

Mr. Monnig - Mr. Pinckney asked me to send this unsigned letter on to you as he thought you would rather have this information before next week instead of waiting for him to sign it.

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Mr. O. E. Monnig
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Dear Mr. Monnig:

The meteorite is yours for \$87.50 plus a slice! I will cash your \$25.00 check and enclose mine for \$12.50.

Mrs Chitwood checked with one of the students who dropped the meteorite on her foot and broke a toe six years ago and they have gotten together in their recollections of the following story:

"It fell near Hope, Arkansas in the spring of 1948. It hit a plow, breaking it all to pieces and buried itself in the ground. The people were awakened by the terrible noise but didn't know what had happened until morning. There were two pieces about the same size. The other piece went much deeper than this one. The holes were there, but they would never have found them, had this one not broken the large plow, and the noise would have remained a mystery."

I think Mrs. Chitwood feels a little embarrassed in taking this meteorite from the school. She says she is going to buy books for the school with the money and that a slice will probably make the meteorite more interesting than in its present form. I did not, therefore, bring up your suggestion about substituting material, as she really wanted more money and I wanted to concentrate on closing the deal. Once she cashes the checks and the meteorite is sliced, if you wish, we can take the matter up with her at that time.

I have heard nothing of Lapaz or anyone else being in Sylacauga, but next week I will place my meteorites, which have been on exhibit in the Birmingham library, at a school in the Sylacauga area and hope in this way word will spread around the countryside.

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I have another exciting lead which I have hopes will develop into something but right now it seems too good to be true. Will let you know developments as I have run into many, many blind leads.

Sincerely yours,

C. C. Pinckney

CCP/mr