

#7 Longmeadows

Clayton 24, Mo.

March 1, 1955

Dear Oscar,

Today I stopped to see Mrs. Hinricks regarding the sale of the meteorite collection. I would not get too excited over the fact that she expressed a desire to sell, as I think that the old girl is out to get a good price for it. She remembered meeting you and has your correspondence with Mr. Hinricks in her files. It was her impression that he would not sell them to you because you could not get together on price. During the course of the conversation, she made it clear to me that some University, and also a man from Arizona are interested in buying the collection. Also the fact that Mr. Hinricks did not leave much of an estate leads me to believe that you are going to have a time dealing with her. I tried to get a commitment as to price, but to no avail. She has your address, my address and phone number, so I feel certain that she will not dispose of the collection until you have been consulted.

By this time Father is in Florida -- lucky bum! We heard that he was in Sparta Georgia, visiting Betty's aunt and uncle, the Gosses, on Friday. He plans to return home in time to leave with Uncle Joe for the stockholders meeting.

Talked to Aunt Ann today and young Joe is the proud father of an 8lb. baby boy. The Monnig's will soon catch up with the Smith's here in St. Louis.

Oscar, if there is anything further I can do in this matter, please do not hesitate to ask. I do think you will have to talk to her personally regarding price, which is the only hurdle to overcome now. Well, now lets all vote nice BIG dividends so you can have you meteorites, Dad can go to Florida more often, and Betty and I can pay for our house.

Sincerely,

Bob