

1960, March 4.

Mr. Will T. Scott,
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Dear Sir:

I have very much enjoyed your letters of Dec. 30th (which crossed mine of Dec. 29th in the mails) and Feb. 15th. I appreciate the thought and information you have put into them.

I likewise told Barnes I couldn't agree with Chelf's classification of this as a fossil sink (or Barnes' "solution and collapse"). I asked him what sank; why; and why there aren't other similar ones in the region---but I didn't ask for an answer, and told him just not to bother about it any more.

I took a law degree at the U of T and didn't have even freshman geology, tho I got a smattering thru roommates who did. Dr. Whitney I didn't know; Bybee I recall; Sellards I knew well. The last headed the Bureau of Economic Geology for years and then became head of the Memorial Museum. I believe he is retired now.

I am afraid I am not as adventuresome a soul and certainly not as good a field man as you. It is therefore dubious whether I'll ever have a real chance to see the interesting Duckwater crater you mention, tho I have a vague recollection of seeing Dr. Morley's name in connection with some publication about it, perhaps in the publication "Sky and Telescope", an astronomical magazine.

I will try to distinguish between the quartzite and marble on my next trip to the Spade crater. Meanwhile I enclose two Ektachrome pictures which are copies of an aerial photo I got of the formation. I have a flash camera that will take close-ups and it happens to use color film--- there was no particular virtue in employing it here. The smaller scale picture is for some reason a bit overexposed. You know the scale in general, as the crater is about 0.3 mi. across. The secondary exterior rim to the SE doesn't show nearly as well as I thought it would; note a tank there where it has been dammed up. You need not return these. I am going to try for another overlapping or adjoining photo in order to be able to set the two up for stereographic viewing.

Sincerely,