

March 4, 1965

Dear Faith (and Phil):

Had rather been expecting to hear from you and had been trying for a chance to beat you to the draw.

Ginny--who sends her best--and I have been very busy for nearly a year now, or longer, getting settled in Terrace Heights, on the east side overlooking Yakima but with plenty of room (almost in the class of the Cookes' but with no river setting and not the architectural features, ~~xxxxxx~~ for our projects.

I will not know for a certainty for another two weeks, but things look very much like I will be on a 24-hour a day schedule shortly, in fact have been nearly hitting that. And there is just no chance for even a short breather to keep a late May deadline I am pretty sure of being up against. I think of nothing I would rather do than accept your very generous invitation.

As some little help I have talked to Sam Churchill (clipping attached) and Sam I believe would be inclined to accept a spot on your program. Because he will be "hitting the trail" for his book which will be published June 11 he shouldn't ask any speaking fee.

As you can see from the announcement just made "Big Sam" (and it is my opinion) will be one of the best if not the best of the Northwest book crop this year. Sam has real talent, he's in a good field, and he would have a good message for writers, since his path to publication was through a rather unusual manner, meaning these things do happen to writers.

Just heard from Irving Petite, too, and his third book is now being written with a June delivery (to the publisher) deadline, and his "Mr. B" is going into the fourth edition, rather is in it already.

If at all possible, Ginny and I would accompany Sam and his wife to your party, though the chances are very remote. (More later on that) Sam's wife is Roscoe Sheller's daughter. Roscoe's latest, about Capt. Nathan Olney (which he is "having" published here in Yakima, should be out before long.

And with my work schedule, just don't see how I could turn a thing for Lake Wallula Reflections, much as I had looked forward to it.

Sam's address is 210 N. 24th Ave. Drop him a note and I am sure when you have a date, you'll have an acceptance from him.

Meanwhile I will keep you posted as to my own "future" which will be settled in about two weeks (I hope)

the best to both of you from
Ginny and