

3. First poems accepted for Wormwood (July 6, 1980) appeared in Wormwood: 81/82; other poems in WR: 86 (pp. 41-76, 104 (p. 133), 109 (pp. 15-26, 118/119 (pp. 49-96). The first poems are reprinted here:

INSIGHT

Leland Way
never bought a pink shirt
in his life
but there it flaps on Bonnie's
clothesline
she found it at a yard sale
and told the other women
This color will drive my husband
crazy
but he will wear it when I tell
him
it only cost a quarter

AFTER EASTER

It's a poor dry plant
he got it cheap
at Alpha Beta, one drooping
bud may open yet
and show itself a lily

SLEUTHING IN NEW MEXICO

Small town darkness
barking dogs
weathered houses
searching for a cousin
down a pothole street
when a window pops out
square
with yellow light
and the aroma of frying
onions
pinpoints cousin's house
before I read the number

4. First major review of the books of W.E.McD., "Gravy Says A Lot": The Poetry of Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel, in Western American Literature (August 1978, pp. 159-164) by Gerald Haslam of Sonoma State College. Very much on target. Review mentions a book not included above: The Red Coffee Can (1974). Watch out for it!