

*letter on sand record*

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Dear Oscar:

It was very gratifying to receive your letter. I am sorry to have missed having a visit with you again.

To my knowledge no meteorite has visited the Nelson area recently--nor at any time in the past, for that matter. How would you look for one in these mountains covered with heavy timber? But if I ever hear of one in the area I will send you a report. And I'll remember your admonition about Canadian 'nationalized meteorites'.

During previous summers in this area we have visited Revelstoke, but your report of the carbonaceous chondrite that fell there several years ago is my first (and only) report of any Canadian meteorite.

Jim Dixon has retired as chairman of the Geology Department at Baylor, but will continue as professor. He said he was going to get at least that much relief from my being a drop-out. He will retire in two more years (if he doesn't take early retirement next year). The new chairman will be Harold Beaver who taught with us at Baylor from 1953 to 1959. Since that latter date he has been a geologist with Humble (Exxon, now). He has been in charge of Exxon's eastern hemisphere exploration most recently, but has worked in Europe and Alaska. He is a fine and friendly fellow and I hope you will look him up when in Waco (he will not assume his new duties until the beginning of the fall term, but he and his family plan to move to Waco about July 1st, as best I recall).

Several of the staff members will be glad to have you speak to their classes, but I believe that Mrs. Jean Spencer (perhaps you remember her) will be the most enthusiastic one of them all. Jim Dixon--if memory serves me correctly--will be teaching a course in space science this year and he would welcome a chance for his students to learn something about meteorites.

×Doubtless the Turkey, Texas, meteorite will remain in the Strecker Museum (Baylor's museum). Dr. Bryce C. Brown is head of the museum. You will find him co-operative. He and I had splendid relationship during our thirty years association there. You recall Dr. Hawkins had the meteorite and you and I got it from Mrs. Hawkins (who had her 90th birthday this spring). I have talked to both the sons and the daughter and they all favor leaving the meteorite at the museum, although Mrs. Hawkins said she was tempted to take it back when I left. I'm sure it will stay in the museum.

It sounds as though someone wants to unload that West Australian specimen with its Jeckel & Hyde characteristics!

Sincerely,

*Richmond*

We arrived in Nelson on June 2. We were extremely fortunate to find an apartment for rent before our furniture arrived — better to have it available in a barnlike apt than unavailable in a warehouse! The first few nights we were here the temperature dropped to 10 to 50 Celsius (which is standard here) and to us it seemed quite a change from Texas. The days have warmed up to above 70°F the past week, but the nights are still cool. We are meeting quite a few people and (fortunately) feel welcome here.

Our best to Mrs. Monnig — we'd be pleased to have you visit us any time.

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