

The ROSWELL MUSEUM



ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Thomas M. Messer
Director

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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Laura:

Although I should have made it my business, I am sorry to say that I did not. Until your letter came yesterday it had never occurred to me that your beautiful photographs had not been returned to you within a few days after they were taken down. Please forgive me for not attending to this.

Mr. Boylan asks me to give you his apologies; while helping Paul install the current show, WORD AND IMAGE, and with his eight art classes per week, he regrets that he simply has not packed and returned your photographs, but assures me they will leave today, by express. We are both sorry and embarrassed about this delay.

It was good of you to talk to them at Fountain Valley about Lanny Young. He made application last fall for admission on scholarship so they must have record of it, with letters of recommendation from Paul, Mr. Messer (Director of this Museum), and myself. The school wrote Lanny and his parents that they could not give him definite word until June, 1951, but that

there was a very good chance of favorable consideration. Lanny, however, has been concerned about waiting so long and is dissatisfied with educational and musical opportunities here in Roswell. He and his family are investigating possibilities in other schools which offer both a sound educational background and superior musical training.

I hear that Tommy Waring whom you probably knew when he had the Waring School in Tesuque, is under consideration for Head of Fountain Valley. He is an old friend of mine, as is his charming wife Anita; I should think him an excellent choice.

We often speak of how much we enjoyed having you in Roswell, and your photographs, and your talk, were both a privilege and a great pleasure.

Please forgive the Museum for the delay in returning your pictures and let us know by postcard when you receive them. I trust you did receive the very modest check I mailed you two days after your return to Santa Fe, to cover travelling expenses.

Come back soon!

Affectionate greetings to you;

Mary

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