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## PROSPECTING IS THEME OF DECEMBER MEETING

Mr. Newton Johnson, assistant mine engineer for the Grand Rapids Plaster Co. and a member of the Society, will be principal speaker at the December meeting to be held in the Public Museum, Wednesday the 16th at 8 p.m. Mr. Johnson will speak on "Prospecting and Developing a Small Mine."

After attending Grand Rapids Junior College and the Colorado School of Mines, Johnson spent 12 years mining in virtually every state in the West. His experience covers mining for strategic materials used in the missile program as well as commercial minerals and precious metal ores. He has been with the local concern for the past four and a half years.

Johnson's talk should prove very informative for those planning rockhounding vacations in the West for the coming summer.

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

With an extremely successful first year behind us, your Society is planning even greater things for the coming year. Dr. Rose tells us that another trip thru the plaster mines will be coming up very soon. Since this and many other Society functions are limited to paid members, don't be left out. Pay your dues at the December meeting!

## AUCTION NIGHT TOPS "FONDEST DREAMS"

With the quality and quantity of donations exceeding anything the committee had anticipated, the Society's first annual auction got off to a rousing start when it was reported that receipts totaled more than \$100.00. The contributions ranged from valuable cabinet specimens to beautiful hand-crafted jewelry in what the DRIFTER regards as a splendid display of unselfish dedication on the



ing: Glenn Adsit, Mrs. Helen W. Aves, Miss Maxine Atwater, Mrs. L. H. Duyser, Ray Fox, Skip Martin, Miss Edna May McDowell, Francis A. Mullin, Donald W. Magoon, Dr. James Paton, Mike Wilcox, Otto J. Weisner and Louis A. Witte.

Hanna also announced a special group to outline a program designed specifically for the Junior members of the Society. In charge of the program as Student Activities Advisors are Gerald E. Battjes and James Ray Jones. Forming the Student Executive Committee will be: Matthew C. Andrea, Jr., Holly Barkley, Terry Beye, Mike DeJong, Patricia Hanna, John Edward Joldersma, William J. Semeyn and Steve Tchozeski.

#### ROCKHOUND IS ALSO ARCHAEOLOGIST

In addition to being a resourceful rockhound, Les Pearl is also an avid archaeologist. The University of Michigan counts among its valuable collection items that have been uncovered by Les and subsequently donated to the University. He was the discoverer of an important burial site in Allegan county which turned up many beads, copper ornaments, arrowheads, peace pipes and other artifacts. One partial string of beads he found dated back to the 13th century. Les admits, however, that his wife sometimes outdoes him in the collecting field. On a recent expedition, Mrs. Pearl found the only arrowhead--Les wound up with a bee-sting. Such are the tribulations of the Seeker of Knowledge.

#### THREE NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED INTO SOCIETY

The DRIFTER is happy to welcome the following new members into the Society: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elsenheimer, 2206 Francis, SE; Mr. Frank Van Loon, 216 Alten St. NE, and Mr. Joseph F. Parish of 2212 Thornwood SW, all of Grand Rapids.

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There was a lot of spirited bidding at the Auction but we doubt if there was anyone more determined than "Cece" Joldersma who was after that beautiful Petoskey planter hand carved by Jerry Morris. She scared us away.

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#### ROZEMA THANKS FIRST-YEAR HELPERS

Society President Robert R. Rozema has given us a list of the committees who have functioned during his administration and expresses his thanks for their fine cooperation. Committees and their members are: Cranbrook Trip, Paul Chase, Chairman, Bill and Eva Brimmer; Directory, Edna May McDowell, Chairman, Maxine Atwater and Virginia Franzen; Rock Sale, Henry Tchozeski; Publications Sale, Mrs. Joe D. Hanna, Jr.; Picnic, Mrs. L. H. Duyser, Chairman, Esther Hall, Bill and Eva Brimmer, Virginia Franzen; Door Prize, Paul Chase, Chairman, Frank Christy; Bulletin Name, Ray Kerr, Jay Shook, Henry Slater; Field Trips, Henry Tchozeski, Chairman, Leslie Pearl, Mary Jane Dockeray; Audit, Henry Tchozeski, Virginia Franzen; By-Law Revision, Bob and Nina Rozema, Ray and Jane Kerr, Richard Rose; Nominations, Ray Kerr, Chairman, Jay Shook, Virginia Franzen, Bill Brimmer; Auction, Henry Tchozeski, Chairman, Paul Chase, Leslie Pearl, and Duplicating Machine, Paul Chase, Chairman, Lowell Palmer.

#### "EARTH SCIENCE" DONATED TO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Society's Board has voted to donate a year's subscription to Earth Science magazine to the Grand Rapids Public Library. The bi-monthly publication is the official magazine of the Midwest Federation of which the GRMS is a member.

#### MORE FOSSIL BOOKS TO GO ON SALE

Another supply of the Ohio Fossil book which has proved so popular has been sent for according to Mrs. Joe D. Hanna, Jr., Publications chairman. It is believed that copies will be available for sale at the December meeting.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY ROCKHOUDING NEW YEAR

Joe D. Hanna, Jr. editor  
last time.