

Dear Karen,

4/9/81

We are glad to hear from you and to know of Mary's good news. Our best to them.

Whichever one of the jobs comes through, I hope it is the one that is best for you.

You do not speak of taking a law degree.

If you still plan to, can you do that at Harrisburg?

If you take the Harrisburg job, after the year isn't it possible that you could line up with an agency outside of Harrisburg, maybe even Pittsburg?

We are both as we have been. The tax season is coming to an end just about the time the earth is coming to life again.

Some of our earlier flowers have completed their bloom period, incredibly as it seems. Yesterday the first of the tulips came out.

Yesterday also I let the stove go out, perhaps for the heating season.

If so we've gotten most of our heat from wood and next year's supply is stacked and drying. I'm working on the year after's supply of wood now.

Our contribution to the energy crisis.

Best to you all,

4/4/81

Dear Harold,

The enclosed check is for a copy of Whitewash IV. With the increases in postage, I had no idea what the current price is, so if the check doesn't cover it, be sure to let me know.

I hope things are going well for you and Lil. I'm in the process of trying to find a job. I finished school the end of December, but I was so tied up with our teachers' strike until well into February that I have only recently been able to begin job hunting. As of now, I have several possibilities, two of which are very promising. One of them is with the Governor's Office as a Public Management Intern. The position involves spending a year rotating between various state agencies and departments. After the year internship, you're placed in one of the agencies. I scored quite high on the written exam and will be going to Harrisburg on the 20th for interviews & oral exams. The other job is with Carnegie-Mellon University as a Personnel Analyst. If I got that job, I'd be able to stay here & remain on the school board, but I think the job with the state has better opportunities & would be more challenging. I'm not fond of the idea of relocating to Harrisburg - it's not exactly on my list of favorite cities, but if I were offered the job I'd probably be crazy to turn it down. So, as of now, I'm just waiting & keeping my fingers crossed.

I got a call from Mary just a little while ago. She found out this morning that she's pregnant, so she's going to be a mother & I'm going to be a godmother right about Christmas. With a possible relocation in my future & with Mary's news,

it looks as if this is going to be quite an interesting year.

Take care and say hi to Lil for me. I'll let you know when I have some definite news about a job - hopefully, that will be soon. The uncertainty and the waiting is driving me nuts.

Best,
Karen