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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 7:45 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Public Museum Mutli-Purpose Room, East Building. Summer meetings are at various parks as announced.

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

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HOW TO TURN OUT WINNERS:

DATE: October 8, 1969

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: Museum East Building

At the regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Mineral Society on Wednesday, October 8, at 8:00 P.M., the program will consist of demonstrations of lapidary techniques. There will be more than one station, so that the groups will be small and everyone can see and ask the "teachers" questions. Come and bring a guest.

Larry Fegel called the other day with an important announcement concerning the Les Pearl Junior Geology group.

NOW HEAR THIS: On November 1, 1969, at 10:00 A.M., registrations only will be held at the Blandford Nature Center. The class will be open to boys and girls ten years of age and up, or they must have attended last year's classes.

The class will be limited to 25 students, and the enrollment fee will be \$2.00 for the entire series.

The club will once again be collecting rock and mineral specimens for local college collections. Many participated last year.

According to President Jim, each member is asked to donate one specimen. Please indicate what it is and where it came from.

Rich Van Beek will be in charge of distribution, and materials can be brought to our next meeting or any subsequent meeting.

"Our Rock Riches"

A new 110-page booklet, jam-packed with basic information concerning Michigan's mineral resources, has recently been released by the Michigan Conservation Department (now Department of Natural Resources). It is called "Our Rock Riches" and brings together a collection of twenty-two articles, each prepared by a well-known writer or geologist. These cover Michigan geology, rocks, minerals, metals, and fuels. You'll find it an excellent reference. For your copy of this interesting booklet, send 50¢ to the Publications Room, Department of Natural Resources, Lansing, Michigan 48926

from THE PUDDIN' STONE NEWS

MINERAL STUDY GROUP

This month's meeting of the Mineral Study Group will be held on October 22, at 8:00 P.M., at the home of Arnold Wendt, 4039 Parkside, NW, Standale, Michigan

SHOW NEWS

The Flint Rock and Gem Club is asking for displays both competitive and non-competitive, for their October 25 and 26 show, to be held in the Pelle Vista Mall at Grand Blanc, Michigan.

There will be door prizes hourly and silent auctions twice daily. Entry blanks are available as well as additional information. See Bob Beauvais at club. Deadline for entries is October 13.

In addition we have Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society entry blanks for their show in the National Guard Armory at Lansing.

DATES: Set up Thursday, October 16 8-10 P.M.
Dismantling Sunday, October 19 after 6 P.M.
Deadline for entries October 9

We also have entry blanks for the Michigan Mineralogical Society for the Detroit show to be held at the Light Guard Armory, 4800 East 8 Mile Road, Detroit.

DATES: Set up Friday October 31, 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Dismantling Sunday, November 2, after 6:00 P.M.
Entry deadline October 15

FLYERS ANNOUNCING THESE SHOWS WILL BE AT THE MEETING

LES PEARL JUNIOR GEOLOGY CLASS

Registration - November 1, 1969 10:00 A.M., Plandford Nature Center
Ages - 10 years and older or must have taken the class last year.
Limit - 25 students -- so come promptly at 10:00 A.M.
Cost - \$2.00 per student for the series
Teacher - Larry Fegel

President Jim asks that we carry the story of the passing of Mr. Frank Van Loon. Frank was a former member of the Grand Rapids Mineral Society and will be remembered by our membership who have been associated with the club for some time.

Do you have your club emblem? Let's see them at our next meeting, October 8. If you don't have one, they are for sale.

The Glen Moerdykes went all the way to Alaska this summer. How about an account of your trip for the next issue of the Drifter?

MUSKEGON ROCK SWAP

The editor and his lady drove over to Pioneer Park on Saturday, September 13, and joined in the fun of the first annual Muskegon Rock Swap. The weather was beautiful, the company jovial (as it always is when rockhounds get together) and the specimens on the silent auction table were generally very good.

The setting for such an activity was ideal, with the stately trees and dunes bordering Lake Michigan. It would be impossible to list all of the exotic wares available for trading, but there were many people with beautiful material.

People came from all over the Midwest to park their campers, trailers, and pitch their tents and swap rocks. We visited with the Rosses in their beautiful new trailer for a time before going on.

We went on down to the Channel and watched the Coho fishermen on the lake and in the Channel. We decided we would stick to rock hunting.

This certainly is an event to put on your recommended list for next year.

Bob Rozema, a founding member and the first president of the club has been seriously ill but is now at home again and making a good recovery.

ROCKHOUND P'S AND Q'S

From Rok-Tok via The Rock Dobber

What is your R.E.Q.? (Rockhound Etiquette Quotient) It's high if you follow the common courtesies shown by serious collectors and lapidaries. However, if you notice that fellow rockhounds seem nervous and protective of their collections when you are around, you undoubtedly have a low R.E.Q. and need to be reminded of some basic rules of rockhound etiquette.

The main rules to remember are:

1. DO NOT TOUCH ANY SPECIMEN (MINERAL, FOSSIL, LAPIDARY, ETC.) UNLESS INVITED TO DO SO BY ITS OWNER.
2. IF INVITED TO EXAMINE A CRYSTAL SPECIMEN, DO SO WITH YOUR EYES, NOT YOUR FINGERS.

There are good reasons for these rules. Some minerals can be badly discolored by skin oils present on fingers. The appearance of silverwork, faceted stones, and cabachons is not enhanced by finger prints.

Crystals are often called the flowers of the mineral kingdom. Like flowers, they can be bruised, discolored, and broken by careless hands. They deserve respect for their beauty and reverence for their uniqueness and rarity. Unlike flowers, crystal specimens can seldom, if ever, be duplicated. This is also true of many minerals and lapidary arts.

A person who handles another's specimens runs the risk of harming them in some way no matter how careful he is or how good his intentions. Next time you attend a show or exhibit, notice the actions of experienced collectors and lapidaries, especially the exhibitors. They do not touch the items on display. They admire them with their eyes and learn about them by looking carefully for the details that make each particular one outstanding.

As members of a mineral and lapidary club, we must each learn this technique to earn a respected place in the world of rockhounds.

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ROCKHOUND P'S AND Q'S (Cont.)

Each of us must be responsible for our own actions and feel responsible for those of visitors at our meetings, explaining the basic rules to them if they appear uninformed. This is one educational aspect of the hobby that cannot be neglected. Instruction of this sort may prevent some highly embarrassing experiences. After all, who can duplicate or replace any of the fine things exhibited at our club meetings?

If these rules are new to you or, if you have heard of them but thought they were intended only for "the other guy", you are hereby invited to begin practicing them. Think how gratifying it will be when everyone in the club has a high R.E.Q.!

Joanne Cline, Editor of "Rock Ramblings", Mentor, Ohio

The editor is on the prowl for interesting activities of Grand Rapids Mineral Society members. What did you do this summer that our club should know about?

ROCKHOUND SONG

By: Jack W. Dukas

Bloomington, Minnesota Club

Melody - "On Top of Old Smoky"

Road cuts, fields, and mountains
Wherever there's rocks
We fight off mosquitoes
And get burrs in our socks.

We laugh at the Chiggers
And sneer at the rain,
The hot sun beats on us
But we feel no pain.

For we are the rockhounds,
A great hardy bunch.
We eat sand for breakfast
And lick rocks for lunch!

It's easy to find us
If ever you please.
Our elbows and fannies
Are up in the breeze.

We're sharp-eyed and eager
And ready for fun.
From eleven 'til ninety
We stay on the run.

Of all the world's people
Rockhounds are the best
And God will confirm it
When finally we rest.

Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society

Presents 4th Annual

GEM & MINERAL SHOW



Fri. Oct. 17	5 P.M. - 10 P.M.
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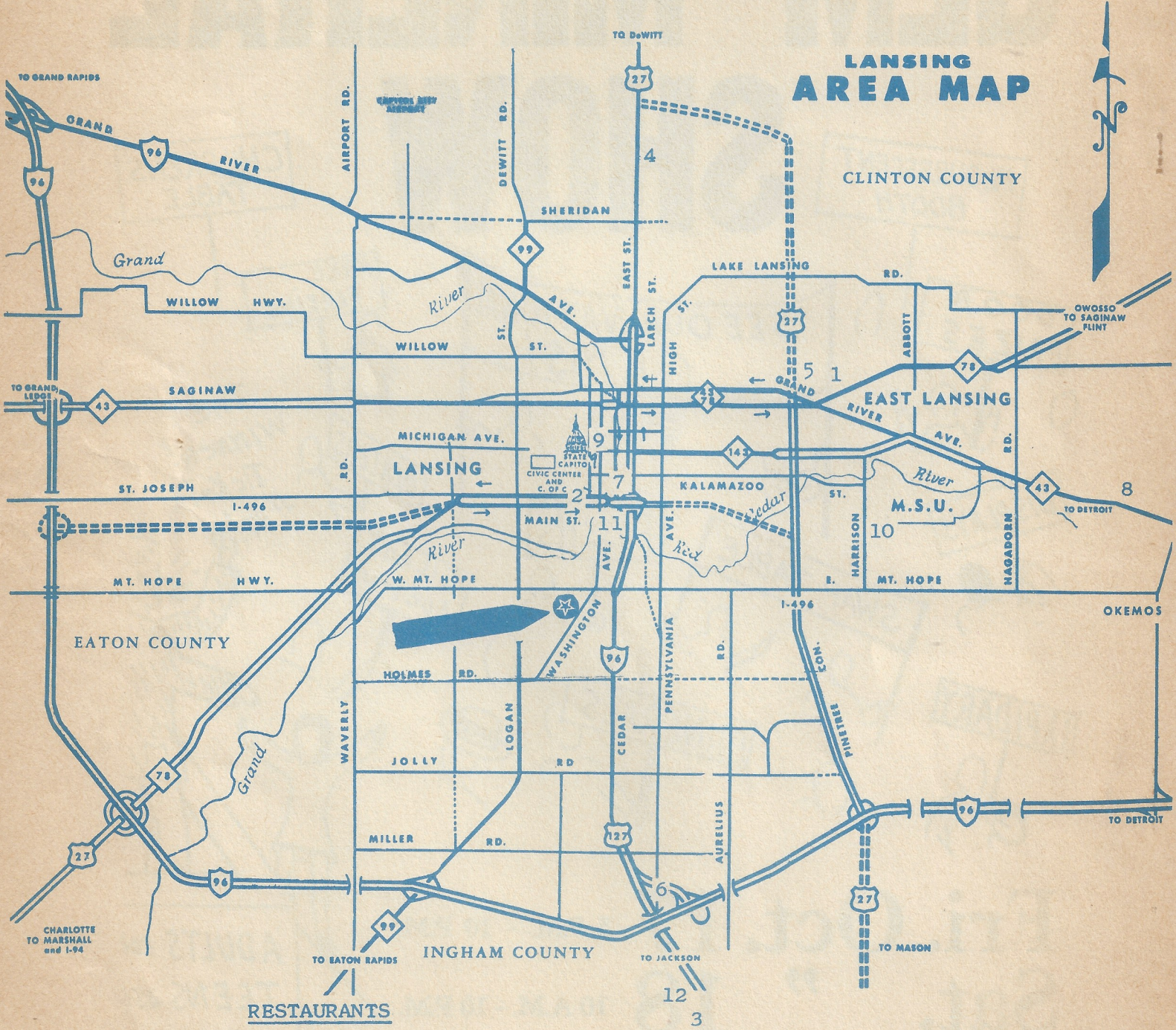
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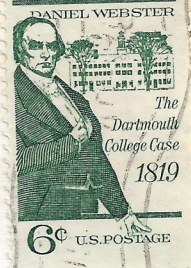
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