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Dear Harold:

Just checking to see how you are doing and to enclose this recent article from the Columbus Dispatch.

It has snowed twice here in the last week, and we are expecting more this coming week. Actually, because of drought this summer, we can certainly use the moisture, though it makes driving a little more hazardous.

After a seven-week stint teaching sixth graders mostly in a Catholic school in the fall, I have taken a job working for Marshall Field's department store near where I used to teach in Dublin. It is not my life's work, but it will get me by for now. I am working in logistics supply, which basically means cleaning the dock, marking prices down, delivering packages for pickup, changing burnt out lights and the like. I may start substitute teaching in public schools in the spring as they are paying more now, and for the next year I can work for public schools up to 85 days a year while still collecting retirement as I am. Hopefully I will settle into my new career, whatever that is, by next fall.

I am looking forward to spring when I will begin planting flowers in the garden around my "new" 74-year-old house. I also plan to repaint all the rooms and begin to move my books into shelves that I need to have built yet! Still, it is far better than living in an apartment after five years. I just need to begin organizing things.

I am taking my third art history course at Ohio State on Monday and Wednesday evenings. I am currently taking the history of ancient art. I have already done medieval/Renaissance and modern art. It is very interesting, but when tests come up, quite intense.

Tom Peet and I have discussed planning to visit for lunch again on your birthdays in April and would like to do that. We think of you often. Say hello and best wishes to Lil for us and take care.

Succeedy, Dave