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Mrs. H. R. Wilson,
Forestburg, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

At long last there appears in today's Star-Telegram (Sunday) an article and picture about the Forestburg meteorite. I do owe and tender to you and to Mr. Scott an apology for the long delay. I will get some extra copies of the article if you want them.

I do want to say in explanation that while I truly love the subject of astronomy and have tried hard to do something constructive in connection with meteorites, my primary responsibilities are to our store. I own only a small interest in it, and must discharge my duties and work there regularly like any other employee, so that I do not have a lot of free time. Hence I sometimes have to delay my work with my avocation.

It is not always easy to strike a time when publicity is favorable, and the emphasis all spring has been on the various satellites in astronomical lines. I was also waiting until the Museum could let me have a special window downstairs which they call their "Treasure Trove", and in which new or special items are exhibited for a time before being put in the regular exhibits.

I hope it will now be agreeable with you for me to come up there and see the other meteorite you have identified. I would like in any event to make a personal investigation so as to have first hand facts in my files. Dr. Henderson of the U.S. National Museum sent me a copy of a letter he addressed to you about it. If the latitude and longitude he quotes are about right, the second find was over near Sunset.

I hope you will decide to forgive me and let me continue to work with you along these lines, and I look forward to a favorable reply.

Sincerely,