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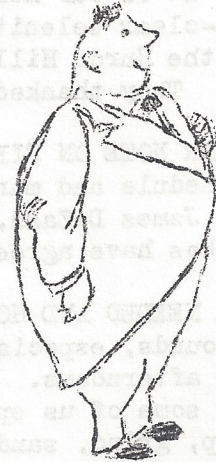
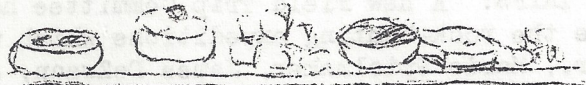
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# Christmas Potluck!

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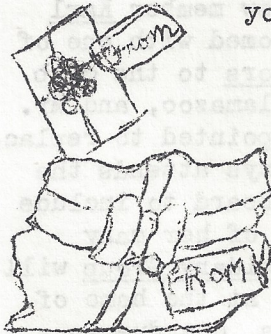


BRING A HEARTY APPETITE!

Bring your own table service.

Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to serve twelve.

Call Betty Tchozeski, Em.1-1405, or Emily VanVuren, 538-0826, to say how many in your family will be attending--we need this for an estimate of how much coffee, milk, rolls and butter will be needed. You might mention what kind of dish-to-pass you plan to bring, too.



Bring a "rocky" exchange gift, gift-wrapped, value up to \$1 (not one per family, but one for each person attending). **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to attach a gift card with your name on it. (Hunting up the donor of the gift you receive will help us all to get better acquainted.) There'll be a special method of gift distribution.

ALL THIS - AND AN OUTSTANDING PROGRAM, TOO!

Chief John Bosin, head of the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge, and his wife will talk to us about the uses of earth and minerals in regard to Indian life. They will also demonstrate tribal Indian dances.

SO SLIP ON YOUR MOCCASINS AND HURRY ON DOWN!

SEE YOU THERE!

(Don't forget your specimen donations for Sauk College--see P.3)





FIELD TRIP REPORT:

A joint field trip to the Michigan Natural Storage gypsum mine was held between our club and Huron Hills Lapidary Society of Ypsilanti on Nov. 11. Due to a lost letter between their club and ours, there was only a few days' notice for this trip. There was also bad weather, Veterans Day Parade, Santa Claus Parade, and Junior Registration. Nevertheless about 14 of our members and 25 from their club attended. Some beautiful glass-clear selenite crystals were found. This trip represented a return with the Huron Hills club for our joint trip to Sylvania earlier this year. They thanked us very much for a fine field trip. (J. VanVuren, Chamn.)

FURTHER NOTE ON FIELD TRIPS: A new Field Trip Committee has been appointed to schedule and manage the rock-hunting expeditions which we all enjoy so much. James DeZaan, Sr., Marie Spielmaker, James DeZwaan, Jr. and Casey Doornbos have agreed to serve on this committee.

STILL NEEDED AND HOPED FOR -- more assistance with the Les Pearl Jr. Rockhounds, especially with the Lapidary instruction from 1-3 p.m. Saturday afternoons. This is really important, and help is desperately needed. Can't some of us spend at least a few Saturdays showing about 5 kids how to dop, grind, sand and polish a stone? This is about the most meaningful of all our club activities -- please HELP if you can!

IT'S CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT --

The President doesn't really deserve a whole "corner" to himself this month -- all he said was, "Just thank everybody for their help on the successful Silent Auction, and we hope they have a real good time at our Dec. Christmas Party." .....Incidentally, we made nearly \$250 on the Auction, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening ..... New member Karl DeBack, (40 Oneida S.W., Wyoming, Ch. 3-4014) will be welcomed with one of our club gift-bags at the next meeting ..... Recent visitors to the club have included Mrs. Marie Tygesen, Mrs. Myrtle Clark of Kalamazoo, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Munford ..... Emily VanVuren has been appointed to replace Liz Littlefield on our Board of Control. Since Emily always attends the meetings with Jim anyway (it's a pleasant custom of this Board to include spouses at meetings), the group can now make official use of her many services ..... Neither the Mineral Study Group nor the Lapidary Group will meet this month ..... Board of Control does meet, however, at the home of Don Crabbs ..... If you somehow haven't paid your GRMS dues, due due so NOW, or you must be dropped from Membership and Drifter mailing lists. See blank on P. 3 ..... Check Channel 3 at 2 p.m. Sat. afternoons for the U. of Mich. program "Our Changing Earth" ..... Need a theme song? This one, by T. Sobolik, was taken from Ozark Earth Science Club bulletin. Maybe we could sing it at the Potluck?

Oh, give me a home where the trilobites roam,  
Where the crinoids and brachiopods lay;  
Where no one has stirred or high-grading occurred  
And the skies are not raining all day.

Home, home for a change  
Where the fossils are all put away,  
And the rock books come out to tell us about  
The things that we dragged home that day.



### SAUK VALLEY COLLEGE REQUESTS MICHIGAN MATERIALS

Recently the GRMS received letters from George L. Stanley, assistant professor of science at Sauk Valley College in Dixon, Ill., which is organizing a new geology-geography department. They are approaching a small number of groups such as ours, on a trial basis, because they are desperately in need of (1) specimens for a permanent research and study collection, especially large cabinet type specimens of high grade ores, crystals, crystalline masses and fossils; (2) materials for student laboratory use -- all types of rocks, minerals and fossils.

Each specimen that becomes a part of the permanent collection will receive an appropriate label listing the name of the group from which it has been received. They would also be most thankful to receive a complete mineralogical and geological description of the material for identification purposes. To date they have one specimen from Michigan. The college, a fairly new one, has 1180 students this year. It is hoped that the proposed displays will influence some of the students to enroll in the beginning course in geology and mineralogy.

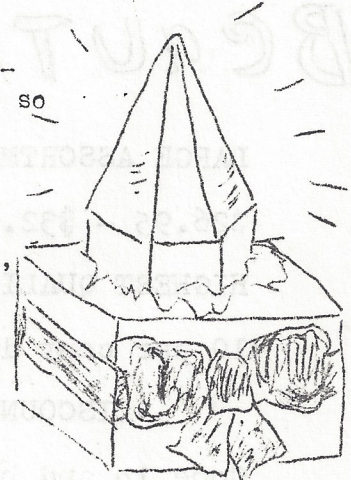
The Board of Control has decided that this would be a worthy project for our group, well in line with the educational aims of our society. The club will pay for the packing and postage to send whatever items our members may choose to donate for this purpose.

PLEASE BRING SPECIMENS FOR THE COLLEGE TO THE DECEMBER MEETING. Surely enough of our members have sufficient collections so that the contribution of a good piece for this purpose would be possible. Anyone wishing to do so could even buy a specimen for donation (tax deductible). Suggested materials would include Petoskey stones, of course (wouldn't a big polished Michigan look good in that display?), septaria, brachiopods, horn corals, Mich. copper, gypsum (all colors and types), epidote (massive and crystals), specular hematite, prehenite, L. Superior agates, garnets, jasper conglomerate, datolite and many others. Probably other-than-Michigan materials would also be welcome.

We don't need to have a huge amount of material, but do let's get a grouping that we will be proud and happy to send and to have displayed under the club name.

#### LUCKY ROCKHOUNDS

FIND CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EASY! A quick survey of our advertisers reveals that rockhounds are lucky people--there are so many Christmas gifts they can offer and receive that are bound to be more than welcome. For non-rockhounds, a polished stone, crystal or "window-polished" specimen, or item of jewelry or penstand made by you is tops. As for gifts FOR the rockhound -- well! Cabinet specimens, slabs, new material, templates, books, magazines, crushed-rock picture kits, a fine setting for him to fill with his own stone, magni-viewers, saw blades, small tools...! You'll find a visit to your local rockshops provides some of the fastest, easiest and most enjoyable shopping you've ever done. Move over, Santa!





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## A NOTE FROM OUR RETIRED PRESIDENT

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My term as president of your MWF ended on November 1st. Because of the fine cooperation of MWF officers, chairmen and member clubs we have completed another growth year with increased resources. Many corporations wish they so could report!

Growth necessitates the detailing of responsibilities so one knows what he should do, and others know what to expect from each officer and chairman. Job specifications are changable as conditions change. They are pertinent to the smooth functioning of every organization.

Several such specs have been written this year - Liaison Officer - State V. P. and Assistant V. P. - Bulletin Contest - Rockrama - those who assisted in preparing these have done a good service. This is a real accomplishment.

The MWF Scholarship achievement is another manifestation of clubs working together. We are a growing organization!

- Verne Montgomery

## MAY WE EXTEND A WELCOME

to another new club to join the Midwest Federation. The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club, Inc. President of this club is H. G. Holbrook, 1489 Hagley Road, Toledo, Ohio. The Liaison Officer is Mrs. Marcia Waltz, 3250 Northwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

## IN MINNESOTA

our Vice President for that state is MRS. B. G. Dahlberg. An error in recent listings listed it as B. G. Dahlberg.

## DECEMBER 2nd

has been set as the date for the annual fall meeting of the MWF Executive Board. It will be held at the Kaskaskia Hotel in La-Salle, Illinois. Meeting will open promptly at 9:30 A.M.

## "FUTURE OF THE ROCK HOBBY"

copies have been shipped to a number of clubs which requested them in accordance with the offer made in the November Newsletter. There are still copies available of this talk given by June Culp Zeitner at the MWF Convention last July and may be had at the rate of 6¢ per copy plus postage.

## THANKS FROM EARTH SCIENCE

Many good things have come our way in 1967. and some words of thanks are in order. First, we sincerely appreciate the honorary membership in the Midwest Federation conferred on two of our staff, Earl and Mary Cornwell.

The many clubs who in 1967 and prior years donated space at their shows for the display and sale of the magazine gave us an opportunity to introduce ourselves to rockhounds and potential rockhounds, otherwise hard to come by. We thank, in particular, the Illowa Gem and Mineral Society and prior host clubs to Midwest Federation shows; the Michigan Mineralogical Society; the Greater Kansas City Gem and Mineral Clubs; the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.; the Flint Rock and Gem Club; Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society, Inc.; St. Louis Mineral and Gem Society; Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.; Siloam Springs Earth Science Club; Illinois Valley Rockhounds; Rock River Valley Gem and Mineral Society; Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society; and the Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois.

It would be hard to compile an all-inclusive list of clubs and individuals who have shown their



interest in us in a special way. The Columbus Rock and Mineral Society feels that our articles and club news are of sufficient importance to the acclimatization of new club members that taking out a year's subscription to Earth Science is one of the conditions of joining.

Through the generosity of Oliver Roskam of Show-Me Rockhounds, Inc., who loaned us his 3-M color separation negatives, we were able to put color on the cover of the September-October issue. For Mr. Roskam, our authors, and ourselves, we thank you for the nice things you said about that issue.

Many clubs have responded to our offer of a free gift subscription for each five new subscriptions, 25 to date, and some have repeated for a second gift subscription. School, public, and club libraries are the favorite beneficiaries.

The offer continues in effect as new members join and old members get around to taking out the subscription they had always intended to take out. If you would like to set aside some time at one of your meetings to promote subscriptions, let us know in advance and we will send you some copies for display.

We would also like to thank the Wildcat Geological Society for setting up a little booth at their show.

#### IS YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

correct on our mailing list? If not, will you please advise us of the correct address so that you Federation mail will reach you promptly. Thank you!

#### A COMING EVENT.....

which is a bit in the distance as yet, but it is wise to make plans far enough ahead so that you can enjoy it.

The Midwest Federation will have a combined convention and show on August 22-23-24-25 in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. The host club is the Corn Belt Lapidary and Geological Society.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

to two more MWF clubs which have become 100 percenters in the Scholarship Foundation. They are the Lake Shore Mineral and Lapidary of Mentor, Ohio and the Calumet Gem and Mineral Society of Hiland, Indiana. In May of 1967 we had 89 clubs which had not participated in any way in the Scholarship Foundation. Since that time we have heard from 15 of these clubs coming in as 100 percenters. The Foundation is a most worthy cause and we hope many more of our clubs will become 100% and those of you who are already 100% will move on to 200%, 300%, etc. as many of you have already done.

-Kate Steinbrenner

#### A VERY DANGEROUS PRACTICE

was observed on a recent Saturday morning about 20 miles west of Topeka, Kansas on Interstate 70. About ten cars of rockhounds had pulled onto the shoulder, lined up one behind the other, while they proceeded to dig into the adjacent bank for some apparent rock formation. This is an illegal act on Interstate highways on which stopping is limited to emergency stops only.

#### IN IOWA

at a favorite quarry hunting spot the management closed the quarry to rockhounds and hunting due to the careless acts of some who hunted there. Children were allowed to damage equipment in the quarry. Since the closing the management has been prevailed upon to open the quarry to limited and scheduled hunting only. It seems that regardless of how much is written and said about this it still continues. In order to preserve the right to hunt we must do everything in our powers to stop damage to property and equipment of those on whose property we hunt.

#### THE FALL MEETING

of the Executive Board of the Midwest Federation was held on Saturday, December 2nd at the Kaskaskia Hotel in LaSalle, Illinois. A report of this meeting will be sent to all clubs as soon as available.



This is the last issue of the GLACIAL DRIFTER you will receive -- unless your 1967-1968 dues are paid! If you cant make it to the December meeting clip this our and send it with tour dues to

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