

Dear Bill,

2/2/96

Reur 1/29, on this subject it is best to learn patience and to expect rejection. But if you have an alternative possibility, after a decent interval you can write or phone and say if they have ~~decide~~ ~~against~~ ~~xxx~~ you like to know because you have another submission in mind.

I did not know Thompson ~~was~~ is Duke in Doonsbury. I'd heard only a little of what you say about him. And I do not remember David Dick from his CBS days. He is undoubtedly happier now.

I've not read that Fortune article on Forbes but if it is a hatchet job, that is meaningful. With his record it need not be a hatchet job. Whether or not by ordinary standards he is a good or a bad man, he is not the kind of person who should be president. Or a candidate. I've not followed him but what he says about the flat tax ranges from deceptive to knowingly false. He would benefit enormously. I will not be surprised if Dole makes use of that.

You are correct about working people being some of the blue-collar Republicans. They forget, if they ever knew, how they got to where they are and why. The campaign to get them there goes back to before Reagan but he hit it hard before he ran. I used to hear his radio program when I was cleaning up around the place.

Maybe in the back of the Fortune mind is what can ~~amap~~ happen if all the needy are screwed more than they now are. Those making real money want tranquility not violence.

The flooding has not been close to us but it was all around us. The damage to the Chesapeake and Ohio canal was enormous. Old as it was, first time anything like that happened to it. Efforts are being made to raise the money to do the repairs from private sources. It was a very popular recreation area aside from being so historic.

The snow predicted for last night just missed us, leaving only a thin skim of powdery stuff. But all east and south of us really got it. I was able to go to the lab and to p.t. and do a little shopping on the way home but forgot that the weather kept us from replenishing the sunflower seeds for the birds. We have a prediction for up to 18 inches beginning tonight. The one thing good about that is that the man who has been keeping our lane clear does not work his regular job Saturdays. So expect him and will be welcome!!!

The Hosty book is being retyped. Read and corrected retyped Chapter 3 just before starting this. ^{Hydrist} He has the roast rest and is snowed in has what can keep him busy.

I don't remember if you sent me the article on "avy cheating" but if you did it was more than a few months ago and I used it in Waketh. I did go into that/in it.

I'm in a strange hiatus: no writing to do. I've books ordered not here and I'd expected to have the work two students were to have done on the break. The one from Barbados phoned today in response to my message on her machine that I was disappointed in not having heard from her when classes started a week ago this past Monday. She phoned today when there was not enough time for me to go pick up what she had done before leaving for her regular job. She could have had called ^{before} until then. She got little done because her mother had a hysterectomy when she was home so she spent most of her time nursing her mother. She told me the other one is ill. Other student, from Kenya. and I have one from India who can use some work. When I heard from her, if she has not done all she had to do I think I'll ask Dennis about getting the Brown book back and giving it to the woman from India, who this year is not a Hood. But if the woman from Kenya had the adds to the Newman ^{book} or the Waketh I'd rather get them done first. If we are as predicted snowed in in the morning I'll have to think of some work.

Unusual! I always have ^{it} waiting!

If I didn't tell you the new thermostat made no difference at all. Not your fault. I'd thought of it earlier. Had to postpone yesterday's garage appointment to have a root canal done that could not be completed the day before when the tooth ~~broke~~ broke off in the dentist's fingers. ^{again} Now scheduled for Tuesday. If I can get there ~~then~~ then. loose motor mount.

As I look out my office window I see that another of the mountain or hard pines behind the pool is leaning over. This winter has been hard on trees not in the best condition. I can see enough down wood from the house for a ~~year's~~ year's heat. That I can't use them for.

This past Sunday Dave had a drift of snow at the end of his lane nine feet high. As of this morning, I have a frozen pile at the end of the lane and not on it about two feet high. Yesterday I saw one of the papers we did not get at the beginning of the storm. The snow above it had melted off of it - on the other side of the road. It was probably thrown into the lane the early morning of the first big storm. Day before that I saw one near the base of the mailbox post. I was able to get it. Both in plastic bags and ~~xxx~~ dry.

If you do not have a snow blower you should get one and then learn how to use it from what you said about the last heavy snow. I'd urged Dave to. I offered Jerry nine years ago but he said it was too hard to start. ~~It~~ Never failed for me and it threw snow 25 feet. Get one with an electric start, two ^{stage} ~~stage~~ pickup and throwing separate, and adjustments on the depth in the event you have an gravel. If they do not all have chutes that you can turn, get only one that has save the shovel for the steps. Yes, a self-propelled one, too. Not one that fits on a riding mower. Can't do nearly as much with that kind, as a neighbor learned in the heavy snow of several weeks ago. Best to you both,

Hal

I do not regard the Fortune piece on Forbes as a hatchet ~~job~~ job. Perhaps that is in part because it is consistent with the impression I'd formed about him. Too many specifics to be a hatchet job and the man's ^{career} record ~~may~~ make it seem like ^{not} one.

At 1:30 we had about two inches of snow. It looks, at 3:20, close to six on the pedestal bird feeders.

It seems to be a fact that Forbes is buying the election, that he had no real support for his candidacy that his money is overcoming, that he has no real qualifications for the job and that he is ignorant in many areas of having judgements to make and policies to form. There is more to life than making money without regard to how it is made, more to being any kind of leader, too. I think that running against him can make any reactionary Republican look like a liberal and that as a result of his recent successes it will start soon.

When he smiles he looks like the vampire he is in financial matters.

If that Fortune article is discounted heavily what remains would be a strong indictment of the man.

I expect Dole or his people to be using this story and probably more like it.

The best thing Clinton has going for him and his reelection is the people seeking it from the GOP. What a miserable gang from whom to choose the man to run the country!.