

Monday the 3rd of August

Dear Doctor Stenzel,

I am trying to get my papers in for application as a Junior member of the AAPG. But, as you might suspect, I'm not quite clear on the procedure. I think that I'm supposed to send the Application for Membership to the three Sponsors for their signatures, plus the Sponsor Form to each of them. But as to the References, as distinguished from Sponsors, I'm wondering what type they want. I think that I can get Mr. A. N. Sharrick, Division Geologist in the Wichita office, for one reference. I feel sure that he is an active member of the AAPG. Another one, whom I don't know whether he would be acceptable or not, is Mr. Frank H. Kelley of Colorado City, in charge of leasing for Magnolia's office there. And I thought that I would give Dr. Damon for the third reference. Do you feel that these men would be satisfactory?

Could you drop me a line on the enclosed postcard as to the correct procedure and advise me as to my selection of references. I believe that I forgot to mention that Drs. Bybee and Ellison are my other two selected sponsors. In a Porter aside, "They don't know it yet."

As to my work up here, just got back from two weeks in the Wichita office. There, I ran samples on several wells, did some log correlations, worked on correlations between electric logs, sample logs, drillers logs, and scout tops. Also did some contouring and isopach work for evaluating the possibilities in several areas. Think that they felt my work was pretty fair, at least hope so. The reason for my being sent to the office was that the party chief was off on his vacation and the third party member had been transferred to Houston for a phase in the training program. Even a brilliant person like myself can't look through an alidade at a rod which I might be holding some 2000 feet away. You might say that even my split personality isn't that badly split. So, rather than let me loaf two weeks, which would have driven me nuts, they took me into the office. I learned a helluva lot.

Guess that's about the news for now, Doc. My party chief is due in tonight and we're heading back into the field tomorrow, if it doesn't rain any more before then. Has been quite wet up here and this black mud makes it quite bad, particularly when hunting for crops in the fields and pastures. I don't think that even the Bureau truck could make it.

Hope your work is getting along as well as you would like and that you haven't discovered too many faults with my work, technically speaking, not geologically speaking.

As always,

Porter