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U OF M PROF IS NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Dr. William C. Kelly, assistant professor of geology at the University of Michigan, will be the principal speaker at the Society's November meeting it was announced by Dr. Richard W. Rose, Vice-President and program chairman. Dr. Kelly will talk on "Modern Methods of Mineral Analysis" to the group meeting Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Public Museum.

A young and dynamic individual, Dr. Kelly was a law major when he was graduated from Columbia University in 1951. A rockhound at heart, he switched his studies and went on at Columbia to receive his Master's degree in geology in 1953 and his PhD in the same subject in 1954.

For two years Dr. Kelly worked for the Army at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore doing research, and since then has been on the staff at the University of Michigan. During the summer months, Dr. Kelly has been engaged in exploratory research of oxidized ore deposits to determine methods for discovering important metal sources by their weathered surface bodies. Recent field work on this project has taken him to Mexico and Alaska as well as Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

This meeting marks another achievement in the Society's effort to present to the membership speakers of distinction in the varied fields of the Earth Sciences. It will be particularly satisfying to Dr. Rose who has endeavored for some time to engage the services of a speaker of this calibre from his own Alma Mater.

Details of the auction which is scheduled to follow Dr. Kelly's talk, appear in a special "flyer" enclosed in this issue of the DRIFTER. As Dr. Rose is also going to be the auctioneer for the big sale, he will be in charge of everything for the evening except the hot-dog concession. His daughter Patti Ann has that.

OFFICERS AND BOARD ELECTED FOR '60

The slate of officers and board members for 1960 as presented by the nominating committee, was voted in unanimously (you can't beat the syndicate) at the October meeting. The newly elected officials will be inducted at the December meeting. They are: President, Joe D. Hanna, Jr.; Vice-President, Paul M. Chase; Secretary, Miss Jane P. Chichaniewicz; Treasurer, Henry Slater; Historian, Mrs. Joe D. Hanna, Jr.; Editor, Mrs. Robert R. Rozema, and Liaison, Robert R. Rozema. In addition to the above, the Board of Control will consist of: Frank Christy, Don Casey, Leslie G. Pearl and Henry J. Tchozeski.

A list of Standing and Special committees and their chairmen will be announced in the next issue of the DRIFTER according to Hanna. Volunteers for such assignments will be treated to a champagne and pheasant dinner. (Ed. I don't believe this, do you?).

"Any success we may achieve will be the result of team effort, so it is to be hoped that every member of the Society will accept the responsibility of at least one committee assignment during the coming year," the President-elect stated.

DID YOU GIVE TO THE CLUB AUCTION?

NEXT TWO FEDERATION CONVENTIONS TO BE IN MICHIGAN

The 1960 convention of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies will be held at Ishpeming, Michigan July 1 thru 4. In line with established policy, this conclave will consist of major field trips instead of a show. The 1961 gathering is slated for Saginaw, Michigan and will encompass a show of exhibits by club members and Societies in the Federation.

If you've ever wanted to explore the iron and copper country with a "guide and a pass," mark those July, 1960 dates on your calendar now as "Reserved for Rockhounding."

DEATH TAKES ITS FIRST TOLL

The Society has lost its first friend and member, Mr. A. F. Wendler who died following a heart attack at his home on October 14.

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Mr. Wendler was only sixty-two but spent an active life despite the heart condition of which he was aware. He was interested in archaeology as well as minerals and was a member of the Michigan Archaeological Society. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Mrs. Wendler with the hope that we in the Society may continue to share her friendship in the work that she and her husband enjoyed so much together.

KALAMAZOO MEMBER WINS JADE RING

Glenn Adsit who travels all the way from Kalamazoo to attend the GRMS meetings, was well rewarded for his efforts when he won a jade and gold ring at the October meeting. The ring was donated by rozema's rockpile (sic). Mary Jane Dockeray, the only real expert we've got, won the door prize--a mineral specimen-- and startled everyone by remarking, "What is it?" Well, whatever it was, the gracious donor was Edna May McDowell.

Your editor is now a member of the National Association of Bulletin Editors which is an organization restricted to people who can read and write.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS INTO GRMS

The DRIFTER is happy to welcome the following new members to the Society: Mrs. Jean E. Smith of 419 Mae-thy, SE, Grand Rapids and her son Michael G. who is an avid rockhound for all his nine years; Mr. Russell Girard of 740 Butternut Dr., Holland, Michigan who sails the Great Lakes when not hunting rocks; Gary Semeyn of 4140 Imogene St., Comstock Park, Michigan who will probably turn out to be as keen a trader as his older brother, Bill, and Mrs. Clyde Warner of 144 Monroe, Rockford, Michigan who has a summer home in Norwood where the Society visited on its overnight field trip in September.

AS FOR THE REST OF US.....

It's time to renew our dues.

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his stalwart son Steve, has devoted a year of dedicated service to the Society thru the club rock sales and auction had only praise for others when asked about plans for the coming auction. Because he is so quiet and unassuming, few realize that Henry's efforts require more time and bring in more funds than any other task in the Society. But as Henry points out, it wouldn't be possible to do the job without the contributions of the many members who seriously regard their responsibility to the group.

"Boulder Benefactors" for this month are: Don Crabbs, Leo J. Hoogerhyde, Mrs. Ronald A. Roys, Mrs. Helen Burgwald and Gerald Bloomfield. Incidentally, there will be no rock sale at the November meeting because of the auction.

Items for the auction will be on display prior to the meeting. Each piece will be numbered and fully described so that the individual pieces may be identified when offered for sale by auctioneer Dick Rose. Anyone still wishing to contribute to the auction may do so by contacting either Henry Tchozeski, Les Pearl or Paul Chase (see your directory for addresses and phones) who will arrange to pick up the material. If you can't get your contribution in early (please try!), bring it to the meeting with you.

Outstanding material already received includes: A Petoskey planter-- a beautiful hand carved and polished planter (with plant) fashioned from Petoskey stone by Jerry Morris; a rare fish fossil and a specimen of wulfenite given by Dick Rose; a very striking piece of double-flow obsidian and Montana agate donated by Archie Billings, and a group of amethyst crystals and several gem quality slabs contributed by Joe Hanna.

Henry advises there will be a special auction for the Juniors so bring the kids! But most of all...

BRING MONEY!

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Hi, Ho! Hi, Ho!

Rock-hounding we will go
We'll trade our socks
For a lot of rocks -

Hi, Ho! Hi, Ho!

And that, dear people, is the official invite to you rockhounds etc. to attend the Grand Rapids Mineral Society's first annual Auction to be held Wednesday, November 11th at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Public Museum. There will be stock for adults and kids to bid for.

Rocks to lap - Rocks to swap - Rocks to lick from that big Rock Candy Mountain - the rocks of your Summer drifting thither and yonder.

Come early and get their numbers so you will know what to bid for, under Doc's hammer.

Stock up for the long winter ahead when Old Mother Nature puts her rock-looking places to sleep.

Don't be caught short of material before spring comes around again. If Time is a mill-stone on our necks, let's have some fun smoothing the rough places.

Be Seeing You ---

Lyrics by Les Pearl

Music by Henry Tchozeski
& Paul Chase

Vocal rendition by "Doc" Rose