

May 1, 1941

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Your letter of April 4 has not received the prompt reply that it deserved. Perhaps vacation, house cleaning and sundry other disturbances are responsible. I hope you will forgive me for the delay. I have asked that copies of the last Alleghenian be sent you.

Thank you for the picture of Miss Alice Bentley in the character of Uncle Sam. It's excellent, and her fame seems to have spread far.

Dr. Schultz promises that you will receive a copy of the photograph of Carl Sandburg and himself. It is a very nice picture. By the way, do you know the picture of Carl Sandburg that appeared in House and Garden, May 1940, with the delphinium named for him by Edward Steichen. It makes a fine frontispiece. I understand that he is related to the Steichens.

Thanks also for the picture of Mr. Harry O. Knerr and for his letter to you. I have sent him a copy of the Lincoln program and of the Alleghenian article. We are, I regret to say, approaching the limit for distribution of the Lincoln programs. I am sorry that more were not printed, but the College was in the saving mood at the moment. We did, however, send out several hundred.

We have had the loveliest spring imaginable and this May day would be perfect for any festivities. However, the college is not having its usual May festival for lack of money to finance it.

It has been my custom for some years to read Yeats little play, The Land of Heart's Desire, on May Day night. Do you know it. It's a charming bit of fantasy that makes one believe in fairies.

I am glad that you are feeling like work again. With best wishes from the other members of the staff and myself, I am

Faithfully yours,

