

205 Ridgewood Road

Margie's wedding day

Dearest Mother,

I motored over from Dover yesterday. Alice Paul + I together, stopping to see Mrs Hilles, our state chairman in Wilmington. We arrived here just after Bob + Helen got back from Easton where B. had been operating. He was called on Thursday + started in his motor at once, Helen with him, and got to Easton at nearly midnight. He went at once to the patient's doctor + found the operation could wait until morning, so he +

[written horizontally at top of page: surely in four or five days from now. We shall all miss you at the wedding, but it will be a tax + I'm glad you have decided not to come. Very lovingly. Dora. I sent Margie a very nice fire set, which I got at Valiant's this morn. Shovel, tongs, poker, brass.]

Helen went to bed for a few hours. They didn't get to bed, Helen says, until about 1.30. We had dinner + then we took Miss Paul to the train for Washington. I will join her there tomorrow, as I have to see some of the senators + congressmen to get them, if possible, to write to the Speaker of the House in Delaware, to beg him to vote for ratification for the sake of the Republican Party. The Speaker is an anti, but a good party man; so there is hope. Margie's presents are lovely. The clock you + Father sent is a beauty + she is delighted with it. I chose, out of a whole table,

full of silver as especially worthy of admiration first Louise's arts + crafts apron, then Olga's Sheffield tray. Olga was with me, and we both thought I showed great discretion. I had not known what either she or Louise had given to Margie.

The house is a perfect bower downstairs. Palms in all possible places, and masses of forsythia and other blossoming sprays. I sent a lot of daffodils from Dover - ordered 500, but do not think my woman was able to get more than 300. They are in a pail of water now recovering from the journey. The house looks lovely.

Shippen has just telephoned that Esther is not quite so well today, so that he will not be down. I am hoping for Louise to appear every minute. I think she will go to Washington with me tomorrow.

I sent my car back to Dover, to be ready for me when I go back May 3. I am having it gone over by a man in Dover whom they say is very good, and not so expensive as some. Our resolution comes up May 5 and 6th for victory or defeat. Dr Neil has been telling me that he has talked with many Delawarians in the train as he goes back + forth from the Eastern Shore, + they all tell him there is no chance at all of its passing. I hope we have a surprise for them. We shall know more

Margy Kelly's wedding day