

Tuesday Morning  
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Dear Henryk:

This is a late reply to your nice letter--the envelope has been addressed for some time --we were glad to get all the news about the girls and do hope that you are feeling better and going like a sky rocket on the Midway. I feel very kindly towards the Shell for taking such interest in a problem that may be considered only academic. Have met some of the Shell men in the Midland office--very, very, nice individuals.

Just been going round and round this past month--like a slow wheel. Late in April we took off for Ft Stockton and were gone 9 days from the ranch. Like an old fool I guess, agreed to help log a field trip for the West Texas Geological Society. Our friend Bob Cannon will be among the field trip leaders on this November trip. Had an interesting trip--my wife and I even measured a section of the Comanche rocks near Ft Stockton--took all day with hand level and a five foot rod. Anyhow we got back here and developed two cases of some sort of "flu". Between getting over this attack--visiting the doctor in Rocksprings--writing up the road log --drafting illustration in between times and taking care of the vegetable garden have been a bit busy--along with sitting on the porch when not feeling too gay. Age and flu makes a bad situation I'll say.

Saw some very interesting relationships between the Fredericksburg and the "Desmoceras Zone" at the base of the Duck Creek--what it means just don't know. Looks like a cut out at the top of the Fredericksburg within 20 or 30 miles that amounts to about 100 feet--the southern locality is on the flanks of the Puckett Gas Structure, quite a structure on the Cretaceous beds. Was surprised to see the Eagle Ford (Boquillas) on the high plains on the Brown-Basset structure--even found the ammonite zone we have followed from the Big Bend to Temple. What does it mean? Quien Sabe?

Some of the geologists who don't believe in paleontology--only an academic attachment to geology?--are going to get a shock of some sort: found a Graysonites in NW Edwards county--(no *Exogyra arietina* present in the outcrop) in marl outcrops reported by some to be Buda equivalent. What does it mean--to me Del Rio beds without *exo's*. Many years ago took W S Adkins to an outcrop--yellowish marl without *Exo arietina*. At the outcrop he gave me the works pointing out that there might be Del Rio beds of different lithology without *Exo arietina*--but still Del Rio equivalents. This Graysonites supports his interpretation. Feel that more geologists should be garden variety paleontologists. How is that? Anyhow one of the stops on the forthcoming field trip will be at this particular locality which many feel is the middle Buda equivalent.

Otherwise nothing much new or exciting--just go round and round--should be working on the fences but it's easier to sit and contemplate that the fences will hold off a few months. Very difficult to get labor out this way--the government, with the unions, are trying to organize all farm and ranch labor--you'll do as they say. The "chotas"--border patrol men visit us to see whether or not we have "wet back" Mexican labor--we don't but we feed them when they come walking overland looking for work. Around this country and to the west the "chotas" are not viewed with much favor I'll say.

We'll have to get ready for the visit to town--it's off about 18 miles and we go twice a week--for mail groceries and the monthly bills--always the monthly bills. Do not have a phone as yet though the poles are now placed in the back yard--2 1/2 mile line to our nearest neighbor--overland.

Take care of yourself and take it easy--hope you'll not forget that you have a pen at hand

Sincerely with our best wishes

Roy