

MRS. JAMES MELTON

ONE BAYSIDE TERRACE, RIVERSIDE, CONNECTICUT

April 16, 1962

My dear Mr. Marshall;

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my letter. I am delighted that you want the train and carousel, and I know it would make Jim happy, too, to know that they will be with you. This acknowledges my receipt of your check for \$250.00 deposit on the purchase of these pieces.

The way in which you wrote about Jimmie brought me deep comfort. I am glad that you remember him with affection, and that you miss him. McKinley's words show great strength and faith. I found it very hard to accept this test of my faith, and for months I couldn't finish the Lord's Prayer because it was hard to mean it. But finally, through prayer, I saw that we can not question God's Will, and with my submission I found peace. I realized that perhaps I had been selfish in wanting to keep Jim here. I see now that it might have been the way for him to go on now. Surely he gave all of himself continually; perhaps he was drained. At any rate, when pondering the elements of the unknown, one finds the only way is God's way; I value this quotation from McKinley especially because I found out the hard way.

I am forwarding pictures to you today of the train and carousel. They are both in West Palm Beach, Fla. at the Brandon Transfer and Storage Co. 2900 Tuxedo Avenue, West Palm Beach Florida. Tel: 683-5000. Mr. W.R. Cray has been my contact there. I am advising them today to await instructions from you or me, and I am sending them a check for the storage charges.

I had considered bringing these pieces up north the better to display them. They advised me that their transfer charges would be \$289.00 (2000 lb. at \$13.95 per cwt. plus surcharge, \$10.00 and \$5.00 insurance.) To N.Y.C. I couldn't afford this, and I have begun inquiry thro' a friend in W. Palm Beach to see if there is an independent trucker locally who comes this way. I have not yet heard from them, but I should within the week, and I will advise you about it. This charge did not include the tracks which are still at the Autorama grounds. I arranged last week to have them removed from there and held pending transfer north. It may be that a local moving company in your vicinity would make a better deal on the job. Please let me know if you make any arrangements so that I can be sure all is in readiness for you at Brandon's. The articles are in cases now, ready to go I presume.

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I'm sure the little train has felt sadly neglected; I hope it does not take much coaxing for you to get it to purr again as it did for us. Jimmie was triumphant when he found this little character. I have not yet come across his correspondence on it, but if I do I will forward it to you. I remember that he got extra track made up at a factory in West Virginia. I'm sure I can find that record some place, or Jim's secretary, Catherine Birmingham may remember. You will see the letters MM and J RR on the side of the engine. That means Marjorie Margo and James Railroad.

I want to tell you about three other items I have for sale in the event that you know of anyone who might be interested. One is a trailer which Jim had made to haul his Mercer raceabout behind our station wagon. It has five heavy duty aircraft ten-ply tires (two never used), a winch, tool box and new nylon rope. It is three wheel. The track is adjustable, but the well for tires is not wide enough for balloon modern tires. I am asking \$300. for this. It is in storage here in Greenwich. Also, there is an Italian made Mini-racer, which is priced at \$300. It is a cute scuttle-buggy for a ten-ager, tho' many young men enjoy them, too. I am taking pictures of them next week and will send you one of each.

Then I still have Jim's custom Panther-Packard. I enclose a picture of this. The body was designed by Ed McCauley, of Packard as his personal car, and with the idea of production in competition with Continental, Jaguar, etc. Packard did not, however, develop the pattern. The car had been run very little when Jim saw it at the Packard Factory. He bought it, and proceeded to spend \$7000.00 on it. It had a super-charged motor which Jim didn't like, so he bought a new Chrysler 300 in 1959, and the Chrysler factory installed it for him. The dash is Chrysler standard push-button, power-steering etc. Jim also redesigned the chrome trim to bring it up-to-date. The car has an airconditioner and, cooled by it, a small cold chest, handy for cokes or what-you-will. There is also a place and a unit, not installed, for a 45 rpm record player-changer. The car was completely renewed in 1959, old paint burned off, and new red and cream leather upholstery. This was done by Reuter. The car is now in Mamaroneck, at Sam Sher's garage. I think it may be sold to a friend of ours, from whom I await final word. But in case it is not, I'll let you know for you might know a "sport" who wants a fine one-of-a-kind deluxe hard-top coupe. I am asking \$3500.00 for it, and it runs like a fast dream floating.

The body is 1952 - present mileage 12,000.

Mrs. JAMES MELTON

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Thank you again for your concern and interest. I am having my attorney draw up a bill of sale for you on the carousel and train so that it will be in good order. As executrix of the estate, I am free to sell all estate properties, but my attorney can word this paper more judiciously, I am sure. (I hope he can spell judiciously better than this typewriter can.)

With warm regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie M. Melton

Mrs. JAMES MELTON

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B I L L O F S A L E

to Mr. T. Clarence Marshall, Yorklyn, Delaware

one Miniature carousel, with wooden stand, glass
cover, motor and music box
located at Brandon Transfer Co., West Palm Beach,
Florida

\$750.00

Miniature steam engine, tender, caboose,
and 7 passenger cars and railroad tracks
located at Brandon Transfer Co., West Palm
Beach, Fla

\$1500.00

Total

\$2250.00

Receipt of account this day

Due Balance

250
\$2000.00

Maryice M. Melton

Executrix for Estate of
James Melton

April 16, 1962

Brandon

BRANDON TRANSFER & STORAGE CO., INC.

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409 FEE STREET
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March 16, 1962

Mrs. James Melton
One Bayside Terrace
Riverside, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Melton:

With reference to your letter of March 13, 1962,
we submit herewith our estimate to cover your move to
Mamaroneck, New York:

Estimated 2000 lb. @ \$13.95 per cwt.	- -	\$279.00
Sur-Charge @ \$.50 per cwt.	- -	10.00

\$289.00

Should you desire transit insurance, we can offer
it to you at \$5.00 per thousand dollar coverage.

According to our records, we do not have the 600 feet
of track mentioned in your letter. At no time have we any
record of having picked them up for storage. The cars you
refer to seen by your Mr. Ludington do not belong to your
shipment. They are privately owned.

Pd.
In the event you want these goods moved, it is
necessary that you execute the Indemnity Guarantee enclosed
herewith and remit storage charges due to April 14th, in the
amount of \$93.30.

We await your advice.

Very truly yours,

BRANDON TRANSFER & STORAGE CO., INC.

W. R. Cray
W. R. Cray, Manager
Household Goods Division

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