

Dear Kids

SUN. 25.5.86

We took the first step towards getting ready for your wedding during the week, with a visit to the registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages. Our passports had expired and we had to prove that we had in fact been born before we could apply for new passports. These days a full birth certificate is required, not just an extract as in the past. I think the change was made so that the Department concerned could increase its charges to \$19, plus a further \$18 if you want the certificate issued whilst you wait. Despite the fact that there seemed to be numerous public servants doing nothing at the time, who would have been better employed giving some instant service for a charge, I left them to get on with their cups of tea. Hopefully the certificates will arrive during the week - if Australia Post does not go on strike again.

The Fiat has gone. Did it go before it went? The answer is yes and no. I told Bruce on Monday (when he & Neil came to inspect it) that it had an intermittent electrical problem, but after connecting a wire to the ignition switch, it started just fine - not a bad effort after being idle for 10 months. He left to think the ~~price~~ purchase over & rang a couple of nights later with an offer of \$2,000, which I put on it for you & then confirmed to him. He arranged to pick it up on Saturday morning. Before he arrived I again connected the wire & drove the car out the front, & gave it a clean up. Bruce paid his cheque, started the car but stalled it (it had not warmed up). It then wouldn't re-start, but after a bit of fiddling with the various connections it had second thoughts & decided to start.

Bruce will of course want evidence of ownership & a letter of disposal from you. His cheque will go on call & be transferred to Chicago with the next lot. As part of the master-plan for the garage, now that we have again taken possession of it, we will be shifting the billiard table out there & converting the end room into an office. I am brought back the desk he had borrowed, which is to go into the end room, and I am thinking of taking up weight training so that I can shift the billiard table.

We hope that you left some work for Deth, Lois, and that you didn't have it all finished before he got back from his holiday. Talking about holidays it does not seem that you would be able to have much of a break down here before the wedding, to meet people. ~~You~~ ~~may~~ in view of the cost of travel, you may prefer to ~~then~~ spend the money on a trip out here for a bit of a holiday at some time after the wedding - such as during the Christmas holidays. I think that some of the family will probably do the same sort of thing. They may not be able to get to Chicago for the wedding, but may visit later, when they are able to spend more time with you. We will probably do both.

Winter seems to have caught up with us in the last weeks. Lots of rains and colder temperatures - around 15°C to 18°C (55° to 65°F). We had a card from Jenny a day or two ago and they seem to be having a wet time in Jamaica. There have been floods around Hauncerton, which made our news bulletins. They will be travelling overnight on their return as I am writing this. Fortunately it is quite a still night as the crossing can get very rough at times.

The trees now have lost nearly all their leaves (the deciduous ones)

that is). Mum went with Mrs Barre to the Footlock shoe factory yesterday morning (at 7.30!). At certain times they have direct sales to the public, where the shoes are sold at $\frac{1}{2}$ price. Mum bought two pairs so suppose we didn't really save 50%. After that we took 4 paintings to the Doncaster Bowling Club for an art show. Mum took another 4 today to a show at Ygoralla - opens next week.

As it was wet, I spent most of yesterday in the garage putting in another set of shelves (and of course listening to the football!).

Incidentally Peter I have now sold your BHP shares - in two lots in case the 500 certificate is held up. All were sold at \$8.50 so there will be some more money to send across when we get your documents. No wonder Australia's balance of payments figures are in decline!

Love, Mum & Dad,

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