

6th December 1963

Greetings Jennie:

Last month I made my annual trip to the mainland. One week was spent in Sydney where I gave a talk to the Symposium on Solar Physics organised by the University of Sydney. Also I looked up old friends at the Ionosphere Service and the CSIRO. A half day was spent at the Botanical Garden. The main function is to run a park where people can eat their lunch in beautiful surroundings. The pictures of my twining lilies seemed to make quite an impression on the director.

A second week was spent at Canberra. I gave an afternoon talk to the fellows at Mount Stromlo which seemed quite worthwhile. Bak is a tremendous extavert and compulsive talker. Also I went to Heakinstown where Mills is building a cross type radio telescope using NSF money. A long time will elapse before it is operational. Two days were spent at the CSIRO establishment and one at the National University. Good weather prevailed. The trip was a success.

Upon my return I found that things at Bothwell had run continuously without trouble. Useful data is becoming sparse as the nights become shorter and the sun higher. However conditions during November were markedly better than the equivalent period last autumn from middle of February to middle of March. Apparently I timed this whole operation just about right in relation to the solar activity cycle.

The editor of the local newspaper Mercury learned about the medal affair from Associated Press. Without telling me he wrote to F.I. for details. They gave to him a picture plus literature. These he blew up into quite a story which helped fill his paper. Then an odd thing happened. I received over a dozen congratulatory notes from people who read the paper. Some of these people I had met only as casual acquaintances months ago. Fortunately, none seemed to want a loan. This reaction has rather excited my curiosity. Please send the medal, etc. by sea mail insured. I'm interested to see what it looks like too!

Since writing a month ago I've examined the condition of the security market in Wall Street. It is my opinion that now is not the time to purchase common stocks. I would like both sums (27460 / 8550 = 36010) sent here. As before, it should to to the Chase Manhattan bank for the account of National Bank of Australasia to be transferred to my account in the Hobart branch at the attention of Mr. D.F. Briggs. I'll advise you when it arrives.

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An article covering the results of my last two years been ~~remitted~~ has gone off to the Journal of Genetics. If it is accepted, I expect to call this business finished and get on with some other ideas I have. The CSIRO fellows in Canberra seemed interested and want me to come again and give them a talk on twining vines. I may do this next autumn. They are welcome to try their hand at the matter. I learned a lot.

36,010 w/t NYC on 13/12/63. It arrived in Hobart 31/12/63
Rate \$ 2,2387 per £ = £ 16085/4/6

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Please extend the seasons greetings to Mr. Schauer and Al Kelleher; and to you

A Merry Christmas,

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