good. Is  
she at Louisville this year? Ned is a  
right nice looking fellow. He is about  
my size. I liked the people real well  
there. I didn't have any special  
fellow but there were three that I  
liked real well. I don't think I liked  
any of them as well as I did Henry.  
Bertram and Johnnie came back  
last Sunday. Bertram has been in  
Ashville N. C. the greater part of the  
summer. He told me he was going

up there to get dignified but I wish  
you could hear him. He thinks he is  
so important. He told mamma that  
he came back in time to carry me  
to the "movies" and you know mamma  
is going to let me go. It's all thanks  
to walk along the street with him.  
It was very sad about Florence  
Greenwood, but we were away when  
it happened. I think Lura looks it  
worse than any of them. I have  
grown a good deal this summer. I  
am a lot taller than mamma.  
My dresses will be about two inches





to have about seven or eight new teachers. I hope we shall get some, so we can do as we please because they won't know any better. What are you studying this year. I doubt you didn't feel like going back to school so early. I will be glad to see the people especially one person but I am not so anxious to go back to studying.

I hear we are to have a number of new students but I suppose it will be like it always is nobody



after all. Henry is going to bring his  
friend back with him this year.  
Edwin Scruggs he looks something  
like him but I don't think as nice  
looking. He sent me a snap shop  
the other week of he and his friends.  
Bloss and Grandma have been in  
Washington with Aunt Fannie  
ever since the 21<sup>st</sup> of August but on the  
day a part of the time and were to  
leave Friday for Silver Lake to  
see Aunt Fannie but I don't know  
whether they got off or not. I suppose  
they will be home about the 1<sup>st</sup>

of Oct. Jessie and I are keeping  
house now and I like it real  
well but get tired some times.  
It is very cool here to night and has  
been cloudy all day and it feels very  
much like fall. Well I think I  
have written all the news. If you  
don't write to me more than you do  
I am coming up there after you.  
Leonora Johnson has asked me  
of you so much and for your  
address. Love to your mother and father  
all send love Lovingly,  
Eloise.



Sept 14, 1913

Miss Louise Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St.  
Louisville,  
Ky.



207 Madison St.

Macon Ga.

July 29, 1913

My dear Louise,

I received your beautiful little gift this morning and you can't imagine how much I appreciate it. You couldn't have sent me a more useful present because I certainly needed a purse. I am here with Jessie visiting Ethel and will be here for about a week longer. I am having a great time going all the time. We don't do anything but picnic, dance & play cards. Ethel had two brothers and a little girl across the street name Irene Mcminweather. Her brother went to A. H. did you remember him and John



Williams (Lewis Williams brother) come over here  
all through the day. We have been sewing for  
the last few days all of us pitched in and made  
our dresses mine is a yellow figured tissue  
and Ethel & her mother helped us with them.  
I am going to a card party - to night. Ned (Ethel's  
brother) often speaks of you I think he has  
an aunt that lives near you. He is little taller  
than I am. When I left home everything  
was quiet. Eloise Greenwood entertained  
last week at a luncheon at 12:00. I was sorry  
I wasn't there I left the day before but Kelly  
wrote me that it was very nice. What's the  
news up there? I had a letter from Henry this  
morning he will be back at C. U. next term.  
It is real hot here but it rained nearly every  
day. Ethel is wanting me to get up a dress  
and receive the company but it is so hot I have  
been letting them do all the entertaining.  
I suppose I had better stop & get ready.

Again I thank you many, many times for  
your beautiful & useful gift.

Love to all.

Lovingly  
Eloise.



I am going to send you a picture real soon but this <sup>is</sup> not the one. I want your friends to see. I will have to cut a picture out of a book or something for that so I will send you two, one of myself and another to let the people up there see. I suppose you know of Beatrice Kainford's death. So sad wasn't it? Well this is all I can think of for this time. Excuse this writing  
Love to your mother and father.

Lovingly  
Claude

212 Summit Ave.,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
May 11, 1913.

My dear Louise,

you see I didn't wait so long to answer, as I promised you. We have had a lot of things going on but I am taking time to write. Last Friday evening a week ago we had our music social. You see I am sending you a programme for both. That Sat. Bloss went to take examination it was real easy and I think she got by all right. In the afternoon we all went to the tract meet and we had a fine time of course. Q. U. lost her cup but we had a nice time just the same. A large crowd was out. Last night we went to the large music social and it was



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closes. The boys are planning a party  
the week school closes over to Hovins.  
I think Mary Heard is going to stay  
with me a little while after school  
and Henry is to be here for about a  
week and Mae Bell and the others  
are planning to stay. Did I tell you  
Mae Bell Thomas is going with Oscar?  
We hope to have a good time. The  
college girls and some of the teachers  
went out to the farm on a picnic yesterday  
and we had a nice time. Of course Miss  
Emerson went among them. She is as  
crazy as ever but we certainly raise cane  
in her class. One day she sent seven out  
of class and Miss Bowman is another  
crazy one. What's the news up there?  
When does your school close. Floida  
and her mother were out this afternoon.

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real good. Heddie, Sarah and her  
father were out and Ruby and her  
father and we had a real good time.  
Heddie is still going with Buckle. Ruby  
has kicked Bell for Bertram again  
and Mary Heard is going with Hovins  
Hendon. What do you think of that?  
They were to gather Friday night.  
William Harrison is going with  
Laurence and Clintona and Richard  
Harold and Evelyn <sup>Tombs</sup> ~~and her~~. What  
do you think about that couple?  
Lincy and Wiley. Louaine and  
Henderson. Henry and myself (those  
are some couples aren't they? I tried  
to tell you every one I knew but those  
are not all. We just have two weeks  
to go to school and then school



May 11, '13

Miss Louise Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville,  
Ky.

JACOB'S PHARMACY  
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STATY D. M. T.  
JACOBS' PHARMACY



A. U. Our music class is to sing  
on the next rhetorical. The athletic  
concert was Friday night it was real  
good and this Friday we are to  
have the debate. Mary and Kenton  
are going back to - gether alas  
Harold and Clinton. Ethel Lewis  
and Wallace Hawkins. I think that  
all the new couples beside Henry  
and myself. Well write soon  
now. How is the cyclone is lowering  
Did it damage much? Write some  
real soon. Will write more next  
time. Love to your mama and  
papa. Lovingly,  
Claire.

212 Summit Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
March 31, 1913.

My dear Louise,

I know you  
think I am mean and I really should  
not take so long to answer but it  
is getting so hot now and I am so  
tired when I get home I don't feel like  
writing. And nearly every Saturday  
lately we have been going to ball  
games and on Sundays Neddie is  
either out here or I am up there or  
over to Grace's. Yesterday Neddie  
Sarah and Grace were out here and we  
had a good time. Neddie and Sarah  
had on beautiful old rose poplin  
dresses hobble skirts. Last week  
both of them put on corsets



and it seemed as if every one <sup>2.</sup> knew  
it. Well Sat the boys club gave  
there party over to Bertrams and my  
but we had a good time. Danced  
and played cards. Mae Belle Thomas  
is going with Oscar now and I  
went out to Mrs Wiggins and got her  
and carried her to the party. Ruby and Ruby the booby vase. The  
and leaving Bill are the latest  
couples but Morris Herndon  
brought Ruby. Meddie was there  
but Huskie's mama wouldn't  
let him come on account of his  
suspension. I am going with  
James Henry now and we were  
to get her at the party. Had  
four dances with Henry he danced

real well lots better than I expected <sup>3.</sup>  
Johnnie Raifords girl from Columbus  
was there and Larry, Ashton, Alice  
Guernwood and lots others. I think  
there were twenty-two in all a nice  
crowd. Playing cards Emma Flavinett  
won first prize a silver shoe horn  
and Ruby the booby vase. The  
boys leaving Bill a gold tie clasp  
and Wallace Hawthins a baseball.  
We had four courses everything  
was served in style. Next time the  
big party is to be over to Morris's  
in May almost time for school  
to close. So now we are planning  
to stay to the game between Shaw



the whole time well, you know Mr Adams  
is married. I havint seen his wife she still  
teaches at Spelman. I know that affair was  
strictly business and I couldnt have been  
anything else. I couldnt have him. Miss  
Emerson is still creeping about. Did you know  
Mrs Burch lost her baby? It was real sad she  
about Miss Ford last night. Walter White, Mac  
Thompson and James Fox were out here and we  
danced until 11:00 learning the new dances.  
We certainly had a good time. Well I must  
stop because I have got to write a composition  
for old Louis. Mamma and all send love to  
you all. Write me soon.

Sincerely,  
Elgie

212 Summit Ave,  
Atlanta, Ga.,

Dec 7, 1914

Dear Louise,

Don't say one thing because I de-  
serve it all. I have been waiting until I could  
find time to write a long letter but that time  
isnt coming. We are taking Basketry and that  
takes up more time than you have. Now where  
must I start I suppose I will go back to when  
I came home. I had a good time in Wash. I  
was there a little over three weeks. Howard  
didnt spend the week before so I got up to  
Vespers Sunday Eve. I went up twice before. You  
would be surprised but Howard is not really



Don't you tell her what I said. There is a little as pretty as A. U. I saw Jeanette & her mother. Jeanette  
class to P. H. Snow and that is not much. There is a young lady and is right there with the  
are quite a number of new boys. By the way Sol  
told me you had a long pants fellow. Come on  
tell me now. Sol is keeping house now since  
his mother is away and when he doesn't know  
what to do he uses the telephone and calls  
me up. He called me up three times last  
week. The boys called themselves giving a  
masquerade not long ago but I didn't go to  
the thing. I went to the Thanksgiving game.  
Everybody was there. A. U. lost but that didn't  
bother me. Friday night I went to the tongs  
and they were exceedingly good. I ain't gonna



Monday Eve

Dear Louise,

You see I wrote you last night and didn't have any stamps so I let your letter get here before I got yours mailed but never the less I am going to write you again soon. It has been raining here for a week and to-day it has been sunshining some. You don't want to hear about any fellows of mine. James is still around here he got an excuse from supper Thanksgiving after the game and came home with



Church. It has been <sup>3</sup> raining just enough  
to make you stay in. The kindergarten  
Fair starts Thurs. night. I don't know if  
there is much to it or ~~not~~. Sol says he  
visits you every week. I will see him to-  
morrow on the car.

Well I am going to stop sure this  
time.

Lovingly.

Elaine.

Isn't this some dirty letter, ha. ha.

me. Who were the girls <sup>2</sup> that went to  
Howard from there? I read of one of the girls  
in the dormitory. Jeanette is boarding in  
at first she started to the Manual Training  
school. Child everybody in Wash. has  
a good time, very still and I didn't stay  
long enough to get tied up with any fellows.  
Went to the Howard Theater every Monday  
night. I went crazy about the shows.  
I have been going to the Free of Hearts  
here every Friday I could get a chance.  
It ends this Friday and I know I am  
going. No I didn't go to the Fair at the



Dec. 7, 1914

Miss Louise Matthews,  
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Louisville, Ky.



212 Summitt Ave,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Aug 9, 1914.

My dear Louise,

I have been writing  
you over a week but I hope you will  
excuse me. I am in town now as grandma  
had to go off on a convention in Griffin  
but she came back this evening. I came  
in with Aunt Fannie but there was so  
much to do and I helped her with the  
baby so you see how much time I  
had. Grandma stopped at the Wilkin  
and she said their home is beautiful  
she brought a picture of it back.  
I don't know how to thank you  
for those beautiful pins. They  
are so dainty, and to think they  
are lingerie pins. They are really a  
luxury and I thank you so very much  
for them. I know you are wondering  
what kind of writing am I doing  
and I don't blame you. You know I  
have had the rheumatism in my  
arm and leg so I couldn't even hold  
a pen. It is not so much rheumatism  
as it is nervousness and cold that  
has settled in my fingers but I don't  
feel it so much now, just the nervous-  
ness but I haven't felt bad otherwise  
and you know how glad I am. I  
went to Dr. Slater twice last week but  
he said I would be well in a few



~~in~~ days and then it is in  
the right hand + leg. Your picture  
is good and I thank you for that  
to, now you owe me three more. I  
saw Miss Nook uptown Sat. I was  
waiting for the car and she was  
crossing the street and that  
head kept right in front. I started  
this letter Sunday but I am  
ashamed of it, but as soon as I  
can write so you can read it I  
am going to write and tell you  
all about the barbecue.

Many thanks for your beautiful  
pins + picture. Please  
excuse such writing.

Sincerely,  
Elise.



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we ran over some body's nice chicken in  
the road. We blew the horn and the chicken  
didn't move fast enough, so we ran over it.  
I don't know of any other news. Every-  
thing is so dull there. You will have  
to write me some news. Sol. is in Atlanta  
City as I heard not so long ago. I didn't  
know he had gone. Thanking you a  
gain for my beautiful waist. Love to  
your mother.

Lovingly,  
Elsie.

212 Summit Ave,  
Atlanta. Ga.  
Aug 8, 1915.

Dearest Louise,

I received both of your  
letters and your useful birthday gift. It  
is not a bit too large. They are all the go  
now and especially that large collar. I  
thank you so much for it. I can never  
have too many waists. Jessie brought me  
one something like it back from Chatt.  
but it has black strips mixed with the blue.  
My! I don't know when I have had two  
new waists in the latest style. We have  
been in the country over three weeks. I  
was spending two days at home when  
I received your first letter. Mamma gave me



married last Wed. night and they have gone  
to Chicago on a honey moon. Grandma and  
Aunt Neal are in San Francisco at the  
exposition. Aunt Neal wrote that they saw  
Miss Hancock out there and they had quite  
a pleasant time to - gether. I suppose you  
are planning to come down here. School  
opens rather late this year. I will be glad  
to see the people and that's about all. Is  
Willie Moore coming back? What have  
you been doing? I would like to see you  
play tennis. There is a nice court on O. St.  
campers over for the boys and girls. It's so  
hot here I just couldn't find energy to play.  
I went for a fire out side up the road  
about twenty miles. We were going so fast

pretty cipe berries and she is going to give  
me a watch before school opens, and two  
boxes of candy completed my birthday presents.  
There hasn't been much going on. Louis  
Harper gave a birthday party last Thursday and  
I went and had a real nice time. I went  
to the musical at the auditorium Friday  
night. It was real good. Mr. Roland Hayes  
was the best there he was very good. Miss  
Walker from Cleveland was real good.  
Pat. Brown was not here this year and  
she is always the best. There are not any  
visitors here. Nearly every body went to sum-  
mer school at Hampton or Lakeside. I have  
been going to the musical often when  
I was at home. Herndon's has opened up again  
and is doing real well. Verian Burch



in Louisville for me living him <sup>4</sup>down. Jessie  
and Maria are planning to leave soon. Not before  
I get back I hope. She and Paul have kept up  
pretty well so far. I don't know how long it  
is going to last. Some couple. What have  
you been doing this summer? So bad you  
haven't been well. I have been so lazy and  
tired all the summer. There was nothing  
going on at home before I left. Every body had  
gone away. Truly had a party the week before  
I left. Nellie & Hazel and Evelyn Scott was  
coming up soon. Jessie Penn's cousins are coming.  
I hope everything will happen while I am  
away. I'll use every spare moment you have  
write me a line. I won't wait so long. You  
know I think of you. Many thanks for  
your remembrance. Love to your mother and  
all.  
Sincerely,  
Eloise.

257 Madison St.,  
Macon, Ga.

Aug 7, 1916.

Dearest Louise,

I don't know what to think  
of myself for not writing before. I have often  
thought of you if I haven't written. Then  
you see I have been planning all summer  
to come down here, ha, ha. You know how  
much preparation that requires. I haven't  
made my visit over to Athens. I don't  
think I need to go there. He sent me  
an invitation to what they call the  
swell dance. I didn't even write to tell  
him I couldn't come, which was under-  
stood, until the party was over.



gave me something <sup>I</sup> that was very sweet <sup>by</sup>. Ethel and I are having a nice time. We have been on the go every since I have been here. An hour after I got here she had me going to her club party. Ned is in Cornington. He has been going from one little town to another nearly all summer. Moose is working with the insurance company too. I wish he would have made those trips so Ned could have staid in Atlanta. He is coming to see me when he stops work and stay two or three day. Poor Mack, child I am tired of him, have been tired. He won't return next year so what's the use. He was in enough heart there to never want to see A. U. again. I had a card from Lucile. If you can find a fellow

<sup>L.</sup> Mama forwarded me your package and it is just as pretty as it can be. I have a pretty Georgette Crepe waist which will call for that. Many thanks for it, as you know it is serviceable. Just think how old I am getting. I told them all at home that I was grown and I could rule supreme. Mack sent me a very pretty little bottle of perfume in a little satchel case. It was real sweet of him. I didn't know he would think of it. I got some pretty white kid shoes and Aunt Sammie worked me a pretty crochet gown yoke. Of course Ned wasn't there and forgot when my birthday was but he was in Atlanta the following Sunday. He



Ap 5, 1916

Miss Louise Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.



fellows and especially one, Charles  
Steward from Albany, Ga. who finished  
Lincoln this year and had to report  
at camp the next day. They ate supper  
with us after the other soldiers were  
there and brought us to the car. Fred  
Gawett is up there. I like to go up  
there.

Also took in the pageant at the auditorium. It was real good and the  
costumes were especially good. All  
of Atlanta society (I mean the remnants)  
were out. Of course the only gentlemen  
present of any note were Messrs. Hamilton  
and Raiford. Everything is dull. I  
told Grace I would be apt to see her

157 Piedmont Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
July 15, 1918.

My dear Louise.

Your letter was the  
one I have been waiting patiently for  
since I returned. You can't imagine  
how much I enjoyed it. Have just  
received your mother's letter and I  
found equally as much pleasure in  
hers.

I am glad the peaches reached you  
all safely, as I was anxious to know  
in what condition they were.  
Jessie sent some off the week before,  
when they reached their destination.



<sup>3.</sup>  
Hodges and has never seen her. How  
do you like Harvey Patterson and  
what do you think of him? Ned told  
me Hugh Hancock didn't want to marry  
Gregory because she still loved Harvey  
but his mother objected to him because  
he was dark. Say, don't let your  
mother go out to the Hesters House  
unless she takes you. he, he.

Last week Ruby, Helen, Blossom, Jessie  
and I went up to Camp Gordon.  
Ruby told Homer Thornton she was  
coming, and Asa Gordon has been after  
us to come up. We had quite an enjoy-  
able visit. With a few very nice boys

<sup>2.</sup>  
they had been broken into, the top  
layer stolen, causing the others to rot,  
so I didn't know if those had gone  
thru the same process. They were  
not so large but we have so many  
of them. I thought I would share a  
few with you all.

The clippings you sent were amusing.  
I know you are having <sup>some</sup> time since all  
of the new soldiers are there. My,  
how I would like to be there with  
you. Watts, whom Mrs. Vohedbee  
wanted you to meet was Cannon's  
roommate at Fisk. He carried on  
a correspondence with Virginia Belle



entertain him out here if it's cold, so he had better come just before Fido opens if he is coming. The went riding thru the brimmed district Sunday and viewed the remains of the home.

Poor Elmer, I guess he will be General Monroe by next week. Send me his address. Guess I will have to write him a card of thanks, even if my better half Charles couldn't be entertained also. Guess you had a nice time at Cairns even if the guest of honor didn't arrive. Did you ever see the snaps we had at Miss Cleval's? Remember me to Joe when you see him. Ted

this week. Grandpa sends the car out occasionally and takes us to ride.

Aunt Fannie came home on July 4<sup>th</sup> and stayed until the following Monday. She brought Fred and he is still with us.

She looked especially good. We were glad to see her but sorry she couldn't stay longer. She said a short visit was better than none. She had to get back as she could only get a week off. She wants me to take the Civil Service Exam. and come to Wash. I am to get the application blank and try at least. I want to go off, and I want to stay home, so it remains to be seen.



credit for having any sense at all. I  
had called him everything but a gentle-  
man. So I guess Ned and I will be  
all right soon. Did you get the card  
we sent you from Nashville? You  
didn't say. I pretended that I was mad  
at his conduct last year. I don't know  
what I am going to do with Charles.  
He writes once a week and never writes  
any news only tell him whether I am  
going to quit Ned or not. It certainly  
will be funny if he plans to visit me  
Ymas. He doesn't realize that we have  
no house in town to entertain him in  
and it's no nice thing to have to en-

what I will do. You know Charles wrote  
me he was thinking of going to the  
Univ. of Pittsburg next fall, and that  
won't be so far from him. Let me  
tell you what I did. After I got home  
I wrote Ned a very sweet letter and  
he answered rather nice, then I  
got mad and proceeded to tell him  
what was what. I don't know why  
I did that, but I wanted him to under-  
stand I could get along without him.  
I was trying to see for myself just  
how much I thought of Charles. Ned  
waited nearly two weeks to answer  
and then wrote that I hadn't given him



wanted to know if I met him. Oh  
yes, how did you like Church?  
Did he and Ethel seem much engaged?  
I didn't see them when they came thru  
Atlanta. They passed thru Sat. of the  
same week they left Louisville. Guess  
they just stopped between trains. I  
haven't sent Ned any graduation present.  
Guess I'll have to ram sack my brain  
to find something to get. It all de-  
pended upon how he answered my  
letter declaring our separation if needed  
be. Was very surprised last week to



Blossom's husband "sailed" for France nearly two weeks ago, but she dare not pull off this weeping stunt. She takes it all right. Hope he stays over there until she gets old enough to be married at least. Helen is wearing a beautiful ring Hodges sent her.

I am going to stop, because I know you are tired. Tell your mother how much I appreciated her letter. Since I am 38 in the hips I believe I want my sweater pulled all the way down from the hips. I can never thank you both for it. With lots of love from all of us to all of you.

Eloise

get a very nice letter<sup>18</sup> from M.<sup>rs</sup> Kinney. Tell James hello and I didn't forget the trip to Fountain Ferry. Do you suppose Wilkie will happen to fall in love with any of the soldiers. ha. ha!

I don't believe there is any thing of interest. Miss Missie and her mother were out to see us last week. Wish you were here to spend the summer with me, although it is dead here.

Simmons is deathly sick with typhoid fever in Birmingham. I haven't heard how he is lately.



met the dear boy yet. Maybe a more eventful meeting is in store for me. Ruby said they stopped to see her for a minute. Virginia Trimble was telling me Father Wee didn't allow him out of her sight. Ned wrote me he was to be there this year. You know Ned went to Boston the first of Sept. to his mother's operation. I think he stayed about two weeks & went to New York for a few days. He is back at school now. I don't know what his mother was operated for. I had a long letter from her last week and she was able to leave the hospital but no idea when

157 Piedmont Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Oct 20, 1919.

My dear Louise,

I really and truly did not intend to let you move in to your new home, before getting you a letter telling you how sorry I am that you are going to change neighbors. Isn't that some excuse though? Just the same I know you will enjoy a new home. As I remember that Block is pretty and shady, isn't it? That's always been a longing desire of mine to move into a new home when



a week ago and that was my first opportunity to see all the folks since July. I had a real nice time. Lots of the boating boys & girls were out. Last Thurs. night the boys had their club meeting and each boy took a girl and we had lots of fun that night. That's the first time they have asked for the ladies company but I hope it won't be the last.

Oh, Harvey was thru Atlanta three Sundays ago. He got here on a Sat night. Hattie Mae Harris came up immediately in her car and carried him to Athens Sunday afternoon. He left there for Chicago Monday. So I haven't

you can have everything just as you wish. When you see Mrs Brannon again tell her I am sorry you moved because she was such an interesting neighbor. Ha, Ha. I heard from Chas in July. He was working in Atlantic City. I took sick the next week and it was over a month before I felt like writing, and when I did write, the letter came back, so I don't know where he is.

I am beginning to feel myself again although I am still under the doctors care with medicine to take every day, and that's as bad as being sick. Ruby had a little dance Sat.



Don't let me forget to ask have the Moores moved yet? Poor Elmer is nutty. Is Willie at home this winter? Is Ganes sending the furnishings from Cuba. If so, it will be worth coming and viewing it. Tell Elmer I would certainly deserve to have him entertain me in his new home. When is he going to marry?

I know your room will be pretty. What is your color scheme?

I guess New York will hold Elmira since Ky and Ohio let her hold them.

When you get straight, rather don't wait that long, while you are resting with me.

Lovingly  
Cloise.

she would travel homeward.

I guess you have heard most of the school news. The student graduates holding the most important positions. Poor Miss Johnson (Kissie) died out there Sat. night. Somewhat of a memorial service was held yesterday. Lots of the boys went out. They shipped her away last night. She had been sick ever since she returned.

This has certainly been a memorable month for deaths.

I didn't know how nearly gone I was until the doctor told me when I got better. By the way, I weigh 99 lbs. The pointer refusing to rise to 100.



with mama. I am just praying that nothing will prevent my going. Couldn't we have a swell time. She shows opera's and everything will be going on, and that's what I want to see and hear.

I am trying to so arrange my wardrobe toward that end. To do so I am doing without. My winter outfit consist of a new hat, dress and shoes.

I certainly wish I could come to Louisville this winter. But with medicine bills, doctor and Y-Ray exam bills I dare not ask to go. Of course they fall on grandpa. That was so lovely of you all, to extend such an invitation.

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I haven't seen or met any of the Moosehouse gents thus far, but when I do, I have my description of Mr. Johnson ready.

Tell your mother not to trap us like she did about Mr. Willis. Now, wouldn't we have been in it had we put our thoughts on Mr. Willis. Tell her to do better than that for us. Is she still engaged in Y. W. work. If she is, tell her to say they won't send her to New York this spring about Easter vacation time. Of course that means that you must accompany her. I am planning to go up about then



was for two girls from Brooklyn. We had a  
real nice time. Quite a few of us went upon  
the train to the Guggenb. Arnold wedding.  
We had lots of fun. I see Oscar Johnson  
almost every day. He is the still big monkey  
ramping everybody, and in the mean-  
while trouble. The business league  
meets next week, we hope to have a nice  
time. Wish you were here.

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Ross have a son born  
week before last I think. Ethel had been  
suffering with rheumatism ever since her  
father died and had suffered quite a bit so  
J. C. says but both are doing well now.  
I don't know anything else of interest.

So write me again soon.

Lots of love to you and your mother.

Eloise.

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157 Piedmont Ave.,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Aug 8, 1921.

My dear Louise,

No, you really don't deserve  
not even a line from me. To say nothing  
of a visit at the end of the month. What  
have you been doing? Nothing, I know!  
Your very tardy letter reached me last  
week, you should have written twice  
as much to make up for those that  
were due me.

I am really getting so old  
now until my birthday slips around



I could get it made. Then, I wanted a black silk sweater to wear with a white Canton Crape sport skirt I have, and you see I haven't prepared myself to purchase either. To add to my tale of woes Jessie took sick last week and has been threatening with pneumonia, so I have had to take her piano pupils for her. She is much better now and hopes to be out by the end of the week. Now with all of those obstacles in my way you don't see how I can get there do you. I would love to see you, but unless a mighty change takes place I don't see how I can make it this time. I am all the doctors that are worth such, and tell me about them.

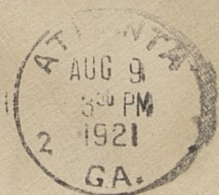
We had a week of parties during commencement since then there have been practically none. Eunice entertained last

without me hardly noticing it. Just the same your beautiful gift has reached me. You know I needed it, and will always need such gifts. Mama is always after me about getting so dirty in front. Really that's the prettiest apron I've seen, I shall not wear that for every day occasions by any means. So many thanks.

I remember speaking of visiting Louisville at the time of the Doctors convention. But honestly, I haven't made any preparations to that effect. The main hold back is that I haven't an evening dress, rather a decollete gown, and I know such would be necessary and the sad part - mama says I am not to have one because I don't need it. I would get it anyway but I don't if



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taken Ned's place and there are lots of things  
I admired about him more.

The next thing Ruby says she is going to marry Albert Farnas. She doesn't know what her mother is going to say who is away visiting George. But she is getting her things together. I suppose that's business. Eva Gassett is to marry Jas. Arnold in July. Mine is indefinite, ho, ho. What's the news there and in Louisville?

When does your school close? I haven't a thing for commencement. I got <sup>dark</sup> blue taffets about Carter have a grey hat, and a squirrel <sup>choker</sup> I purchased when she was here last summer that I wear with it. It's plenty short. I want a lavender organza to match my summer hat, also a white silk sport shirt which I suppose I'll get all by the time summer is over. Don't wait as I did to write Milton will be going to Wash. soon, and I'll have more time for a few breeches.

Lovingly, Claire.



157 Piedmont Ave.,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
May 9, 1921.

My dear Louise.

I am trying to get a letter to you before you leave there for home. It seems as if there has been so much to take up my time. We have been having quite a nice time. The A. U. Howard debate was about two weeks ago. Suppose you know A. U. actually won 2-1 against Howard. Wm. Clendon and Page against Oswald Combs and a fellow name Nelson, former Warehouse



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thing to say of him, but I gave her to under-  
stand I was there. Ethel is expecting the  
stork at such an early date as July or Aug.  
Now isn't that the limit? I haven't seen her  
in about a month.

Do you remember you wrote me last  
year of Oscar Johnson from Louisville who is  
teaching at Morehouse? I met him then, but  
didn't know him as well now. He comes out to call  
quite often and is a bunch of fun. I am also  
more so interested in Morehouse. The professor  
of English, Loumer Wilton is a good friend  
of Johnson's, has been very nice to me. He  
is a Washington fellow. Just got his A. B.  
from Brown Univ. last June. He isn't as good  
looking as Ned, yet he isn't ugly. He is very much  
on Richard Mack's order. When I get a snap I'll  
send it for you to see him. He has very nicely

2.  
fellow. The next day was a little dance for  
them at Mrs. Harpers. We had a real nice  
time. Hazel Harrison was here about a  
month ago and Mrs. Carrie Johnson's music  
study club entertained at a reception and  
dinner for her at the Catholic hall which  
was quite the nicest thing I have attended  
in some time. Nothing else but base-ball  
games. I hear rumors of a fraternity dance  
the A. U. fellows are having.

As for the fellows, Ned and I are not  
sitting at all and I don't intend to answer  
his letter. I'm there with him. His  
mother is up here almost every week-end  
visiting Ethel when she is not in Macon.  
She comes to see me and always has some-



of his illness we had quite a nice time. Roberta Williams gave a little card party for her. Eugene Martin took a party of us to the Atlanta to see Cat & the Canary. Next night he took three couples of us in his car to Stone Mt. We were riding almost every night.

Thanksgiving day Milton's mother sends me a delicious box of candy for looking after him during his illness. He started back to work last week and says he feels like a new man. Saw Terrence last. thought it was cute. Every week Milton gets the New York Times and brings it to me, so I can only read about the happenings in dear old

157 Piedmont Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Dec 4, 1922.

My dear Louise,

Was surely glad to hear from you a few weeks ago. Wish you didn't stay so busy or lazy one that it wouldn't seem like a Century since you last wrote. How did you spend Thanksgiving. I had quite a full and enjoyable day. The Jay then gave a breakfast dance at the Catholic Hall on Boulevard. Had a good time, music was swell. All the vamps were out. Milton came about noon, afterwards we had dinner



fine. Next day Eloise Greenwood entertained our club the W. T. H. with a whist party. Had a real good time. The past month I was kept quite busy. The last week in Oct. Milton took sick with an attack of acute appendicitis. Had to be operated on the next week at Spelman. His sister and little brother came down unexpectedly from Washington. So I had to entertain them. His sister is real cute and nice looking. She was visiting in California when I was in Washington last summer. Said she met Miriam Garrett in Los Angeles. She is about my size just a little older and quite a charming girl. In spite

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went to the Q. U. Morris Brown game at Ponce de Leon. Q. U. beat 18-7. Fish also beat Morehouse here same day 20-19. All the Q. U. folks were out to Ponce de Leon. Morris Herndon was rushing Nettie Harris that day. He has been taking Madeline out quite a bit but every now and then makes a desperate run with some one else. Just enough to keep her from having her eyes on him for good. Hattie Mae Harris Percy & his wife & Maie Harris were up. Quite a few visitors in town from August & Montgomery. Nothing real been looking though. After the game I went to the movies to see Manslaughter. It was



Do you hear from all of your New York men. Ned seemed quite interested when I wrote we were out with Charlie White. Do you hear from Charlie? Don't forget to tell me if you ever get the snaps from Goldie.

Tell me all about your Xmas festivities. Lots of love to you & your mother. Lovingly,  
Elsie.

New York and wish I were there. Child I certainly want to go back next summer. But Milton is talking marrying and at that rate I know I won't get there. I told him to wait until year after next and we would go up to the Howard - Lincoln game when it is played in Washington again, then keep on to New York and take in all the shows and etc; as I know that will be absolutely my last trip anywhere. I don't know what all might happen in two years time, but at the same time I am giving you enough time to count on being here ready to march when the wedding day does arrive.



stork hasn't arrived yet. Mrs. Neddie Harper is assistant registrar at A. U. ~~staying~~ <sup>living</sup> near hubby I suppose. They have a real little brick bungalow on Oakley St. Of course I haven't been in it and that isn't all. Only see Oteck occasionally as she doesn't get out on account of her young baby. She is not living with her mother. I hear they are to build on West Hunter Rd. Quite a large house, but haven't started yet. Seems hard to think of it being any prettier than Mrs. Mrs. Bowden's. There's is a dream.

What are you planning for Xmas. I suppose there will be two dances here and that's all.

Still here from Wed<sup>6</sup> but nothing new or startling going on. The picture of him in this month's Crisis is just like him. Had it taken when he finished this past June. He writes should he send me a picture of himself it wouldn't go so well tucked away in some closet or drawer because he supposes others have filled all the other places. J. C. went back to Chicago a few weeks ago to see Ethel. He had been here since July.

Haven't heard from Sue recently. Virginia Brinkish was telling me Wilhemina was engaged to some man there. I don't hear of any weddings here this fall. Mrs. Clayton Gates



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Dec 4, '22

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Mary Terrell and then to ride. The next morning he left for Atlanta and I left later during the day. After he had gone and I didn't have any car I made myself contented to come on. He says he is going back to Mass., but I haven't decided yet. He was truly nice to me brought me two boxes of candy to bring home with me. So I am giving him some good treatment. No, I didn't see any more of Wallace. I guess wife kept him close and then there was so much going on. Florence Miller came to see me but I was out. Fred told me I was too fresh up there. I never did stay at home, and then

157 Piedmont Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Sept 18, 1922.

My dear Louise,

Do you know that your letter found me sitting up at home much against my will. Got home Sept. 2. I was sorry too, that I didn't get to see you again. We just didn't have enough time. I was in hopes that you would get back to Wash. the next night, although I hardly thought that you would for the closing dance at Convention Hall. My, it was some affair. And the gowns, the most expensive, gorgeous creations, ostrich feather fans. The



friends, then to ride every night. In the  
meanwhile met Sue's Grant Lucas at  
the ball and he made an engagement  
to take me out riding. Monday Milton  
took me down town in the morning  
hurried back for this ride with Grant.  
We went by the playground and saw  
Clara Scott then out to Rock Creek  
Park which was a beautiful drive. He  
was telling all about Sue. He plans to  
come down Xmas and I imagine they  
will be married the following June.  
He is a fine looking fellow. An Lawrence  
Harpers order, that color and hair only  
shorter. Of course acts nothing like  
the jack. After his ride Milton came  
back and we went to see Grace Villiston.

Folks were really trying themselves.  
I wore this blue sequin creation of  
mine. Place was packed. Who should  
come up but Hugh Winbush. I didn't see  
who he brought. Beatrice Holmes was  
also there. Stayed until 2:00 A.M. Time  
was good. The next day Milton drove us  
down to Anundel - on the Bay, Mo. and  
we spent the day. Sunday I staid in  
all morning, in the afternoon I had  
dinner at his house with his mother  
and father. They were very nice to  
me. His father wants me to send them  
my picture and to write. Of course  
their car was at my disposal while  
there and I truly used it. After dinner  
we went calling on some of his girl



Have you heard from Mr. Rose and all  
the rest of your fellows? Wouldn't it  
be a treat to get to Happy Rhodes  
now? We been to the show twice  
since I returned. Carrie Bond May is  
here preparing to teach in A. W. I hear  
Mr. & Mrs. Brown are not returning. I  
won't miss any of them as I never get  
out there.

Please don't be forever answering  
my long letters.

Lots of love.

Eloise.

I was always going out with the boys.  
Well, I am only here to get ready to go  
back. I certainly would like to be  
there next summer, but I don't know  
yet what I'll do. Had a letter from  
Fred last week saying he didn't see  
why I didn't come to Chicago, he was  
sure I could have had just as nice  
a time. When was I coming, to  
hurry and come on, because later  
he didn't know where he would be.  
He said Jim Yealy and I must have  
made hits with each other as she told  
his folks how much we liked each  
other.

Hasn't been much going on here.



How do you like the long dresses?  
They seem to be taking here. I want  
a black satin one made long and  
stylish for Ymas.

Do tell me if any of your snaps turned  
out all right we had made at Bear Mt.  
and do send me the negatives. Has  
Goldie sent any of hers? Please send  
them. How is your mother? Give  
her lots of love for me and tell her  
I certainly enjoyed the books and letter  
she sent me and her letter is certainly  
coming.

When did you manage to  
get enough sleep to go back to teaching?

Went to Douglas Caters + Mignon Burch's  
wedding. It was very pretty although  
Mignon looked extremely tailored in  
a plain suit. They went to Talkeeta  
on the honeymoon. Went to a card  
party at Mrs. Carrie Johnson's for Jessie  
Lee Harris who is visiting Mrs. Hendon.  
Her new home is beautiful and we had  
a real nice time. The shows are be-  
ginning to open here and I'll get a chance  
to see The Cit and Canay, Blossomtime  
and Tangerine here. Milton will take  
me to see those. Nothing else going  
on I suppose until Thanksgiving.

Jessie is in Ashville, N. C. until Oct 1st.



Madeline as far as Philadelphia. Helen says  
he is coming down in August. She is  
still in love with him and says she is  
going to wait willingly until he has  
finished two more years of medicine, and  
then, maybe some more.

I haven't got a thing new for spring  
but some black patent leather slippers with  
grey suede backs with three straps. I  
am making over a brown satin dress.  
I am trying to get my self in readiness  
to go away the latter part of the  
summer, and still not be disappointed  
if I don't get to go. Aunt Ruth is going  
to Los Angeles in Sept. and I have been  
planning to go along until the Atlanta  
State Savings Bank closed up with

157 Piedmont Ave.,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Mar 25, 1922.

My dear Louise,

Everything has been so dull  
here until I haven't had the energy to  
even write a letter. Between the Ymas  
season and commencement we have to amuse  
our own selves, as it seems a thing of  
the past for these few men that are  
here to stir up a dance. This past week  
I went to see the Musical Comedy  
"Take It From Me." It was fine, al-  
though the name doesn't sound much  
as musical comedies never do. Saw  
Mr. W. S. Cannon there, who had  
just got in town the day before from



the matter with Mayme<sup>3</sup> and he said they just couldn't get along. They were always fussing. Walter and Gladys have a beautiful apartment and of course by Walter's close friendships with so many of the celebrities he received some wonderful presents among them an imported small rug for the dining room. Mrs White was laughing at Walter since he has been abroad he doesn't want anything in his house but imported things. He has gone crazy over etchings, and he received eight or nine as wedding presents. Saw all of the Atlanta people. They both agreed with me that New York was the only place. Lowell Hodges came up from Philadelphia for a day and came back with

spending the winter<sup>2</sup> in Florida. Doing what, I don't know. I was afraid to ask was he working while there. Mrs White and Madeline went to New York for Walter's wedding. Madeline only stayed a little over two weeks, Mrs White has just returned. Of course they both had a wonderful time. Both seemed very much pleased with Gladys. Madeline says she is especially fond of her. From all reports she is a beauty. I have seen a picture of her that she sent to the family but Madeline says she is prettier than that picture. I asked Mrs White did Walter speak of Mayme Green, she said no, but she asked him rather privately what was



Proctor was in New Orleans when she first went there but is now teaching in Petersburg, Va. I don't know why she left.

The ball games have started but I haven't been to any. I don't suppose I'll go to any but the A. W. - Warehouse one. Last night we went to hear Alma Gluck and Efrem Zimbalist in a joint recital. We have had some good concerts this season. Last month Anna Pavlova and her ballet Russe were here in a wonderful performance.

I don't believe there is a thing else. Let me hear from you in the near future. Love to your mother.

Lovingly,  
Elinor

all of my good money <sup>5.</sup> in it. But I am afraid somebody has got to get me some of my money. J. C. has been back in town a month but where Mr. J. O. Ross is, is still a puzzle to the folks that don't know. This Ross has his home for sale and I imagine it's only a matter of time before they all leave here. I only wish they had gone on and left other people's money alone.

I have seen J. C. occasionally but only just to speak. After Ned was here Thomas returned to Chicago, and was there only two weeks before here comes a letter from him. I took a month to answer it, and last week along comes another. He said Ethel was improving right along.



I've only had two letters and a card since <sup>7.</sup> she has been there this year. She is such a going child she doesn't have the time to write letters. I don't know which way she plans going this summer. She wrote me Milton had a real cute sister and I believe Mr Norton was one of her best friends.

I haven't forgotten that I promised to send a snap and will do so as soon as I get one. He sends hello to you. He is rather quiet in his manner. He and Ned don't stand comparison when it comes to disposition. Of course Milton has all the traits of those Washington people and at times I get so disgusted and provoked.

Haven't heard from Ruby and Albert real lately. I owe her a letter. Minnie

I hear that she will have to wear a plaster of paris cast on her leg.

Jessie amuses me by telling me Ned, Milton and I are all in the fire. Ned is trying to find out if I am engaged to Milton. Thinks he heard that the "Belles" were soon to <sup>ring</sup> there, and tell him all about it. Of course Milton is as meek as a lamb and says he wants me to decide and he satisfied. So I don't see anything for me to do but wait, until I get my hearings. It's bad enough at its best so I am not going to hurry.

I met Florence M. Norton when I was in Washington up at Howard and liked her very much. I had a long letter from Sue about a month ago. Goodness knows, when I'll get another.



157 Piedmont Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.

Nov 9, 1923.

My dear Louise,  
Your letter was gladly received followed by your package. I'll have to give it to you for knowing what the bride needs. ha, ha I didn't only want them I needed them as Jessie uses all my puffs. So many thanks. Last week Helen gave me a beautiful orchid velvet corduroy robe and Ruby sent me long white kid gloves for my wedding dress. These dresses are coming along but not finished as yet. You know I just have two more weeks



and a thousand things to do. Seeing all these  
pretty things makes me want to hurry up.  
Received Wilhelmina's announcement. My house is  
coming along fine. I am expecting to get in it  
next week. I am expecting Mrs Milton about the  
18<sup>th</sup> and Muriel will come a few days later.  
So hurry and come on. Do bring your yellow  
toffets to wear to my dance. I am going to wear my  
peach mettalic lace over cloth of silver. Drop me a  
line and let me know when to meet you. Come  
on the first train. Lots of love and a kiss to  
your mother.  
Cloise.



157 Piedmont Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Oct 29, 1923

My dearest Louise,

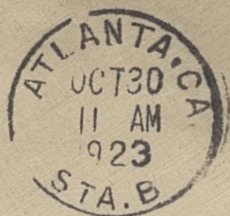
Received your letter last week. Will tell you just how pleased I am that you can spare the time when I see you. Am glad that you won't lose but one day. You can leave Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> in the aft. or at 8:00 P. M. arriving here Friday morning and I will have my dance Friday night. It won't be any trouble as the spare



will be empty for the next day too. You know I am going to enjoy your company first as I can see the others when you are gone. I am almost thru shopping with my clothes. Just a few more finishing touches. How is the dress coming? My wedding dress isn't started yet. It has taken all the time getting the things together. Milton says the groom gets no attention at all. No one is concerned about him. Next time just let me know when to meet you. Lots of love to all. Eloise.



157 Piedmont Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.



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



159 Piedmont Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Oct 3, 1923.

My dear Louise,

Your special letter was received. I am so glad that it was nothing more than the date that we have to arrange. As I said before any date that you chose would suit me, as I have made no plans for any definite date. If I don't get to the Thanksgiving game in Phil. it will be all right because I don't know definitely what Mrs Milton is planning. She only suggested that we could go up. Of course there will be plenty of dances in Washington following the game. As Milton said "You don't care anything about the game only to go and see who was there and what they ~~more~~, and if they looked good." But for him he wanted to see a foot-



ball game. The only <sup>2.</sup> thing about Sat. Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.  
You would have to rush in and rush out so  
would Mrs Milton & Minel. Sunday I am afraid  
that would be too much I would be compelled  
to do and that would break the Sabbath completely.  
Then I don't think a Sunday marriage is legal in  
Georgia, or there is some hitch about a Sunday marriage.  
I really don't want you to lose any pay if possible.  
You spoke of Tues. of Thanksgiving week. That's  
fine. Now could you leave Friday night Nov 24<sup>th</sup>  
reach here Sat. I would have a dance Sat. night  
Reception Sunday aft. Helen entertains Monday  
aft. Roberts could have whatever she plans Monday  
night. Rehearsal Tues. Morning, Wedding Tues. aft. or  
night. You could leave Tues night and be there  
for school Wed. morning. That will only make you  
lose Mon and Tues. of Thanksgiving week.  
How is that? That will give you four days



in Atlanta. I want to see <sup>3</sup> something of you myself.  
Now I will have to see what time you can get a train  
out to put you in Louisville for school next day  
and set the time of the wedding accordingly.  
Now if you can suggest anything else that  
will suit you better let me know. I think  
Muriel Milton can get off for a few days anytime  
as she can get a substitute.

The weather seems to show no signs  
of fall here as it is as hot as ever. I am still  
watching the house go ~~up~~ looking at clothes  
and reached no definite conclusion as yet as the  
styles seem to be late to me. Let me hear from  
you again as soon as possible.

Loveingly  
Eloise.



flowers. Now as for <sup>the</sup> date, I thought if everything was well with my house I would set it for Wed. Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. How does that suit you? If not anytime that best suits you will be all right with me. I thought you could leave Louisville Friday <sup>night</sup> Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. Reach here Sat. the 17<sup>th</sup>. I am entertaining the L. J. Club at a dance that night in honor of my guest. Mama will have an informal reception to meet Mrs. Milton Sunday aft. Helen is entertaining Monday. Roberts Tues. Wedding Wednesday. If you just have to go right back you could leave Thurs. and be in Louisville for school Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. That will just keep you out four days. How does that suit you? Saw Mildred James

157 Piedmont Ave.,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Sept 21, 1923.

My dear Louise,

I was delighted to hear from you the other week. I didn't have the heart to write sooner before because my house wasn't started, but now the frame is all up and they will start the brick veneering Monday. So I am very much pleased if they only keep it up I see no reason why I shouldn't be in it by Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. I have been looking at curtains and shades this week. I must actually start on my clothes next week.

It was just like you to use your brains and suggest metal lace. I think that is just the thing. I am enclosing this sample to see if it meets



3.  
Owing to the size of my living room I was forced to reduce the number of the bridesmaids from seven to five. Ruby seems doubtful as to whether she can come at that ~~night~~ <sup>time</sup> so I am not encouraging her to come on, and I am going to let Roberts have the brides book. As she was the only one I could release. I had to keep Helen else Mrs White never would have stopped reading my titles, and they have been very nice to me. How do you think these colors will look.

|         |   |        |
|---------|---|--------|
| Blossom | — | yellow |
| Helen   | — | blue   |
| Muriel  | — | orchid |
| Louise  | — | rose   |
| Jessie  | — | green. |

The bouquets are to be of pastel colored

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your approval. Of course the others will get what we suggest. I thought this width nice, then too it is not too shiny. Now I don't think of a thing else concerning the dresses, do you? Oh, let's make them over chiffon, just have these panels made over a chiffon slip, so as to keep them soft looking. This lace was a dollar a yd. same as the other. What do you say about leaving off the lace on the back view of the dress that length that extends from the waist line to the end of the skirt? Of course we want the panel with the lace around the edge. Tell me what you think about it. I sent for the pattern last week to make Blossoms dress by.



last Sat. night at a <sup>5</sup>whirl party Mae  
Maywell Yates had for Leigh who was  
home for about ten days. She was telling  
me about Roberts Whedbee's wedding.  
Be sure to bring that yellow taffeta.  
I know it is pretty. Hodges was also  
here visiting Helen. He looked real well.  
Morris Herndon had a dance at his home  
for him. They had a real nice time. Just  
eleven couples. Beatrice Holmes was  
here ~~for~~ a week. Kate M<sup>rs</sup> Craslin  
was here on her way to Orangeburg,  
S. C. where she is to teach with  
Maie Martin. Carrie Wall's entertaining  
the club at cards the other week and  
Lyllis Arnold entertains to-morrow.



Mildred said your <sup>6.</sup> mother may come  
with you. Now do prevail on her to  
come if you can. Tell her Mamma is going  
to visit her soon and I certainly want  
her to come if she can. Virginia Thibault  
is marrying at high noon Thurs day  
from the Congregational Church as I  
hear. It is to be a coral wedding.  
I also hear they are to build on ~~St. Louis~~  
St. not far from where Grace lives.  
Agasia left yesterday for St. Louis  
after a two months visit.

Now tell me if there is anything  
we have left undone or said.

I'll be expecting to hear from  
you soon. Much love to all. Elsie.



<sup>4.</sup>  
When you go to town look in Le Bon Ton magazine for October on Page 20 in the lower left corner, dress No 4976 and tell me if you like it. I want all the dresses to be of chiffon made alike. I thought we could leave off the beaded motifs as the flowers will hide them anyway. I think the back to this dress particularly attractive. Do you like the sample of the rose I got here? It was the prettiest shade I could find without being too light or dark. I know you can find something there to suit you. This is a sample of some lace that I thought would be a good width and mesh. Be sure to express your opinion and tell me if you like it. I want all the girls to wear silver slippers and

157 Piedmont Ave.,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Sept 6, 1923.

My dear Louise,

Now that my house is actually started I can breathe a sigh of relief and write a few letters that have been constantly on my mind.

For fear you don't fully realize what a wonderful impression you left with Bertram I want to reassure you that he has been thinking and talking of you constantly since you left. He says he can't get an answer from his last letter to you. He said he was returning to Pittsburg by way of Louisville. There is nothing



that I got to make my <sup>3.</sup> blue sequin robe over. I only got 2 1/4 yds to make the slip at \$6.95 a yd. I am also using this foundation for a rose chiffon that I am going to have. I am sending you samples of the colors that I selected to be wearing order of their appearance. You know I had <sup>not</sup> considered having Roberta in it seriously until I got a letter from Muriel Hilton last week telling me how she was expecting and planning to be in it. After discussing it with Jesse and Mamma they said to let her be in it, so I went ahead and asked her.

|         |   |        |
|---------|---|--------|
| Blossom | — | pink   |
| Roberta | — | yellow |
| Ruby    | — | blue   |
| Muriel  | — | orchid |
| Jessie  | — | rose   |
| Jessie  | — | green  |

much going on. Madeline returned from a visit with Ruby in New Orleans last week and brought Ethel Finney with her. She was on her way to Chicago. She had a card party for her last Sat. aft. We were all surprised here to hear of Roderick Harris' marriage in Athens to a Miss May Cooper of New York. I haven't heard whether any of his other girls are suffering from heart ache or not.

Tell me about Roberta Whedbee's wedding. What are you wearing? I thought the cloth of silver stunning but mamma didn't want me to ask the girls to get that since you Ruby and Muriel Hilton were coming from out of town. I am enclosing a little sample of the silver



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hose and I would give them bandeaus made of silver leaves for their hair. I have looked at some bracelets and found difficulty in matching them with the dresses so I thought the hair ornaments would be better. Now I am going to let you know the exact date as soon as possible. I make daily visits to see how the work on the house is progressing. Mr. Walker says he is going to try his best to let me have it by Nov 15. Perhaps by the middle of next month I can tell you better. I haven't given my clothes a thought I have been busy trying to get this house started and buying furniture during the August sale.



6.  
Helen White is expecting Hodges to-increase  
to visit her for a few days. I am trying  
to search Atlanta for some men. Maybe  
there are one or two new ones here that  
you might think of meeting. I heard  
Grace Nash was teaching in D. C.  
The schools are very uncertain here  
because some of them are not finished.  
When do you start working? Give  
them to consider that you are going  
to try and get off for a week.

Let me hear from you as soon as  
you make your decision about your  
dress. My best love to you, your  
mother and father. Lovingly,  
Elaine



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Louisville,

Ky



4.  
and they were certainly good-looking girls. I had to stop and wonder how I got Louisa from them. His girl Bertha Williams wouldn't be seen. Minnie said she saw her on the street and she crossed over to keep from speaking. Of course Clarissa Scott wouldn't go to Sue's party having recently gone with Grant and corresponded with Louisa up until she finished Wellesley so I didn't see anything of her, nor Evelyn, her excuse she had no company. Certainly did hate to leave. I had such a good time and they began talking about when you come back what we will have. She looks well, enjoying life as usual and Grant has gotten finer looking. She says you won't enter her.

273 Merritts Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Jan 31, 1923.

My dear Louise,  
Immediately upon my return from Washington Dec 9<sup>th</sup> I asked Mamma had she heard from you. A few days later your letter came and I certainly felt distressed that you had such a time getting home. I know it must have taken some time for you to recover. However I hope your wedding trip will be quite different. We had a nice trip up arriving on time in Wash. Of course I was tired to start with but I realized there would be no sleeping there and I didn't expect any and little



3.

The night after Thanksgiving we went to the Mrs. L. Lit ball at the Collonade, after the dance we went to a cabaret and had supper at Thomas'. Sunday Aunt Fannie had us to dinner, Sue & Grant, Estelle Pinckney and some others came in. Then we went to an At Home for somebody then to Bernice Burrells for supper. Next day Sue and I went shopping all the afternoon, then movie parties fine hundred party at which I won first prize think of that. Ophelia and Eugene Davidson took a party of us cabaretting one night. The went to five seeing the best to the worst. The night before we left Sue and Grant gave a beautiful dance for us. Had sixty five couples

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did I get. The Tues. night after we arrived the Miltons had a reception for us. In this receiving line besides ourselves were Aunt Fannie and Mr Douglass, Sue and Grant, Ophelia Davidson, Bernice Burrell and Louvenia Anderson. After standing for two hours and a half meeting these folks the receiving party had their party and of course it was 2 P.M. by the time they all left. The didn't get the game Loumer said he would have taken me if I wanted to go but Mr & Mrs Milton waited us at home on Thanksgiving day as Loumer hadn't been there for seven years and it started raining Wed. aft. and Loumer didn't want to drive thru the rain so we stayed in Wash.



that winds up the festivities. <sup>7</sup>At the Mrs  
Harris was married the Sunday morning  
following to this Mr. Clever  
Young formerly of Baltimore. It was a  
quiet affair witnessed by only the  
family and they left immediately for  
Jacksonville, Fla. Virginia also went  
there. I hear faint rumors of Bettrams  
engagement to Maria Brown. Eunice  
is trying to vamp a Mr. Bailey teacher  
at Morris Brown from Iowa, quite a  
good-looking man, tall and brownish  
with beautiful hair. Let us hope he  
won't rival Abe Simpson. Well, I  
believe this is all the news.

Of course I can never thank nor  
repay you for your kindness to

<sup>6</sup>Louise and I to dinner then we went  
to Virginia's wedding. It was a swell  
and very brilliant affair taking a hour  
to perform all the details. Virginia  
as usual looked good in her grey dress  
and grey lace veil and everything and  
everybody wore grey and coral. At the  
house it wasn't a crowd but a mob  
so we pushed in and were washed  
out. I suspect it rivalled the Walker  
wedding in N. Y.

Aethan was wearing lots of good  
looking clothes and left Sat. morning  
for Chicago. Ruby is leaving Sunday.  
To-morrow the Jay then are having  
a dance in the afternoon and I suppose



me. I just hope some day I'll be able<sup>8</sup> to show my appreciation. Tell your mother and father I'll owe them a letter also for letting you come. Also tell your mother that her sterling silver spoons are among my most treasured and valuable gifts and I shall always use them accordingly. I was contented with what I could glance at here before I left but I certainly got some beautiful as well as useful things in Washington.

Of course to use the natural expression you wouldn't be single for anything. It also means work and more work. However I was very fortunate in getting some one

to help me. I found<sup>9</sup> plenty of work waiting for me too, so much so I haven't had time to think what to send you for Xmas, so I'll send your Xmas gift along in Feb. with the other box. I was most utterly surprised to think that you had gone to the extreme by remembering me with your useful Laundry list book. Such things are always useful and appreciated. You know what the housewife needs all right. I can give you a good recommendation. Now don't take an age to write me again but let me know the news with you and how everything



By that time the two weeks had <sup>5</sup> past and Loumer was refusing to go anywhere until he got some sleep and we got home safely. You can imagine how little I thought of Ymas but we had a round of parties. Roban was visiting Carrie Watts she gave a card party for her at which I managed to win the booty while Loumer was first prize for the men. Ruby came from New Orleans and Helen & Madeline had a dance for her. Emma Arnold had a card party which I didn't attend. The Idlewild dance was a very nice affair. The Collegiate Masquerade followed. This afternoon I went to a Luncheon and Whist part at Georgia Davis Blockers.

Ymas day Mrs White had Morris, Martin



is progressing. I shall expect a long  
letter soon. Lots of love from us  
all to all of you.

Lovingly,

Eloise.

P.S. Howard said he gave the package  
to Myrtle.



until Mamma returned, I finally named her Eleanor Muriel from Mamma and his sister Muriel. Mrs Milton wrote me you were to spend the day at Arundel with Sue. She said Peggy Louise is like Sue, small of course, but I imagine she is cute. I know you had a good time. What was the news and happenings of the east?

Naturally I haven't been anywhere but am beginning to get out now. Nothing but babies here everyone who can have one seems to be doing so. ha. ha. Now you must hurry up so your children will be coming along with Sue and mine. Tell your mother I thank her so much for the annual. It furnished me lots of company while I was in the hospital.

So many thanks for your gift I'll be waiting to serve you in them. I'll send a snap of the baby when she gets old enough. Lots of love to all. Closed.

273 E. Merritts Ave.

Atlanta, Ga.

Sept 14, 1924.

My dear Louise,

It was certainly my intention to acknowledge the receipt of your birthday gift before my family duties got so strenuous but the time passed so rapidly before I knew it I found myself with some job, a nurse, can you beat it! Say, Milton thinks you have wonderful taste to send something he could use too. I told him I realized I was a back number now everything would be for the house or the baby now. But I won't care for much



telling me the first one came <sup>3.</sup> earlier than expected but I persuaded her to go on there was nothing she could do as I was going to the hospital and sure enough when she returned the baby was ten days old.

I wish you could see her she is the cutest little thing. She is just a growing. I think she has Milton's features. Of course you can't tell so much about them now but she is fairer than either of us with black eyes and beautiful black hair (so far) and pretty little hands. Weighed  $6\frac{1}{2}$  lbs when born. Milton wanted a boy naturally and never once considered that it could be a girl so I had to name her after being named.

now if I can keep <sup>2.</sup> them up to date. I think Jessie has found my ice tea glasses and coasters very nice. No sense of Hartman tea in. So you see I will have to thank you doubly for them.

As you know Mama & Jessie had a wonderful trip to Chicago and I was sorry you were not at home at the time they were there. It seems as if I had to miss all the trips as Milton went east in June for a few days. I told them I was certainly going to make up for loss time when I did go.

Mama didn't much want to go because she thought the baby would be here before she got back as she kept





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



273 E. Merritts Ave.

Atlanta, Ga.

Dec 27, 1925.

My dear Louise,

Yours of recent date received and I have been trying every moment to get a line in return but have been so busy. So glad you and Elvora are coming. Only wish you all had come sooner. Alta Milton, Louise's youngest sister came down from Washington D.C. and is here with us for ten days. I was so busy with a party for her yesterday is why I could not get you a line sooner.

Just write me in return when you and Elvora will be coming.



backs from Tuskegee and I will meet  
you all at the station. Hope you can  
stay two or three days. I hear rumors  
of a dance here on the 31<sup>st</sup> for the  
Omega fellows returning from Tuskegee.  
Lawson is an Alpha man but we will  
have to manage somehow to get to this  
dance. Ha, ha. There is a dance tomorrow  
night and the Idkild later on this week.  
Let me know by return mail how long you  
all can stop here so I can try to get every  
thing lined up. Am expecting both of  
you. All send love. Hostily, Eloise



From  
Miss L. D. Milton,  
273 E. Merritts Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga.

Special Delivery

Dec 27, '25

Miss Louise Marnett,  
Tuskegee Institute,  
c/o Mr W. J. B. Williams. Tuskegee, Ala.



refused to be with any one but Miss Anna  
Porter, who was one of the visitors. They  
were real cute and seemed to have enjoyed  
themselves, constantly on the go with  
the Hamilton brothers.

Helen White went to New Orleans  
to visit Ruby for the holidays. I understood  
the engagement with Hodges is all off. King  
returned. Seemed as if the color question  
was the issue as he has been reported  
to have gone with the fairer set for some  
time. Hugh Timbush was here for the  
Q.U.-Moosehouse game but couldn't stay for  
Xmas. Hear that Jim Yerby is to be married  
next month to Tyler of Columbus, Ohio.

Ethel Wilham Howard is here with Helen Louise  
who has had the measles. I am expecting to have  
some spring clothes when she gets well. The weather  
has been so bad I haven't been able to get out with

the baby for  
the picture. But  
I will be coming  
red soon.  
Stop love,  
Louise.

My dear Louise,

It was certainly not my  
intention to let your letter arrive be-  
fore I acknowledge your good looking  
pair of suede gloves. Of course I expect  
to be a back number as most mothers  
do when the children arrive. But I  
was as tickled over my gifts as I  
was over the baby's. Louisa said  
the baby got everything which she  
did.

Mrs Milton came down from  
Washington Christmas Eve to spend

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note pad and small purse<sup>3</sup> was very much needed, and Mama, and Grandpa contributed money to put in the purse which is very essential.

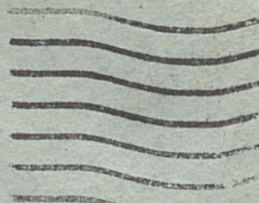
There were quite a few dances the 27 Club was the first to give their Annual Formal Dress Dance. Then the Joy Men, and the Idlewils. Bertram Hamilton was home for Xmas. Looked real well. Says he is coming in June to stay. There were three visiting belles here for the holidays the guest of Ellen Lambert, all teachers in Jefferson City, Mo. but homes were in Pittsburg and Philadelphia. One of them the Miss Wright has a sherry brother teaching at Morris Brown who

a few weeks and just left Sat. So you see I was constantly kept on the jump trying to go around with her. Muriel sent me a beautiful hand tinted picture of herself for Xmas in which she looks perfectly stunning. She sent the baby a regular wardrobe, coat, dress, slip, sacque, flannels, and also her younger sister sent blue silk shoes, and with a baby book, rattles, more clothes, she was well remembered.

Of course my most important gift was from my husband, a leather bag all outfitted with perfume, rouge, lipsticks



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



Altoona and Hazel<sup>4</sup> Shavles gave a very  
good two piano recital to a packed house.  
Mildred Greenwood gave one Sunday aft.  
Tell Elmore I sat by Morris. First time I  
have seen him in a long time. He has a  
new five passenger Tourist car and is  
coming to take me and all the Miltons  
to ride Sunday aft. I told him of her and  
now I'll have to arrange the meeting  
and the rest will be up to her as he is  
a hard nut to crack. He had Madeline  
out Sunday. She seems to be hanging  
on although he wouldn't bring her to the  
Alpha dance. The very time she thought  
there is hope he lets her down and

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My dear Louise,

Surely you must think  
the Gods have declared a day of freedom  
for me. It's not that but it has suddenly  
turned so hot until there is no energy  
left but to sit around.

I haven't a baby anymore  
but a little girl to play with now. She  
is talking right along. Can tell you  
her name and count to ten and plays  
ball. She has fourteen teeth.

I was quite surprised to see



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Mr. & Mrs. Wilkins, just the Alpha men and their ladies. We had a good time. Had a lovely four course dinner then danced until 1:00 A.M. Walter Smith was out with Altoona Trent, West and Jesse Penn, Louise Holmes and Lawson, Eunice and Mr. Herman Perry. Mildred Greenwood and Garland Wood and a few other couples were the only single ones. Mr. Julian Lewis who delivered the Go-to-High-School address was the guest. Ethel made me a black lace dress to wear over silver cloth. There have been several benefit things for G. U. endowment fund.

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Sol Luckie last week who told me his son accompanied him down for ten days.

Sol. looks fine and is as crazy as ever.

He told me you were to spend the summer in New York with your mother. I just know you are making preparations for leaving now. You won't need to add many touches to your wonderful wardrobe as so many of your things are in vogue now.

The Alpha's instead of having their usual dance on the roof had a formal dinner dance at the home of



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picks her up again. Hortense Hall  
from Chicago is here visiting the Herndons.  
They entertain at a dance for her to-morrow  
night. I met her Sunday. Real cute  
but not as attractive as Jim Yerby.  
Looks to be very young.

Helen White and Eugene Watkins  
wedding the latter part of next month  
is the only wedding so far. The more  
you think of it the more of a joke it  
seems. I hear they are honeymooning to  
New York. Suppose I'll kill three  
birds with one stone and entertain  
Hortense, Helen and Jessie Penn who



Wartman is still in Washington, D.C.  
Came down for Easter spent nearly a week  
and motored back in his car. I don't  
expect to hear from you until you reach  
Lil Ab New York. but drop a line then  
and refresh my memory with happening  
in the cabarets and shows and shops.

Love to all.

Lovingly,  
 Eloise.

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leaves the middle of next month to make  
Juskegee her home, at the same time  
Jessie hates to go. She is returning to  
Atlanta for the wedding then going to  
New York for the summer.

Where is Elvira going this summer?  
I saw Edith Long Taylor last month  
she told me she was planning to  
surprise you with a visit. did she come?  
I must not forget to add that Maxwell Yates  
has a daughter Claire Lenore.

Now I believe I have made up  
for lost time and told all the news.



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expected back soon.

There is nothing else going on.  
Tell Elvira several of the fellows have  
been screaming Miss M. Dwyer. See  
Walter Smith right often.

Where are you all planning to go next?  
Have heard from Madge. I'll get chance  
to write both of them soon.

Lots of love to your mother,

Lovingly,

Eloise.

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March 1, 1926.

My dear Louise,

I know you are fully  
convinced that I need a secretary. I was  
hoping to get a line to you to tell you  
how much I thank you for the Valentine  
handkerchiefs for Eleanor Ursiel. They are  
too cute. Her grandmother Milton also sent  
a Valentine box with a party dress, pins,  
supporters, handkerchiefs and toys. So  
Valentine day was a big day for her. I



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time to get the Costume together. I hear was a very pretty party. Virginia Caddy won first prize as a Spanish girl with the red shawl purchased on her honeymoon in Cuba and a large comb in her hair. Everyone said she was very striking. Grace Nash was a Valentine sheik. Louise Holmes a Ballet dancer. The Alpha's have their annual dance in April. It's a lovely dance I am trying to think up something new to wear.

Wartman is in Washington, has been for two months on business but is

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am saving some of her handkerchiefs for this trip to Washington in the fall. She is growing so fast. Has ten teeth and talking right along. As usual I haven't been any where much. Went to a Valentine card party at Mae Yates the other week. The newest addition to the married set is Mrs Levening Bell. She is very attractive looking and a very sweet girl. The Poppies, a French club. Edith Long Taylor is one of the members gave a Costume ball last week. I didn't attend as I didn't have the



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Feb. 21, 1927.

My Dearest Louise:

I am doing nothing tonight but writing letters since we have a holiday tomorrow. It has been very warm here all of this month until yesterday. Its very cold now and I guess it will stay so until the month is over.

Well I guess your birthday has passed. Mine was the first of the month. Mamma gave me a party and I really had a nice time. Since I was eighteen I really feel as if I'm getting old. I am five-foot six and weigh about 130 lbs.



I try not to eat much because  
I don't want to be fat.  
Everybody here wants to  
be slender so we try not  
to eat much. I don't suppose  
I am so very much taller  
than you I hope not.

Mamma wouldn't let  
any of us bob our hair. I  
wanted to real bad at  
first I don't mind so much  
now but you can hardly buy  
a hat unless your hair is  
bobbed. Quite a few of the  
girls here have all their  
hair cut off and when  
they get on knickers you  
can't tell them from  
the boys.

Give my love to your  
mother and father,

Lovingly,  
E. J. J.



our way to Arrived the best of June  
motoring up, of course, that's the only way  
I could go now. I don't much want to go  
but Louise has got to get away on a  
vacation this year, but I won't be gone  
over three weeks, as Aunt Fannie is  
returning with us to join Mama here  
before they leave for California.  
I suppose they will be back by the  
last of August. So I hope we can  
make our dates hit. Let me know when  
you plan to reach here.

You know the Alphas are  
planning to meet here June. Why  
can't you come again? Sue sent me word  
when things were lively here she might

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May 6, 1929.

My dear Louise,

I tried to send you a  
few messages to answer the purpose  
of a letter, hoping I could get the  
letter written each day.

Of course you know we  
had a strenuous month socially while  
Ethlynde, Mrs Vann, and Hilda Evans'  
guest from St Louis were here. They  
were entertained as no other visitors were  
just as Mrs Johnson would have it.

Everybody was glad to see



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prize at bridge, silver salt & pepper shakers.

Everybody had such lovely parties but I believe Mrs Herndon's card party was loveliest. Her prizes to the guest was exquisite silk underwear. Edith Croghan Brooks buffet supper was swell. The parties are always so artistic. They went to Tuskegee for a week end and had a swell time there.

Have only been to one card party since.

Your papa said he didn't think you would get to commencement but were coming later in the summer? When do you plan to come? We are talking

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Ethlynde as she was looking fine. You know she is of an immense size but her face hasn't changed one bit. She carries it nicely and dresses so becomingly. Her clothes were beautiful and on all occasions she looked good.

Mrs Varn is lovely, so very pleasant. Also wore beautiful things and exquisite diamonds. Hilda's guest were very pleasant, one of them was real attractive looking. We had all kinds of parties, luncheons, teas, buffet suppers, dances, and a gang of card parties.

I happened to win one first



we hope to have a good time.

Nothing much going on except the National Benefit is moving to Washington and of course lots of folks here will have to move.

The Arnolds, the Cates, Evans and lots of others if they keep their jobs.

Let me know your plans for the summer and what's going on.

Loveingly,

Elvira

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come down, so I wrote her to plan for them, of course she hasn't answered.

Recently I have been going down to the store at nights. See Smith real often. He told me he was terribly put out, because he couldn't even get in a word during his last visit because of the gentleman from Lexington, Ky.

Now tell me something. Mama said your Papa in his address at 9.7. spoke of his hopes of seeing his grandchildren thru school here. So you must have something up your sleeve.

Loimer had to go to Washington on a business trip the week after



visitors were here. I bought ensemble with velvet coat and chiffon dress of same print, with slippers and hat to match, and a spring black silk coat with monkey fur cuffs and a small red hat. I want a sleeveless sport dress for July 4<sup>th</sup> at the beach and that's all I'll get.

You know Byron married Easter Sunday in Chicago to a little girl there. She is originally from New Orleans, creole, with part French. They are living in Salomago Mich. Mrs Milton and Minnie went to Chicago for the wedding. They plan to be at around July 1<sup>st</sup>. So with all the gang

Easter. After seeing the homefolks there they wanted the baby's name changed from Bernice to Betty. I wanted Betty at first but couldn't get him to say so. So I have had it registered Betty, how do you like that? She is just growing weighs 12 lbs now and is real pretty.

It will take me from now until next month to get them both ready to go. Cleona Minnie has heard ensemble so much until she just had to have one. Now I have got to buy the hat to match.

I only got one outfit while the



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Oct 26, 1938.

My dear Louise.

Your letter came in the morning and before I could get around to writing your bag came the same day. It is beautiful and so stylish. I intended to answer your other letter to tell you not to send anything but these bridge parties started and I didn't have time. Betty says what will you fill it up with? I told her, your play money. It will be just the thing for Honolulu and my three piece suit whenever I can get started. I'll save it for the trip though, and plan the traveling outfit around it. Now don't send anything for Christmas, because we have to balance the budget. That's what I told L. H. about his birthday gift to me. He gave me a dozen embossed wedge-



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wood dinner plates with the different building  
at Brown Univ. engraved in the center of  
the plates. They were made special for the  
Alumni. They just came last week. So I  
am saving both these gifts for Christmas.  
Just send the check the 1st of Nov. and get  
them with that in time to return to the  
coast next summer. So tell me what was  
going on out there. Did you see Emily  
Porting? Laura or Gertrude Christmas, or  
Mr & Mrs Gordon? I owe all them letters.  
Did you stay in Pasadena again? The kids  
want to go to the N. Y. Fair and L. H. says I'll  
have to take them if they go, and I want  
to save my money for the coast. But I am  
going to wait on him to go along too.

The had such a delightful summer I  
didn't go any place. We had visitors and



all kinds of parties all summer long.<sup>3.</sup>

Melba's parties started off with a shower the last of July and continued until the wedding was over. We certainly went to a round of lovely affairs. Carrie tried herself, and you will have to admit every detail was beautifully carried out. I suppose you saw the pictures in the Courier. Now she is just so worn out she has gone to New York for a change to stay until Thanksgiving. Mrs. Hope has just returned from N. P. and New York, and Mrs. Herndon has just returned from Chicago and Los Angeles. Her eldest sister died out there and she was visiting in Chicago when she got the news.

Eva Gassett (Mrs. Jas.) Arnold was here last month visiting the Arnolds from N. Y. and we had bridge parties every day for



a week. Emma started off with a tea for  
her on Sunday aft. So I had to purchase my  
only fall costume a red velvet perfectly plain  
except for a gold and rhinestone belt which  
I have gold and rhinestone accessories for.

Yes. I wear my hair up for dances and  
bridge and got lots of compliments but it keeps  
me at the hair dresser. Betty says, now you  
get you a doll hat. L. D. and I played bridge  
informally at the Clements one night just before  
school started. I have got to take my club next  
month but it will only be the members as I had  
a large garden party in August. The Cannons have  
purchased a summer home with a Lake on it,  
and we had such good times on Sunday out  
there with six or seven couples at a time. The  
Clements came out the last time we were there.  
I believe this is all the news to date. Don't forget  
to tell me about the coast no matter when you  
write. Tell your Mother I still think of her. Lots of love.  
Elaine.