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The Grand Rapids Mineral Society is a Non-Profit Corporation affiliated with the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineral Societies.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Multi-Purpose room, East Building, Summer meetings at various parks as announced.

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year for a family, \$3.00 for single adult, and \$1.00 for students under 18 years of age. Dues are payable to Treasurer-year is from September 1 through August 31 of the following year.

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COME TO OUR 10th BIRTHDAY PARTY!

JOE HANNA COMING FROM ST. LOUIS AS OUR SPEAKER!

PAST PRESIDENTS TO BE HONORED GUESTS AT
SPECIAL RECEPTION FOLLOWING PROGRAM

Because so many special features are being planned for our 10th Anniversary Meeting on Oct. 9, the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Please plan accordingly so that we may start on time.

Featured speaker of the evening will be Joe Hanna, a past president of G.R.M.S., who is flying in from St. Louis that evening in order to meet with us. Joe is a certified gemologist; he has done appraising of precious stones for jewellers; he has also been active in lobbying for the preservation of our natural resources, and of such things as petrified wood, etc. And he is a commanding speaker.

For the Oct. meeting, Joe will talk to us on "Jade West", with colored slides of rock hunting in Wyoming. Since he is an expert lapidarist (he started the club's first lapidary classes), who does beautiful faceting, we are hoping that he will bring some examples of his own work for a special display.

Another special display planned for this evening will be the donations of Michigan and other materials which our club is making to the new earth science course at Calvin College. A nice lot of fine material has been collected for this purpose, and Dr. Clarence Meninga of Calvin will be on hand to receive it for the college. If you have any material you wish to give for this purpose, bring it, properly identified, to this meeting.

The club's new Memorial Library will be enriched by two fine new volumes: Fenton & Fenton's "The Fossil Book", and Sinkankas' "Gems of North America". These are being presented on behalf of the club, in memory of our two deceased past-presidents, Leslie G. Pearl and Gerald B. Morris.

All past presidents have been invited to be special guests at this meeting. They will be honored at the reception following the program, with Audrey Teunis as reception chairman. Refreshments will be furnished.



OCTOBER --

- Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Museum East Bldg., ANNIVERSARY MEETING
Gemologist Joe Hanna, Speaker
- Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., Board of Control, D. Crabbs, 1827 Millbrook S.E.
- Oct. 23, 8 p.m., Mineral Group, Fay Reed, 425 Lafayette N.E.
- Oct. 5,6, Harvest Rock Show, Elkhart Mineral Soc.
Concord Jr. High Gym, U.S.33, Dunlap, Ind.
- Oct. 19, 20, Miami Valley Mineral & Gem Club Show
Am. Legion Hall, 15 N. Second St., Fairborn, Ohio
- Oct. 26, 27, Mich. Mineralogical Society Gem, Mineral & Rock Show
Detroit Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. 8 Mile Rd.
Competitive and non-competitive exhibits invited.
Even if you are not exhibiting, a visit to this show
will give you an excellent idea of official require-
ments and standards for proper exhibiting.
- Nov. 1,2,3, Central Mich. Lapidary & Mineral Soc. Gem & Mineral Show
Mich. Nat'l. Guard Armory, 2500 S. Washington, Lansing
- Nov. 16, 17, Evansville Lapidary Soc. Gem & Mineral Show,
Washington Sq. Shopping Center Mall, Evansville, Ind.
Educational and competitive displays wanted. (Applic-
ation blanks for this and Mich. Mineralogical Show
available from Drifter editor.)

NOVEMBER SILENT AUCTION CHAIRMEN READY FOR ACTION!

Time to clean the basement! Time to pick up the garage!
Time to go over all those rocks you found it so much fun to
collect this summer, clean up and set aside for yourself a few
of the very best ones -- then identify the rest as to what they
are and where you found them, and bring them to our November
SILENT AUCTION.

So-Chairmen George Arnold and Leo Hoogerhyde emphasize that
this 10th Anniversary Auction will be one of the most important
we've ever had, and that only a large variety of desirable mater-
ial will make it a success. So start now to set aside things
which you can give to the auction. You know you'll get real bar-
gains on other things you want more, come auction night! If
you want it out of your way, you can get your auction material
to any board member (see list inside front cover of Drifter)
between now and Nov. 13. If you wait to bring it yourself on
Auction Night, be sure and have it there early, so that proper
bid sheets can be made out for each piece.

HELPFUL HINT: Opal specimens kept in bottles are better
cushioned by use of glycerine or mineral oil, and this will not
become stagnant as water does.

NEWS SUGGESTS: Special note for doctors, people with baby-sitters, or others who might want to leave word how they can be reached during our meetings: call 451-9440--which is the number of the pay phone in the East Bldg. lobby. The attendant will answer it; the regular Museum switchboard is not open at that time.....Congratulations to our Higgins Lake Conservation scholar, Steve Tchozeski, who got a "B" grade for his work there. This is excellent, especially considering he was the youngest one in the class, and most of his classmates were teachers. Steve is the first of our scholarship winners to receive college credit for his Higgins Lake experience.....Glenn Marvin and Glen and Maxine Moerdyke really came through with the stamps and Betty Crocker coupons. If everyone cooperated like that, we'd be a 100% club in no time! Keep 'em coming.....Special award to Jim VanVuren: in recognition of his efforts in getting the biggest pudding stone (Jasper Conglomerate) out of the Lowell quarry (his efforts?--he had friends!), Dr. Robert Smith presented him with the smallest pudding stone he could find on Beaver Island--about one inch, but lots of color.....Board members also had the pleasure of seeing the outstanding collection of 13 Netsuke ivory miniatures, 18th century carvings, which Henry Tchozeski had just acquired. Fabulous detail and beauty!.....In view of the increasing frequency with which tornado weather seems to develop in this area, the Board is setting the following policy for meeting nights: If the area is under a Tornado Watch (where conditions exist under which a tornado could develop), the meeting will still be held. If, however, a Tornado Warning is in effect (where a tornado has been sighted in the area and residents are asked to take cover), the meeting is automatically cancelled. If a Tornado Watch has not been cancelled within half an hour of the meeting time, the meeting will not be held. That's our policy--and now let's hope we'll never have to apply it.....We have just been informed that Allen T. Edmunds, associate director of the northeast region of the National Park Service, will be in Grand Rapids last in September or early in October and wishes to meet with Museum Director Frankfurter and our representatives and discuss our request that the Indian Mounds be made a National Monument.....Hint for those pretty little colored stones the children bring home: put them in a decorative bottle, then cover with rubbing alcohol (not water); and seal or stop tight. The colors will show up beautifully, and stay fresh and unstained.....Final thought: "Our Purpose" (taken from the Jaspilite)--To enjoy, to learn, to teach and to conserve...The rocks, the gems, the fossils and ores...To collect, to admire, to brag and to show...The minerals we've found we'll trade for yours.

WE HAVE RECEIVED an announcement of a special course in beginning knowledge in rock identification for family fun, hobbies, etc., being offered by Northview Public Schools, 3801 E. Beltline N.E. Eight 2-hour sessions, 7:30-9:30 Tuesday evenings, fee \$8. Registration Oct.1, start week of Oct.7. Teacher Lois LaBree. Everyone from pebble pups to rockhounds welcome.

1968 NATIONAL CONVENTION PLUS --?

(A report by our delegate, Ruth Steele)

August 18-25, a week highlighted by humid heat; none-the-less ideal for travelling, field trips and the convention. With our destination being Normal, Ill. Illinois State Univ., site of the American and Midwest Federation Convention, our first stop was Starved Rock State park, historic and scenic. Monday night's camp-out was a deciding factor for spending succeeding nights in air-conditioned hotels.

The next stop, Peoria at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Significant was this day spent in the coal strip mines fossil hunting. I obtained this person's name through a list sent with convention material. Through an enthusiastic response to my letter we accepted the generosity and congeniality of our host-guide, Miss Mildred Scheffel. An author of two articles in Earth Science magazine (May-June and July-Aug. issues) entitled "Fossil and Mineral Collecting in North Central Illinois." With Miss Scheffel driving us to various sites for brachiopods, crinoids and pyrite octahedrons, in her jeep, we started at 10 a.m. and returned to Peoria at 8 p.m. We were happy, exhausted, loaded with fossils and rocks, resembling coal miners. We checked into a motel, showered, and were returned to our original state of identity.

Plans were cancelled for a trip 300 miles south to Cave in the Rock because of the heat. There are mines producing fluorite there. We had extra time to travel to Galesburg, Nauvoo and Niata on the Mississippi river; then south to Hamilton for the night. There a lovely couple from St. Joseph, Mo., rockhounds going to the convention, were also spending the night. After acquainting each other with our state's native rocks, we traded Mich. for Missouri material, each trying to outdo the other's generosity. We all went to pick geodes at Gray Quarry. The supply was sparse, but we did obtain calcite crystal types about 4-6 inches in diameter from the top level.

Thursday--we arrived at Normal. Our hosts, the Corn Belt Lapidary & Geological Soc. and I.S.U. had prepared everything to perfection. We spent the next three nights in air-conditioned dorms with delicious meals at the cafeteria, conveniently adjacent to the buildings housing the show. The 450 exhibits housed in three buildings were viewed by approximately 15,000 visitors, some of the most wonderful people on earth.

To mention a few outstanding exhibits, there were various carved items from Lizzadro Museum, and Bart Mann's gem-encrusted gold casting (one cup, set with 691 sapphires, appeared on a Lapidary Journal cover). Mr. LaFayette Funk's exhibit was so large and spectacular it took me three times around to view it entirely. The university received it as a gift after the show.

There were paintings of colored sand, some of pulverized

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(National & Midwest Show-- con't.)

rock and others of carved rocks. A table set with rocks resembling various foods almost tempted viewers to taste it. Lectures and demonstrations were most informative, and their scheduling afforded ample opportunities for attendance.

The Midwest Federation meeting was highlighted by awards. One out of six went to Michigan for bulletins -- The "Muskegon club's "Prospector" took 1st place. Merit awards in public relations were given; and Michigan again had 5 awards out of 16. The scholarship awards ranged from 100% clubs (clubs donating the equivalent of \$1 per member, in Betty Crocker coupons or cash) to 1000% attained by the Peru YMCA club through "Cheer" detergent sales. A new club, the Red River Valley Gems & Minerals Club of Grand Forks, N.D. was accepted into the Federation. Committee and officers' reports were given, with requests for exchange bulletins, club histories and news items to be sent to the Federation.

The 1969 Field Trip for Mid-West Federation will be held June 12-15 at Murdo, S.Dak.

The election of officers was as follows: President, June Culp Zietner; vice-pres., Howard Shanks; secretary, Miss Jean Reynolds; treasurer, Mr. Dahlburg; and historian, Russ McFall. After this meeting adjourned, we attended the American Fed. meeting that evening, with Mr. Braden, president of the university, as speaker.

Off to the swap tent, to finish swapping, then to distribute material to various new-found friends; lastly bidding goodbye to our friend Mildred Scheffel. Meeting so many wonderful people and sharing this hobby, leaves pleasant memories and the hope that we can meet again.

One last word--Illinois has a very well administered program in geological survey. Each year six field trips are sponsored. I hope I can attend at least one -- coming along?

"THE ROCK PILE" (C.G.Schweitzer, Ozark E.S.Club)

I'll tell you what I often do; When I am tired or feeling blue;
I like to take a chair or box, And sit beside my pile of rocks.
I get a thrill as I begin To think of places I have been
To gather these, my treasures here, In various spots both far & near.
Altho I've sat here oft before, Each time I find in this rock store
Some hidden gem I did not see, Which somehow hid itself from me.
You'd be surprised the peace of mind This simple act helps me to find.
So I advise you, when you are blue, To do this thing I often do.
You'll find relief from toil and care.
You've left them at the rockpile there!

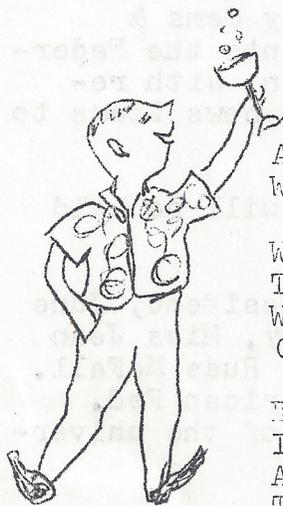
NEW CHAIRMEN NAMED; CLUB ACTIVITIES EXPANDED

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Duprey have consented to act as G.R.H.S. Field Trip Chairmen this year. Since the Dupreys are experienced rock hobbyists, and active members not only with our group but with the Wyoming club as well, we look forward to some good field trip ideas and some very interesting expeditions.

Immediate past-president Don Crabbs continues his support of club activities by heading up a new Membership Committee. This group will contact earth science teachers and students, at high school and college level, in an effort to interest such excellent prospective members in our activities.

"A TRIBUTE"

(by Gerald Clark)



I'd like to pay a tribute here,
To female rockhounds, far and near
And ask, what would a field trip be
Without the femininity?

Without the din of female chatter
The trip would be a dismal matter.
We'd miss that shrill excited sound
Of, hey look Olive what I have found.

Each object that these girls discover
Is greeted like a long lost lover.
And when a special find is made-
The finder gets an accolade.

To highest crest or deepest hollow,
Lead on McDuff; these gals will follow!
You reach a peak that you've been scanning,
And find them there discussing - canning.

I can't help weeping when I hear
A rockhound wife say, - Hubby dear -
Just put those boulders in MY pack
And spare YOUR sacroilliac.

If I may briefly leave the wagon,
I'll toast you in a frosty flagon,
And with my glass high in the air
Skool! Lady rockhounds everywhere!

I hope that all your days on earth,
You keep that gift of joy and mirth.
The next rock that you break and riddle,
May there be diamonds in the middle!

G.R.M.S. PLANS SEVERAL NEW ACTIVITIES

Lapidary Classes to be Offered: An opportunity for interested members to receive free beginning instruction in lapidary techniques is offered on the following basis: Anyone interested is asked to call Elaine or Robert Smith, 949-4093; within the next two weeks. Such members will then be assigned, as convenient, to one of several club lapidary experts who have agreed to help in this manner. The "pupil" will then call this instructor and make personal arrangements for four training sessions, preferably once a week and lasting for 1-2 hours, at the home of the instructor. At the end of that time the entire group will meet together for a discussion of progress and aims. Where babysitting is a problem, husband and wife could be assigned to different instructors on different nights. Instructors will include Henry Tchozeski, Elaine and Robert Smith, Karl deBack, Jim DeZwaan, Sr., with others on call if there is sufficient demand. Lapidary class members should expect to buy or provide a slab or two of material to be finished, but it would be best to discuss the type of material with your specific instructor. This is a wonderful opportunity to secure individual instruction and help in learning how to polish stones. Those participating will be required to enter their stones in one of the "Lapidary of the Month" contests.

"Lapidary of the Month" Awards to be resumed: In order to encourage the development of the lapidary art, a "Lapidary of the Month" contest will be held just prior to each meeting, starting in December. There will be separate awards for adults and for students; each person is asked to make only one entry per month. Cabochons may be of any material, but must be unmounted. Casey Doornbos and Bob Rozema will head up the judging committee.

Hobby Silver Group? Who would be interested in joining a group of silver workers, meeting probably afternoons, and probably once a week for about 8 weeks? This would be a hobby group, not a class. No instruction would be given, but members could exchange ideas and enjoy working together. Anyone interested call Davena Lett, Ch.3-6588.

Les Pearl Jr. Rockhounds to start: Sat., Nov. 2 will be registration day for the junior group sponsored jointly by GRMS and the Museum, and Larry Fegel will be directing the program again this year. Registration will start at 10 a.m. in the Museum East Bldg. multi-purpose room; minimum age is 8 years; the group will be limited to the first 35 registrants; fee is \$2; meetings will continue through March. Lapidary classes will again be held after lunch, on a rotating basis. Donations were collected at a summer picnic meeting to provide new grindstones, and Arnold Wendt Sr. has volunteered to help get the equipment in shape. Larry always does a great job with this group, and we are delighted to have him back, after a year's absence.

THE GRAND RAPIDS MINERAL SOCIETY - FINANCIAL REPORT

1967-1968

BALANCE IN BANK SEPTEMBER 1, 1967 \$310.22

RECEIPTS SEPT. 1. 1967 THROUGH AUG, 31. 1968

Memberships	1301.00	
Ads in Glacial Drifter	129.00	
Silent Auction	248.25	
Sale pf Chances	163.50	
Sale of Emblems	7.50	
Mimeo Serives	30.50	
Sale of extra food	4.20	
Rock Sales	2.35	
Credit pm ;pst check	<u>14.00</u>	900.30

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 1210.52

RECEIPTS AS OF AUFUST 31, 1968

DISBURSEMENTS SEPT. 1, 1967 THROUGH AUG. 31, 1968

Glacial Drifter	257.52	
Annual Rent & Attendant	183.25	
Annual Show	63.43	
Midwest Dues	23.00	
Program Expense	107.68	
Conservation Scholarship		
1967	56.16	
1968	46.80	
Mich. Securities filing		
fee	5.00	
Delegate to Nat. Show	12.00	
Treasurers Bond	10.00	
Insurance	23.00	
Science Fair Awards	10.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>25.57</u>	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 823.41

BANK BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31. 1968 \$ 387.11

"How I Became a Rockhound" . . . by Don Crabbs

When I was six years old, our family moved into a house that had an alley in back loaded with stones, and like a good many children, I started bringing them home. As fast as I would bring the stones home, my mother would secretly put them in boxes and dump them back in the alley. I sometimes wonder how many times I brought the same stones home.

This ritual continued until about the time I was twelve. By that time I had become a little more selective in what I brought home, and the volume had diminished tremendously.

By the time I was married I had become so selective that I only had a 7-drawer chest full of rocks (this was a big improvement), which probably weighed about 1500 lbs. These were gone by the time my wife and I came back from our honeymoon. This probably wasn't any loss since I didn't actually know anything about rocks at that time. All I did was collect "pretty" or unusual rocks.

About the time this rock club was formed, I decided to learn to identify rocks, and made a weekly pilgrimage to the mineral room at the Museum. I would spend an average of an hour and a half studying the different rocks. I did this for about six months, and learned a great deal just by observing. Shortly after that I joined the rock club and really started learning from the pros like Bob Rozema and others.

Since starting to learn about rocks, I've had just about every book on rocks from the library--all the way from "Gold Deposits of the World" to "Handbook for the Small Mine Operator."

I've hunted Thomsonite in matrix for the last 9 years in Minnesota, agates in matrix at Copper Harbor, mine dumps at Champion, Republic and Ishpeming for iron ore and associated material. I've hunted "pudding stones" at Rydalsbank, Ontario, and panned for gold in northern Ontario.

I've had a ball hunting rocks, and I hope to continue for many years.

MEMBERS' WANT-AD BOARD:

WANTED: Used vibro-lap. Contact George or Marilyn Arnold, 698-8856.

Tip for Tumbling: Spic and Span has oxalic acid in it, and is especially good in the polishing agent mixture.

THE BOLA TIE

A lethal weapon, the bola, became a tie around a man's neck. "Bola" means balls, and originally three leather covered stones were connected by a long braided thong, with one ball attached to each end and a smaller one in the middle. The gaucho (Argentine Cowboy) while riding after his prey would whirl this "weapon" around his head and fling it at the target. The thong would wrap around the legs & neck of the animal or bird and it was then easily captured. This was the original "bola" -- not "bolo" which is a machete-like knife.

Credit for the invention of the bola ties goes to Vic Cedarstaff, a well-known Arizona silversmith. He used the slide idea which has been used by the Boy Scouts for years, then he created the slide with the yoke which anchors the slide carefully in place, plus the thongs which end in balls. This he patented. The bola tie has become a standard item of western wear for the working cowboy, the singing cowboy, oldtimers, neo-westerners, teen-agers, and tots. Even women wear them.

Says Vic: "One day while riding on my horse, I lost my hat, and as it fell to the ground the band slipped off. Instead of placing the band back on the hat, I simply slipped it over my head and around my neck, before replacing my hat". My riding companion said to me, "That's a nice looking tie your wearing, Vic". Having taught leathercraft and being a silversmith, in a day or two I had made my first tie of some leather lacing, with two silver balls on the ends of them. I fashioned a small slide adorned with a turquoise gem. The name "Bola" came along later, when it came to mind that it was similar to the bolas of the gaucho's.

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HERE ARE THE WINNERS

At the American-Midwest Federation combined show and convention in Normal, Illinois on August 22-25 various awards were made to our clubs.

First National Club Bulletin Contest

The winners in this contest were announced at the Midwest-National Editors Breakfast at Normal by Club Publication Chairman June Zeitner. The winners were selected by Russell MacFall, a Chicago Tribune Editor and Midwest Federation Historian. The following six were equal winners:

The Prospector - Muskegon Rock and Mineral Association - Midwest.

Alaskan Pebble Patter (Anchorage) - Cau-gach Gem and Mineral Society - Northwest

Rocky Echoes - (Jackson, Miss.) Miss-issippi Gem and Mineral Society - Eastern

Stones and Groans - (San Antonio) - San Antonio Rock and Lapidary Society - Texas

Chips - (Fresno, Calif.) - Fresno Gem and Mineral Society - California

Enid Gem and Mineral Bulletin - (Enid, Okla.) - Enid Gem and Mineral Society - Rocky Mountain

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The breakfast, held in the Union Ballroom of the University, was attended by 160 editors and officers. With June Zeitner as M.C. and Con Peterzen as Moderator, the feature panel discussion and sopen forum was participated in by Ruth Wertz (Eastern) and Bob Goodson (Texas), both members of the AFMS committee. Marie Hagglund (Northwest) represented her Federation, while Norman Flaigg of Oklahoma City joined the panel for the Rocky Mountain Federation. California was represented by their new president Barbara Goss. Russell MacFall, AFMS Judge, was the 6th member of the panel.

Winning clubs deserve the hearty congratulations and thanks of all of us. There were 400 bulletins on display at the first national club bulletin display. If your bulletin was not there, it is because it was not mailed directly to the club publications chairman. Please send bulletins to this address. June Zeitner, Mission, South Dakota 57555. There will be another National Bulletin Contest and National Bulletin Display in 1969.

Midwest Federation Bulletin Winners

1. The Opal - West Suburban Lapidary Club - Elmhurst, Illinois.

2. Evansville Newsletter - Evansville Lapidary Society, Inc. - Evansville, Indiana

3. The Rockpile - Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society - Dearnborn, Michigan.

4. The Pick and Dop Stick - Chicago Rocks and Minerals Society - Chicago, Illinois.

5. The Michigan Gem News - Michigan Gem and Mineral Society - Jackson, Michigan

6. The Rockfinder - Michinna Rock and Gem Club, Inc. - South Bend, Indiana

7. The Petoskey Stone - Family Lapidary Club - Waterford, Michigan.

8. The Prospector - Muskegon County Rock and Mineral Association - Muskegon, Michigan.

9. Ozark News Bulletin - Ozark Earth Science Club - Arkansas

10. The Earth Science News - Eearth Science Club of Northern Illinois - Downers Grove, Ill.

Judges for the contest were: Mrs. Vivian Pochay of Lyons, Ohio and Mrs. Phyllis Parks of Lincoln, Nebraska. Any editor who entered the contest may have his scores by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Mrs. Vivian Pochay, Route 1, Lyons, Ohio 43533.

"All American" Club Awards by the American Federation to Midwest Clubs

Dallas County Rock Club of Adel, Iowa
Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois of Downers Grove, Illinois

Ozark Earth Science Club, Inc. of Mountain Home, Arkansas

Illowa Gem and Mineral Society of Davenport

HERE ARE YOUR MIDWEST FEDERATION OFFICERS FOR THE 1968-1969 YEAR

President:	June Culp Zeitner, Mission, South Dakota 57555
Vice President:	Howard Shanks, 1429 Clark Ames, Iowa 50010
Secretary:	Miss Jean Reynolds, 107 Tuttle, Clarendon Hills, Illinois 60514
Treasurer:	B. G. Dahlberg, 5744 Standish Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. 55417
Historian:	Russell MacFall, 721 Foster Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201

Merit Awards

13 clubs and societies were presented with Merit Awards. Awards were made for club activities in the areas of public service and public relations undertakings during 1967.

Public Service Category:

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society for their programs overall but particularly work with the Woldumar Outdoor Center.

Columbus Ohio Rock and Mineral Society for work with the Center of Science and Industry.

Michiana Rock and Gem Club of South Bend, Indiana for their overall efforts but particularly work with area libraries.

Minnesota Mineral Club of Minneapolis for overall program particularly work with youth and the aged.

Muskegan County Rock and Mineral Ass'n of Muskegon, Michigan for a good overall program touching many phases of their community particularly youth activities.

4 Clubs received awards in the area of public relations for their work in presenting their story to the public.

Dallas County Rock Club of Adel, Iowa

Des Plaines Valley Geological Society of Des Plaines, Illinois

Lawrence County Rock Club of Bedford, Indiana

State Line Gem and Mineral Society of Adrian, Michigan

4 Clubs were winners in both categories. Not only are they doing a very good job of providing service to their community but in addition are doing it in such a manner that proper publicity of their efforts result.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club of Lincoln, Nebraska for their efforts in obtaining legislative recognition of a state rock, gemstone and fossil, an extensive school visitation program and unique promotion of their centennial Rockrama.

Michigan Gem and Mineral Society for a well coordinated programs of public service and public relations.

Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society of Mansfield, Ohio for general excellence of its program on all levels.

Show Me Rockhounds of Kansas City, Missouri particularly for their efforts in securing legislative recognition of mozaikite or galena as the state rock and mineral and accompanying efforts of follow up publicity.

AID TO BEGINNERS

"Rock Collecting" is the title of an article the first installment of which will be published in the November-December issue of Earth Science. It was written especially for beginners by Richard Matych, assistant vice president of the Midwest Federation for the state of Michigan. It is full of basic information and sound advice.

A CHECK IN AMOUNT OF \$201.00

was sent to the Scholarship Foundation by our Midwest Federation.... \$1.00 for each club in our Federation.

THE 200th CLUB

to be received into membership in our Midwest Federation was awarded a plaque at the convention. It was the Roamin Club of Livonia, Michigan.

ATTENTION CLUB OFFICERS!

Please... without delay... send to Robert Wilson (1969 Show Chairman), Murdo, South Dakota 57579 a complete list of all your club members and their addresses. This can be your club directory, club roster or just a list of the names and addresses of your membership. For the first time in the history of our Midwest Federation conventions and field trips, the information and reservation blanks are being sent to every member rather than only one or two copies of show information to a club officer. This task of sending information to every member is truly a gigantic one so please do send those member lists to Bob at once so that their volunteers can get started at addressing the envelopes to the more than 12,000 Midwest Federation members.

SCHOLARSHIP SCOREBOARD

We were fortunate this year in that two of our Midwest clubs reached their 500% and 1000% level at a time so that their plaques could be presented to them at our annual council meeting.

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