

Dear Bill,

3/9/96

The well-packaged copies of Whitewash came yesterday and we appreciate them and the work they represent very much. They are OK, too. There was nothing you could do about the pictures and that some pages are a bit high or a bit low is no real problem at all. And they'll hold us for a while because the professor who had used them in the past seems to have switched to Post Mortem from the orders we are getting.

I've been thinking about the pictures. I can xerox them from the 26. When I printed the book they were photographed by the offset camera, as I believe I told you. I cut them from the books for that and that will enable me to copy them flat if Charles believes that would work, his using them on those pages. The Commission's page size was also 6x9 so from size they'll fit.

In the O in NO, Lil can come up with another copy of two with a little time.. if Charles needs it and if that will help with the master.

You say your dining room table became a book-binding factory. Well, that book was written on our dining room table back on the farm because I had no other table I could keep the typewriter on then.

We had another snow yesterday but not all that much of it but with it the temperature fell to 30 degrees below what it usually is this time of the year and now, at a little after 3 a.m., it is but 10. I hate to think of the wind with it. It gusted yesterday at 40 mph, giving us a windchill of well below zero. So, neither of us left the house. That may also be true today, so I'd best catch up on the mail and the few packages I have to make so I can have it all ready for this fine younger neighbor, who comes from California.

Had a note from Verb yesterday. He appreciates your kindnesses and said so.

The neighbor could not bring the mail yesterday until I was about to retire. Lil was then deep in taxes. I left your letter for her to read and I suppose she did. It will be several hours before she is up. At her age she worked on those taxes until about midnight. But I'm sure she appreciates your good wishes on her surgery. We see the surgeon this coming Tuesday. I suppose she'll then set the date. It will be after taxes are over. We should learn more on Tuesday but I'm sure I'll have to find someone to help for at least a while because of the severe restrictions I'm under and the actual restrictions of my medical and physical situations.

As I'd indicated, when I gave Dr. Gerald McKnight that volume of pictures he was quite pleased. He will place them in the Hood library and his students will use them next semester. I do suggest that you have typed up so it can be pagged on the inside cover your name, when you took them and maybe with what camera and film.

Many thanks and our best to you all,

Hardy

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3/7/96

Dear Bill,

Aside from my being able to hear with a speakerphone as I cannot with the regular telephones, it has the advantage of Bill being able to hear, too. We both enjoyed the fact that all the people you have gotten interested seem to have developed their own interests. This and Charles going to all the work he is came to mind while sitting and thinking after coming to the end of what I was working on with a few minutes before someone is due if on time. We do appreciate all that effort and the time it takes.

We are also glad that it attracted a little attention to what Charles can do for customers. That led me to think that perhaps he might want to display it and sell it. If he does he can keep what he gets for them for himself.

We've been selling them for \$25, \$20 to book stores. Years ago when I was publishing and had to fix a selling price, the formula then was five times manufacturing cost. I've no idea what it is now. (With the cost of all the work that is a very cheap price, believe me!)

You mentioned the weather yesterday. We have snow in the forecast for tonight, 4-8 inches. We are lucky it began early this morning as rain or we'd be having a problem right now. It has been raining all day, since long before daylight. It was just enough above freezing for it to be rain. But that will mean ice under the snow?

And the forecast at noon was for below freezing every night for the coming week.

I'll be glad when April is here. The latest snow storm I remember was on an Easter Sunday. Besides which we both have our birthday's then. (As did my father and my step-father.)

Best,
Herald

DEAR HAROLD

ENCLOSED FIND SEVERAL COPIES OF WHITE WASH
SORRY THEY ARE NOT AS GOOD AS WE WOULD
LIKE BUT CHARLES IS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH HIS
DIG COPY MACHINE, ANYWAY NOT THE BEST, BUT SALEABLE
ALSO THERE IS NO CHARGE TO YOU, FOR ANY OF THE BOOKS
WE ARE DOING, JUST GET THEM OUT FOR PEOPLE TO
READ CALL IT OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ~~TRUTH~~ TRUTH.
HOPE THIS WILL HELP YOU. WE WILL BE SEWING MORE
AS SOON AS THEY ARE FINISHED. PHOTOS IN, BACK NOT
AS GOOD AS I WANTED, BUT WE ARE WORKING ON THAT
BUT THESE SHOULD HOLD YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
SURE COULD USE A MASTER FOR OIWO. ONE HAS CLEAR
COVER ON IT, WHAT DO YOU THINK. BACK TO OIWO IF
WE HAD MASTER, WE COULD MAKE IT @X9 CHARLES THINKS
WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF WORK. I GUESS THE MAIN THING
IS THAT PEOPLE CAN READ WHITE WASH. CHARLES SAYS
THE MORE WE DO THE BETTER THEY WILL GET.
WE'LL SEE OUR DINING ROOM TABLE BECOME A BOOK
BINDING FACTORY, WITH MORE TO COME. WILL CLOSE FOR
NOW KEEP ME POSTED ON LIL AND HER HYD REPLACEMENT.
TELL HER WE WILL BE THINKING OF HER.

YOUR FRIEND

Bill