



WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

January 17/34 [1934]

Mrs. J. Bryant Helms,
Smiths Grove,
Ky.

Dear Mrs. Helms:

Your highly valued favor has been
duly received, in reply, I have
to tell you, I am awful busy;
But, I cannot refuse my former
pupil, and so I accept your invitation
for February 22/34 at 8 P.M.
Please do not expect to much of my
performance, my practise time is
very limited, often weeks pass, when
I cannot touch a piano; So I have to
give you a program of well known pieces.
I guess about one hour time will be
sufficient? I will mail you the program
early in February, as soon, as the

Second Semester has opened, and
I know how busy you are, I
have to teach.

You do not need to ask somebody
to drive me to Smiths Grove,
Mrs. Strayer is delighted with
your invitation, and we can
come in her car.

However, in case Mrs. Raymond
will go from here, and she
wishes to take us, its O.K.

With my best wishes to you
and Mr. Helmer

I am yours

Sincerely

Fanny Strayer



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Mrs. J. Bryant Helton,
Smiths Grove, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Helton:-

Just a word of thanks for the beautiful book "The Unknown Debussy". I am a great lover of books and its about the only recreation I really enjoy. Nothing could have given me more joy than this volume. I saw in the News Week around Christmas a review of the book and wished there if I only could get a copy, and so again sincere thanks.

I have enjoyed playing, and I am only sorry my poor fingers ran away with me in the Chopin Etude.

Now Mrs. Helton, I wonder if you would write a short letter to Pres. Cherry,

Thanking him for letting me
off to give the recital and whatever
you feel you can tell.

Pres. Ch. was extremely nice this P.M.
to me.

If you can, type the letter on
the Woman's Federation stationery
and in the name of the Woman's Club
of Smiths Grove.

Again thanking you,

Kindly remember me to Mr. Helm
and your dear boy;

Sincerely,

Frank Strawn



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Sept. 29, 1936.

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Dear Mrs. Helm,

Prof. Strahm has asked me to write you saying he will be unable to give lessons again until the first of November. He will appreciate it if you will also get word to Mr. Stark Davis before Saturday.

He also said he regretted very much having to give up his concert in Smiths Grove, but it is the doctor's orders that he lie in bed for the next four weeks.

He said he would like to see you whenever you are in Bowling Green.

He sends his best wishes to you, your husband, and family.

Sincerely,

Ropie Gibbs



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May 29/37
[1937]

Mrs. J. B. Helm,
Smiths Grove, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Helm: -

Inclosed find balance due on
Davids lessons.

Under seperate cover, I also mail
you a copy, of my new sacred song.
I guess you know, that my hymns
received the first prize.

It was very unexpected, as I wrote
the hymns, without special care.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours
Franz Strakno.

Riverview, Ill.

April 12, 1950. ⁵

Dear Virginia,

When I sent the information which you requested in regard to Prof. Strahan, it was in my mind to ask for a copy of Kentucky Composers but in my haste I neglected to mention it.

Please send me a copy, letting me know the price of same. I will mail a check.

It just dawned on me, maybe the information did ^{not} reach you on time.

Any way, I hope it did and am looking forward of receiving a copy.

Regards + Best Wishes,

Sincerely,

Alice C. Strahan.

