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ARCHAEOLOGIST TO ADDRESS PICNIC GATHERING

Mr. William Thatcher, past president of the Wright L. Coffinberry chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society, will be the speaker at a picnic meeting planned for Caledonia Park, Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 10. Mr. Thatcher will talk on prehistoric mining operations in Michigan's copper country. He brings to our group a long and interesting background of study and exploration in the field of archaeology. Mr. Thatcher states that at present his organization is engaged in uncovering artifacts relating to the Hopewell Indians that formerly inhabited the Grand Rapids area. This work, undertaken in cooperation with the University of Michigan, is following the excavation path of the new expressway through the city.

Activities chairman, Mrs. L. H. Duyser, advises that the picnic will center at the shelter house in the park which is reserved from 5:30 until midnight. Members and their families planning to attend should bring one dish to pass, individual table service, and their own bread and butter. A small charge of 25 cents per adult will cover the cost of coffee which Mrs. Duyser's committee will supply.

One feature of the evening will be an auction of mineral specimens and gem grade rough including opal and jade. Auctioneer for the event is the noted former tobacco smoker J. D. Hanna. All rockhounds are invited to bring "bragging" and trading material to the picnic for a full evening of "fireside fieldtrips."

CORAL CARVINGS ARE SPECIALTY OF JERRY MORRIS

The lowly Petoskey stone reaches new heights in the hands of member Gerald B. Morris whose skill in carving the petrified coral from Michigan is as professional as it is artistic. Jerry modestly showed a few of his creations to some members at the May meeting.

The high quality of his work prompted a move by the Board of Control to make provisions for a "show and tell" feature at future meetings. Strangest part of it is that Jerry doesn't travel to the known Petoskey stone fields for his material--he finds it all here in the Grand Rapids area!

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The finest display of gem rough and finished amber we have seen in a long time may be seen in the windows of Vanden Berg Jewelers at their 20 N. Division store.

SUMMER FIELD TRIPS COMING UP

Several field trips for members of the Grand Rapids Mineral Society are being planned for the summer months. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kerr, Dr. Richard W. Rose, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Witte have all contacted gravel pit owners in the area and report they are more than willing to allow some intensive rockhounding by the Society on weekends. Lou Witte has also graciously offered the open land he owns in Oceana County to the group for exploration.

In order to assure the club a continuing welcome at field trip spots, certain rules will have to be observed. Regulations covering these trips will be outlined at the June meeting. According to Society President Robert R. Rozema, several trips will be made so that all who are interested may attend, yet the number for each trip can be limited to an easily controlled group. Over-night trips to more distant regions are under consideration by the Board.

THREE WIN PRIZES AT MAY MEETING

Because Don Casey of the Grand Rapids Rock and Gem Shop contributed two of the "Jiffy Cabinets" he sells, there was an extra winner at the May meeting. The cabinets were won by Miss Marion Jennings and James R. Pace. Doug Moore, whose dad sees to it that the Society is well mentioned in the Grand Rapids Press, took home a slab of beautiful jade thanks to Paul Perrigo of Wilper Rock Shop, Allegan.

Paul Chase and Frank Christy who handled the door prizes, tell us that the offering for the June meeting should interest collectors and lapidaries alike. It is a deep colored, gem quality piece of amazonite contributed by our friends at Wilper.

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COBBLE COLLECTORS CONTRIBUTE

The DRIFTER again salutes regular contributors to the club rock sale: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pritchard, Gustave J. Beuker, John W. Sexton, and Lesle G. Pearl. Henry Tchozeski reports some outstanding material has been donated by these fine people for the June outing. Board member Jay L. Shook will assist Henry in handling future sales. We suspect young Steve Tchozeski will be in there pitching too. Hope he's careful about where he pitches 'em though.

INDIANA GRADUALLY DISAPPEARING!

It may take him some time to do it, but Gustave J. Beuker is moving the State of Indiana into Michigan. Gus is that tall, distinguished looking gentleman you've noticed at the meetings bringing in boxes of geodes, fossils and sundry stones which he donates for the club rock sale. This "boulder benefactor" extraordinary, gets all of this material from Ripley County in southeastern Indiana where he goes frequently to visit relatives. Looking as though he would be more at home probing the Khyber Pass for recalcitrant Tibetan tribesmen with a troop of Bengal Lancers, Mr. Beuker nonetheless ambles along the Indiana countryside with trusty pick gradually reducing the State to bed rock. This he may try to acquire later. With dynamite.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY NEARING COMPLETION

Miss Edna M. McDowell advises that her committee is busy compiling names and addresses from the cards recently sent to all members in an effort to get a complete listing of everyone in the organization. Though the DRIFTER maintains the mailing list, there has never been a breakdown that would show the individual members in a family membership. Miss McDowell's committee is gathering that information and will soon publish it in a booklet form. Anyone who has not filled in his card is urged to do so at once and send it on to Miss McDowell.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE TO HANDLE BOOKS, MAGAZINES

Mrs. Joe D. Hanna, Jr. a founding member of the Society, has been named by President Rozema to head a committee to handle the

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sale and distribution of books and magazines to club members. In many instances discounts are available to club members when purchases are made through the organization. Daughter Pat has been helping Mrs. Hanna with book sales, door prizes and memberships since the first meeting.

"ROCKRAMA" MAY SUPPLEMENT FEDERATION SHOWS

A "Rockrama" designed to supplement the big Federation shows will be proposed at the annual convention of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies to be held at Springfield, Ohio, June 18 to 21 according to Robert R. Rozema, liaison officer to the Federation. The "Rockrama" would permit club members to exhibit gem and mineral collections on a local or small area basis thus gaining experience for the larger shows. It is believed that clubs in Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek could combine their efforts for an outstanding "Rockrama" for this region.

Incidentally, anyone wishing to attend the Springfield convention should contact Bob for a schedule of events.

CLUB TREASURER LEAVES TOWN!

Nothing to be alarmed about tho'. That very estimable young man who handles our financial affairs is just moving to Belding to be closer to his other job. Henry Slater tells us, happily, that he will still be active with the Society.

H O B B Y H O U S E

When Donald W. Magoon goes in for a hobby he doesn't do like most of us and let the hobby crowd his family out of living space. No, sir! Don merely designed his new home at 1919 Meadowfield NE to include a complete lapidary shop. Don's rockhounding sidekick--son Albert is trying his hand at making gems, too.

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