

Montrose, Dec. 27, 44.

Dear Collie:

Just to show you that I DID answer that precious letter you wrote me last May, I am enclosing you the copy I kept of it. I keep copies of all my letters of any importance, and now this time it is justified.

I hope you will excuse the paper it is written on, as I am a thrifty soul (sometimes) and am trying to be patriotic, by saving paper. ~~XXXX~~

Also please excuse this short note, as I have so many letters to write today I havnt time to do you justice, but will do better next time.

I note the lovely wedding celebration you had. Grayce sent me a newspaper account of it, too.

I am enclosing a poem Norma has just written which was printed in a DEMOCRATIC paper; a man who has NEVER published poetry before, but he thought so highly of this, that he published it. He also wrote Norma a beautiful letter about it, a personal letter She was not paid for it, of course, and if you'd like to publish it, you have her permission. She told me to tell you so. With love to you and yours,

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Valda