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DIAMOND SHOW TO OPEN FALL SEASON

"A Star Is Born" is the title of a motion picture depicting the story of diamonds from rough stone to cut gem which will be shown at 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, opening the Society's fall season. The meeting will also mark a return to the Public Museum after a summer fare of picnics. Vice-President Dr. Richard W. Rose announced completion of arrangements with officials of the Siegel Jewelry Co., 55 Monroe Ave. NW, for the film together with a display of cut and uncut diamonds for club members to run their fingers thru.

The program should pose an interesting contrast to the May meeting which featured General Electric scientist William K. Cordier telling the story of the development of synthetic diamonds for industry. The Siegel Jewelry Co. presentation will deal with genuine stones of gem quality.

An added attraction of the September meeting will be a brief talk on "Setting Up a Collection" by Dr. Rose followed by a discussion period designed to assist both beginning and advanced collectors with the cataloging and indexing of minerals and rocks.

Dr. Rose has also made arrangements with the University of Michigan's department of geology for a program dealing with mineral identification to be presented later in the fall.

MANY ENJOY TRIP TO "WITTE-LAND"

Nearly forty members of the Society went on the field trip August 23 to property in Oceana county owned by club member Mr. and

Mrs. Louis A. Witte. A number of quartz-family minerals and some fossils were found by the explorers. The Society is exceedingly fortunate in having members like the Wittes who are willing to open their land to rockhounds.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO NAME SLATE

The nominating committee appointed by President Robert R. Rozema and consisting of Ray Kerr, chairman, Jay Shook, Virginia Franzen, and William Brimmer, will make known their selection of officers for the coming year at the September meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Voting will take place at the annual business meeting in October. The treasurer's report will be presented at the October meeting as well after the customary audit which this year will be done by Henry Tchozeski and Charles Antonopulos.

ONYX FROM PEARLS

A beautiful piece of honey onyx donated by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Pearl was presented as the door prize at the August picnic meeting held at Riverside park. The card holder for a family of enthusiastic rockhounds was Arthur Joldersma. Whether or not he got to keep the onyx, the DRIFTER was unable to determine. We do know that son, John Edward and daughter, Julie Ann immediately opened trade negotiations.

WEEK-END FIELD TRIP PLANS SET

The newly appointed field trip committee of Henry Tchozeski, chairman, Mary Jane Dockeray, and Les Pearl have completed plans for the Society's first over-night excursion to the Grand Traverse Bay area September 26 and 27. In addition to the Petoskey stones, banded chert, anthraconite and marcasite nodules reported in last month's DRIFTER, a newly revealed source of fossils will be tracked down. Dick Rose learned of the spot thru a geologist who advises the region has not previously been worked by rockhounds. Reservations for the trip may be made thru Secretary Jane Kerr or the committee members.

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Contributions are needed for the big rock auction coming up soon. An excellent polished thunder-egg section has been donated by Mr. Glenn Adsit. These "surprise packages" of the rock world furnish some of the most interesting and beautiful items in the collecting field.

WHAT'S A VACATION WITHOUT ROCKS?

Maybe it's just the company we keep, but whenever we've heard people discuss vacation points recently the first item of interest seems to be, "Does it have any rocks?" If this trend grows, our National Parks (no pickin' allowed) will have to start advertising "Free Rocks to Every Visitor."

Latest to return home with sagging backs, pocketbooks and car springs, are Mr. and Mrs. Archie A. Billings and Mr. and Mrs. William F. Brimmer, Jr. who visited the colorful Northwest country and your old, broken-down DRIFTER editor and family who fought it out (and lost) with the Navahos and Apaches. Both the Billings and the Brimmers report excellent finds of obsidian and agate. We are looking forward to the next club trading session to visit with these kind and generous people. (And if flattery doesn't work, we'll print lies).

The Society's real rock rambler, however, must be Mr. James Ray Jones who teaches a plethora of subjects to a multitude of high school students in Zeeland, Michigan. Jim stopped in to see us a couple of weeks ago after knocking off 12,000 miles of serious geological studies in the West and before starting another 5,000 mile jaunt of rockhounding and vacationing in the South. Give Jim a call if you'd like to trade. He has some rocks----about as many as the coast of Maine.

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Grand Rapids Mineral Society finds himself on the other end of the program arrangements quite a bit of late. Dick has given talks on "Michigan Geology" to the Round Table and Exchange clubs of Grand Rapids and the Coopersville Rotary club.

In addition to his official capacities with the Society, Dr. Rose is president of the Comstock Park Rotary club.

We had the pleasure of meeting the editor of the GLACIAL DRIFTER on our recent trip out West. He's Jack N. Logan who runs the rag for the Topeka (Kansas) Gem and Mineral Society. Jack has some beautiful trading material. We have his address in case any GR folk would like to trade by mail.

NEW TEEN-AGE ROCK ROLE

Though most student members of the Society prefer mineral and rock collecting, one little Miss is turning out some very creditable work on her own lapidary equipment. Pretty charter member Holly Barkley spends much of her spare time cutting and polishing agate, Jasper and rhodonite for the fine bola ties she makes. We see it as a new role for the rock n' roll set---from rug-cutter to rock-cutter. We dig you, gal!

Joe E. Hanna, Jr., Editor.