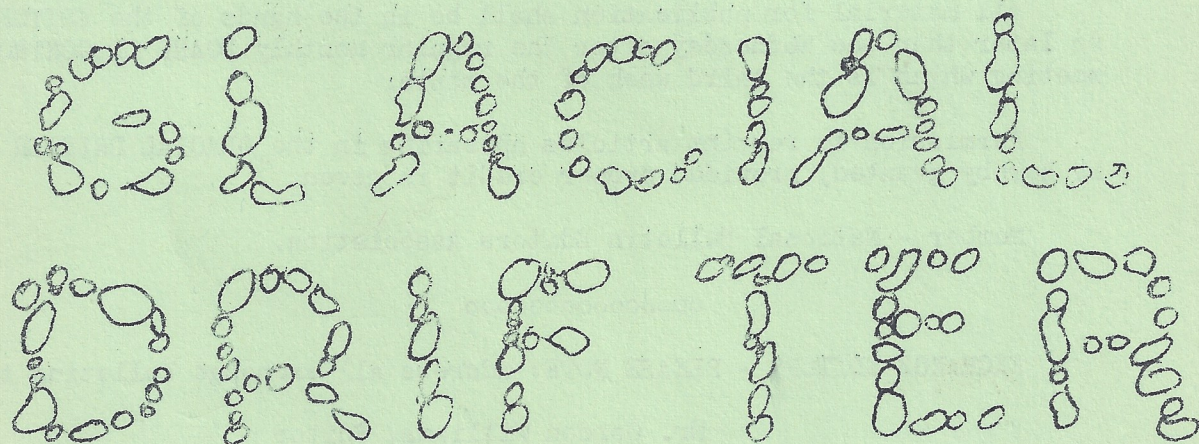


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G.R.M.S. CALENDAR

MARCH MEETING

Time: 7:45 p.m. March 10, 1971

Place: East Building, Grand Rapids Public Museum

Program: Steve Tchozeski, G.R.M.S. member and geology student at Grand Valley State College will give an illustrated program on the "Erosion and Deposition of the Eastern Lake Michigan Shoreline"

Looking Ahead

- March 13: Show set-up time at the Grand Rapids Public Museum
- March 14: Annual Show - "Rocks and Minerals - Keys To The Past" opens
- March 15: Board of Control meets at the home of the Roger King's, 1957 36th St. SW, Wyoming
- March 24: Mineral Study Group meets at the home of the Arthur Ferguson's, 2748 Pohens NW
- April 14: Regular meeting. Program: Marie Spielmaker will report on her trip to Mexico
- April 18: Annual Show closes. Remove displays from the Museum
- May 12: Regular meeting. Program by Dr. J. Cotter Theron Geology Dept., Hope College

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ROCK ROOM

Plans are moving into the final stages for our annual show. Arrangements are complete for the moon rock visit for the first week of the show. Cases and windows are assigned, programs planned, hosts and hostesses contacted, and demonstrations set up. The show committee has things well under control for a top notch year.

In board actions, payment was authorized for show expenses up to \$50. and for travel expenses for pick up and return of the moon rock. A committee is being appointed to study feasibility of changing the fiscal year and election times to agree with the Mid-West Federation year. This would have several advantages in that the names of the current officers would appear in the Federation publications so that other clubs wishing to contact ours would have the right information, avoiding delays. The committee will report on this later this spring.

About 25 people made the rounds on our February basement field trip to the Wendt's, King's and Duprey's basements for a look at their goodies. Our thanks to our hosts for a nice afternoon complete with refreshments. This was a good group for such a nasty day. Besides seeing many fine specimens, we had a good chance to get better acquainted.

Marguerite Petersen received a nice fluorite specimen donated by Roger King for submitting the winning name for our annual show. We had intended to present this to her at the February meeting but could not because of her absence.

The directory is progressing well. This time something new will be added. Wive's first names will be given as well as the special interests in our hobby of as many of our members as we can contact.

Anyone who missed the fine program by Dr. Richard Lefebvre on Surtsey and Iceland, missed a very fine movie as well as slides on volcanoes in the formative stage. The molten rock splashing around in the craters and flowing down as a red hot river into the sea amidst a huge cloud of steam was awe-inspiring.

The March meeting will be by Steve Tchozeski on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan.

The April meeting will be a slide and tape program of a field trip to Mexico. This will be a preview of a trip this fall - Oct. 23 to Nov. 7, 1971. Several of our members are planning to take this trip. After being disappointed last year on the Mexican trip, Marie Spielmaker is really pushing this one. She made the arrangements for this program and will have some brochures on hand for those who are interested in this trip.

Grand Rapids Mineral Society members were saddened to learn of the passing of Lloyd G. Heaton, Sr. on February 27. The deepest sympathy of the club is extended to Mrs. Heaton and family.

FROM THE EDITOR'S ROCK ROOM

The preparations for the show, plus the demands of making a living have left me a little short of the commodity called time. I'm fearful that the rock room may not be too productive this month.

President Art and his Dorothy along with the editor and his Dorothy attended the annual pot luck of the Grand Haven club on February 27. The hospitality was warm, the food excellent, and the program most interesting. Paul and Nancy Schulze provided a combination of stills and movies cleverly narrated by Nancy of their journey into the Northwest Territory last summer. Thank you, neighbors, for your invitation.

I ought not to let it be known that we, "The Williams", got there because of Arnold Wendt's misfortune. While it was fine to be there, Arnold, I'm truly sorry that you were unable to go.

Mr. & Mrs. Perry Mitchell were the Ferguson's host couple while Mr. & Mrs. John Wierenga hosted the Williams. Interestingly enough, Mr. & Mrs. Wierenga were our hosts last year when we were at the annual banquet.

Our February meeting was another "jack pot". Dr. Richard Lefebvre of Grand Valley took us to Iceland via a NASA supported expedition to study life in extreme conditions. The movies of the birth of "Surtsey" were spectacular to say the least.

Visitors at our February meeting were: Ruth Hubbert, Mr. & Mrs. Dan E. Verevoert, Henry and Ruth Raad, Mrs. Robert Klug, and Ernie and Ruth Potter, who we now call G.R.M.S. members.

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Nellie Mead has some equipment for sale that may be of interest to some of our members: Power driven tools suitable for carving, plus two electric motors. Call her at GL9-2016 for an appointment to see them.

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The stencils for this issue have been prepared on the new electric typewriter that is now the property of G.R.M.S. (And the typist adds her grateful thanks to the board and the club.)

MORE NOTES FROM THE EDITOR. . . .

Last Saturday evening we got to Grand Haven a few minutes early so we drove down to the state park to see what the winds (50 to 60 mph) were doing to Lake Michigan. The sight was beyond my ability to put on paper. Whenever we mortals begin to feel our importance, may I recommend viewing the tremendous power of one of Nature's phenomena. It is humbling.

Our Kalamozaa neighbors are requesting exhibitors for their May 15-16 show. Application blanks for space will be at the March meeting.

AND A FEW MORE FROM OUR PRESIDENT. . . .

The March Board of Control meeting will be at the Roger King residence.

We wish to welcome as new members, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Potter who joined at the February meeting.

Ken Jones, from the Indian Mounds Club and known to many of our members for his work on the rock swap last August, is in Osteopathic Hospital, Room 183. A card from his friends would be appreciated.

Our own vice-president, Arnold Wendt fell on the ice the other day and bruised his hip. He is now on crutches and recovering. We are all thankful that no bones were broken.

The March Mineral Study Group meeting will be at the Arthur Ferguson's. We are currently studying the Upper Peninsula minerals.

Cookies for the March meeting will be provided by Mrs. Donald Bowers and Mrs. Peter Boogaart. Remember that our coffee money goes to the Midwest Scholarship Fund.

Any of our members who can operate 35mm slide and 16 mm movie projectors on Saturdays or Sundays during the show, please call Bob Beauvais, 534-3871. Your help will be appreciated!

DO YOU NEED A HARD HAT? Several have asked where they may be obtained. A little phone checking has revealed that Contractors Machinery Co., 5311 Plainfield NE, is selling out some aluminum ones (hats, not peaked caps) for \$3.45 each. They are open Monday thru Friday from 8 to 5. As you know, these are recommended for many types of rock hunting and required in some areas.

Bob Tuinstra is at home recovering from surgery. We hope you'll be well enough to make the next meeting, Bob!

OUR ROCK SHOW CHAIRMAN, RICH VAN BEEK REPORTS

It won't be long now! Saturday, March 13, is the day for "setting up" our Annual Rock Show at the museum.

We now have enough applications on hand to assure that all of the inside cases will be filled. However, we still can accommodate a few more exhibitors in the portable cases (those usually setting in the middle of the floor) since several of our members have indicated that they can take an extra section in one of these cases if necessary. So either way--we can accommodate a few more exhibitors but we can also fill all of the inside cases without any more applications.

It is this cooperative spirit on the part of our members which makes this job a pleasure. But it would not be fair to these people to make them wait too long before taking them up on their offer to fill an extra section so we will make the final disposition of this space on Saturday, March 6. If you can use any of the above space, call me before noon on Saturday!

HELP! HELP! We are still looking for exhibitors for two of the outside windows. Gordon Williams has arranged for an ecology class from the educational park to take one of these windows, President Art will depict field trips, and Dorothy Waterman will have a fossil display. But we need volunteers for the other two windows. These are large and will accommodate material which is too large for the inside cases.

The moon rock and space exhibit will be displayed on the landing between the two stairways at the west end of the main hall. We will attempt to channel the people up the stairway on the south side past the moon rock and then down the north stairway where they will be at the proper place to begin following the special geological period exhibit in chronological order.

OPENING CEREMONY PLANNED

We will have an opening ceremony on Sunday afternoon, March 14, the time tentatively being 2:30. Participating will be Mr. Frankforter, Museum Director, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chaffee, the parents of Roger Chaffee who tragically lost his life along with two other astronauts in the explosion and fire of their space capsule four years ago.

Dorothy Waterman, who is well known to all of us as an outstanding paleontologist has consented to act as a special advisor to the geological exhibit committee.

Marilyn Arnold is doing some of the art work. If you have not seen any of her work you have a treat in store for you. Somehow, unless I am mistaken, this talent has remained hidden to our club although she has done work professionally, including illustrating books.

Faye King will be in charge of refreshments on our installation day, March 13.

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Our publicity chairman, Gordon Williams, has prepared a brochure to be handed out to students describing the geological periods which will be depicted in the club display and is also preparing a brochure promoting the Grand Rapids Mineral Society and giving the schedule of programs and demonstrations at the show.

DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

- Thursday, March 18 - Dr. Richard Rose
 Saturday, March 20 - Junior Rockhounds
 Sunday, March 21 - Mr. Larry Petersen
 Thursday, March 25 - Dr. Robert Smith
 Saturday, March 27 - Junior Rockhounds
 Sunday, March 28 - Mr. Henry Tchozeski
 Thursday, April 1 - Mr. Casey Doornbos
 (polishing with diamond dust)
 Saturday, April 3 - Mr. Karl DeBack
 (faceting)
 Sunday, April 4 - Mrs. Lucile Pearl
 (silversmithing)
 Thursday, April 8 - Mrs. Marilyn Arnold
 Saturday, April 10 - Mr. Russ Girard
 Sunday, April 11 - Mr. Gordon Williams
 Thursday, April 15 - Mr. Arnold Wendt
 Saturday, April 17 - Mr. Donald Bowers
 -Arnold Wendt, Chairman

AUDITORIUM PROGRAM SCHEDULE

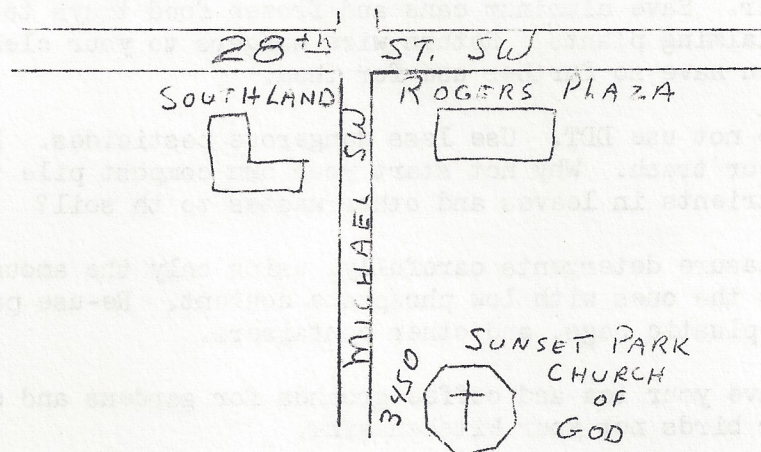
- Sunday, March 14 - Movies: "Rockhound"
 "Story in The Rocks"
 Saturday, March 20 - Slide Lecture "Dating The Past"
 -Mr. W. D. Frankforter
 Sunday, March 21 - Movies: "Silver"
 Saturday, March 27 - Movies: "The Fossil Story"
 Sunday, March 28 - Slide Lecture: "The Grotto of The Redemptin"
 (West Bend, Iowa)
 - Mr. Ted Duprey
 Saturday, April 3 - Slide Lecture: "Geological History
 of The Grand Rapids Area"
 -Mr. James Muller
 Sunday, April 4 - Slide Lecture: "Hawaiian Volcanoes"
 -Mrs. June Smith
 Saturday, April 11
 and -Slide Show: "Stones in Religion"
 Sunday, April 12 (Easter)
 Saturday, April 17
 and -Slide Show: "Life Revealed in The Rocks"
 Sunday, April 18
 -Bob and Ruth Beauvais, Chairmen

WE'RE INVITED!

The Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club will hold its annual silent auction on Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sunset Park Church of God, 3450 Michael Ave., SW, Wyoming, Michigan.

Connoisseurs & Crystal Tables...Children's Table & Fish Pond....
Grab bags.....Loads of good cutting material, fossils and specimens.

Everyone invited!



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Since the Ecology Class of the Grand Rapids Educational Park will be putting in a window at our show, this article from the Boulder Gazette for February is especially appropriate. We can do no less than be as sensitive as our students.

ECOLOGY

Senator Frank Church of Idaho recently distributed a four page brochure, prepared by the Senator's office giving ways you can fight pollution. One important item, this brochure was actually printed on trash. The paper came from the city dump at Madison, Wisconsin, and through the cooperation of the U.S. Forest Service and other agencies, had been reconstituted from rubbish.

Here are some of the things which the average citizen could do to help eliminate pollution.

Don't idle your car when it is possible to turn off the engine. Don't use your car unnecessarily--how about walking, bike riding, or organizing a car pool? Buy lead-free gasoline when available. The lead in gas fumes is one of the major causes of pollution and can be absorbed by your body. If lead-free gasoline is not available use regular gas whenever possible.

Use returnable bottles, not throw-away cans. Don't purchase liquids sold in plastic milk-white containers. This material is polyvinyl chloride which, when burned, produces an acid mist which can destroy nearby vegetation.
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as well as the incinerator. Find a stream, creek or lake that is polluted and focus on it. You may want to organize a small group and clean it up.

Don't buy colored facial tissues, paper towels or toilet paper. Although the paper disintegrates, the dye does not dissolve in water. Save aluminum cans and frozen food trays to return to reclaiming plants. Return wire hangers to your cleaners when you have no further use for them.

Do not use DDT. Use less dangerous pesticides. Don't burn leaves or trash. Why not start your own compost pile to return the nutrients in leaves and other wastes to the soil?

Measure detergents carefully, using only the amount recommended; and use the ones with low phosphate content. Re-use paper bags, boxes, plastic bags, and other containers.

Save your tea and coffee grounds for gardens and cooking fat for birds not your kitchen sink.

VIA SKAGET GEMS AND MAGIC VALLEY GEM NEWS

YOU SAY YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A MOON ROCK? It will be your own fault if you can still say it after March 14, 1971! That's when one goes on display at YOUR SHOW-----"ROCKS AND MINERALS-KEYS TO THE PAST"-----

Doors of the Grand Rapids Public Museum at 54 Jefferson, S.E. open at 2:00 PM that day.

Week-end programs and demonstrations start at 3:00 PM, Thursday demonstrations start a couple of hours earlier for the benefit of school children visitors.

The moon rock exhibit will be there only for the first week, then it must be returned.

DON'T MISS THIS SHOW!!!

(Rated "X"CELLENT)

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A Note From Evelyn Hirsch

MIDWEST FEDERATION PROGRAMS

So far programming hasn't met with too much trouble. I do try to answer your letters the day I receive them. I would like at least a months notice for a program. I know emergencies do arise and I'll try to help if I can, but please do not make a habit of calling at the last minute. At times the pony express is faster than our (space age) mail of today. I'm trying at present to allow twelve to fourteen days for one way. That allows you time to get it ready for your meeting as all slides need to be transferred to your slide holders as our slides are only shipped in boxes and are only mailers. Do not be surprised if in a return letter I ask you "What's to hunt in your area?" I intend to have a little fun along with this big job.

EARTH SCIENCE MARCH-APRIL ISSUE

Ellis Courter begins a two-part article "Man and the Sea" in the March-April issue. The article is illustrated by an unusual map of the North Atlantic ocean floor. "Strange Creatures Inhabited Ohio", host state of the MWF convention in 1971, back in the Permian period. Drawings by a staff member of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History recreate them.

From Betty J. Crawford

UNIFORM RULES

Exhibit registration blanks are being mailed to the clubs this month, so we want to take this opportunity to encourage competitive exhibits at the show in Mansfield on July 22-25.

Our efforts to find the reasons for the discontent with the Uniform Rules resulted in only one letter of criticism and suggestions, although several did write to ask for advice on exhibiting. Yet we get gripes via the grapevine; several bulletins have carried rather caustic comments about the rules and judging but offer no constructive suggestions for improvement. It leads us to believe we have more of a "people problem" than a "rules problem". The condemnation seems almost always to come from people who choose to blame their low scores on the rules or judging, with the result that they discourage others from competition.

The Uniform Rules are not difficult to understand for one who is willing to make the effort. The Exhibitor's Manual is designed to further explain the rules and offer helpful advice on exhibiting. Whether a display is competitive or non-competitive, the exhibitor has a responsibility to the public, himself, the hobby and the

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1971 CONVENTION AND SHOW NEWS

The schedule of Federation activities and meetings for other special groups is taking shape. Some of the meetings will be at Kingwood Center, a 47 acre privately endowed cultural and gardening center, conveniently located to the Fairgrounds. Kingwood is a showplace in itself and will provide a pleasant setting. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy the wild-fowl pond and small zoo.

This year, instead of the Bulletin Editors Breakfast, an Editors Seminar is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday. A meeting of State Directors and assistants will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday at Kingwood and this is followed at 2:00 by the Executive Committee meeting. For those attending both morning and afternoon meetings, there is a good restaurant within walking distance of the Kingwood meeting hall.

The Council will meet Saturday with registration of delegates at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting at 9:30. Location of this meeting will be announced.

A micromount symposium is set for Thursday evening at Kingwood. On Friday evening there will be an Exhibiting seminar, which is an expansion of the usual judges-exhibitors meeting, in the program area at the Fairgrounds. Banquet will be Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. Program speakers and other events are being scheduled and will be announced in coming months.

Registration forms, exhibit entry blanks, and accommodation lists will have been mailed to all clubs by the time you get this Newsletter. If they are not available at your club meeting in March ask your President. Additional blanks can be obtained by writing to the show chairman, B. F. Parr, 1488 Marion Avenue Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44906.

From Lee M. Kirby, Second Vice President

PARTICIPATION AND THE FEDERATION

At Minneapolis, Minn. in July of 1970, ninety-six of the two hundred and nineteen clubs that made up the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies sent delegates to the annual Council meeting. The only apparent conclusion that can be drawn from the foregoing statement is that fifty-seven percent of the member clubs are not interested in what is happening in the Midwest Federation.

Why? Perhaps, and I sincerely hope this is the reason, those clubs have simply overlooked the fact that they are the Midwest Federation. Perhaps if these clubs would look at their membership in the Midwest Federation as comparable to the deposit of money in a savings account, they would be more prone to participate. Membership in any organization is basically a matter of participation. The more one participates in its functions, the more benefits one receives in return. The feeling of satisfaction in accomplishment is available only to those who willingly extend themselves to the point of doing.

The theme of the Midwest Federation for 1971 is "Education". It is my sincere hope that the member clubs of this Federation will take advantage of this theme in the coming year and "Learn by Doing"! Let us not sit back and let "George" do it for us.

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Federation to label everything accurately and make his presentation as attractive as possible. Granted, a good display takes a lot of time, effort and planning, but the satisfaction of a job well done is worth it. No one thing does more to improve the quality of displays than competition.

Educational displays are a good field for competition and the rules in this division are not as restrictive. The possibilities here are endless, and we hope some of you can come up with some good new ideas.

Please support the convention with one or more displays... preferably competitive. The 18 trophies available are listed in the Supplementary Rules included with the red Uniform Rules book. An added incentive this year is free admission to exhibitors.

The following exhibiting aids are available from Miss Dorothy Gleiser, 1066 Griffith Road, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045. AFMS Uniform Rules Book (second edition) 40¢; AFMS Approved Gem List (not for mineral labeling) 25¢ or both for 50¢. AFMS Exhibitor's Manual 40¢.

Roger Pabian, Lincoln, Nebraska

NEW EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

Have you seen the new book Record in Rock that describes and illustrates all the major invertebrate fossils found in the state of Nebraska? This excellent and sorely needed book is the product of much research and

MIDWEST PROGRAM SERVICE

now has 39 slide programs and four movie programs available to clubs for their use. The programs may be booked by writing to Mrs. Evelyn Hirsch, Route 1, Mitchell, Ind. 47446

16 Clubs Reach New Status

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Through their generous gifts and contributions of Betty Crocker coupons 16 MWF clubs have attained new percentage status in the Scholarship Fund. Sincere appreciation is extended to all clubs for their support of the Foundation.

1300%	Peru YMCA Rocks and Minerals Club
700%	Lakeland Gem Club
600%	Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Show-Me Rockhounds
500%	Illowa Gem and Mineral Society Waterford Gem and Mineral Society
400%	Blue Ridge Gem and Mineral Society Wildcat Geological Society
300%	Cincinnati Mineral Society Flint Gem and Mineral Club Lake Shore Mineral and Lapidary Club
200%	Badlands-Sandhills Earth Science Club Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Soc. Elkhart Mineral Society
100%	East Central Wisconsin Rock and Mineral Club Sycamore Valley Lapidary and Mineral Club

STAMP PROJECT CORRECTION

In the February Newsletter the address given to which cancelled stamps were to be sent was incorrect. Your stamps should be sent to The Stamp Project, Washington-Idaho Council of Churches, 2005 - 5th Avenue, #210, Seattle, Washington, 98121.

The stamp project needs all foreign stamps, all commemorative stamps except recent Christmas stamps, United Nations stamps, duck and Upland bird stamps, certified mail stamps, large and small airmail stamps and any unusual denomination stamps. Do not send peeled or torn stamps. Cut stamps from envelope with about 1/4" border around stamps. They do appreciate having the stamps sorted as to types if possible.

work by the new Education Chairman of MWF, Roger Pabian, Lincoln, Nebraska. He is extremely energetic, talented and has ideas of education that can apply to everyone in the Federation from fossils to lapidary. If you have any questions or need any help in planning your club's education programs, contact him at: Roger Pabian, 300 Sycamore Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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