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## JANUARY 13 - REGULAR MEETING

Dr. Richard Rose announces that the speaker for the regular meeting to be held on January 13th at 8:00 p.m. at the G. R. Museum will be Mr. Ed Burt, geologist with Williams & Works. Mr. Burt is a graduate of Michigan State University. He will talk on "Local Geology with Reference to Water Supplies". His company is engaged in drilling test wells in Walker Township in an effort to find an ample supply of water to meet the needs of that district. South of Grand Rapids, they are making an artificial lake with about seven miles of shore line. The lake will be part of a new subdivision. Water supplies are very much in the news these days, so this talk should prove of great interest to all of us.

### NEW FORMAT FOR DRIFTER

You will notice that the Drifter is appearing in a new form. The Board of Control felt that more copy should appear in our publication, but did not feel that the budget would stand for the increase in cost of having it commercially processed as it has been in the past; so, your new editor stuck her neck out and offered to do the work of cutting stencils and running them on the mimeograph which the club is in the process of buying. With practically unlimited space available for copy we are asking that anyone having items of interest - a story of a field trip - a poem - a joke - advice of cutting or polishing - anything at all - please see that the editor gets it.

### DATES SET FOR MUSEUM SHOW

At the last Board of Control Meeting, Miss Mary Jane Dockeray, a member of the 1959 Board and the Museum Geologist, told of her ideas for the displays which we, as a club, will have an opportunity to work out and exhibit in the main hall of the Museum from April 10 through 22. She strongly emphasized that this is not to be a gem show, but rather a show presenting all phases of our hobby. The Museum has five nights (including our regular meeting night) available during that period when we can have working displays - a real attention getter. This show is being given as our contribution to the community. But better, it is an opportunity for each of us to do something to show what a rockhound is and give the general public a chance to see that we don't have rocks in our heads, as is so often thought by the uninformed. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Christy are co-chairmen for this big event. More details will be announced in the next bulletin.

### WARNING!!!

Be cautious when buying slabbed turquoise. There have been cases of dyed Howlite being sold as turquoise. Never buy bargain turquoise. When working turquoise, take care never to overheat it.

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### WITH OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS

All of our Junior Members are avid collectors, and a number of them are proud owners of cutting and polishing equipment.

Holly Barkley did a beautiful cutting and polishing job on a piece of opal and made her mother very proud and happy on Christmas when she presented her with an opal ring.

John Joldersma, who was 15 on December 19th, also is having a wonderful time making jewelry. His first "cab" was from a piece of flowering obsidian which he set in a pin for his mother for Christmas.

I know we have at least two very proud mothers of rockhounds in the club. Are there others who are hiding their accomplishments? If so, we would like to know about them. Mothers, if your son or daughter is too modest to tell us about the things they are doing with rocks (besides throwing them) please do a little bragging for them to the editor.

### LOWELL PALMER TUMBLING

Although Lowell Palmer was at one time a very active man in the sports world, (football coach at Ottawa Hills) the type of tumbling he is doing these days is rocks in a home made tumbler. And, he is getting excellent results. His wife, Nabel, is a great lover of turquoise. She designed the settings and did the silver work on some beautiful jewelry set with turquoise. She, also, has some other pieces which she designed and executed. Mr. Palmer is a teacher at Union High and Mrs. Palmer is on the staff of the G. R. Press. Lowell studied geology in college and has been collecting rocks for years.

### DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER CHARTER MEMBER

The Society extends the sincerest sympathy of each of its members to Mrs. Charles G. Cool and daughters in the loss of Mr. Cool on December 13th. Mr. Cool was cashier and director of Caledonia State Bank

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We are happy to welcome three new members to our club:

Mrs. Sylvia Delacher  
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Grand Rapids 7, Mich.  
Phone GL 2-5694

Miss Marie Spielmaker  
3109 Clyde Park S. W.  
Grand Rapids 8, Mich.  
Phone LE 4-3496

Mr. Thomas Meister  
1221 Colcrado S. E.  
Grand Rapids 7, Mich.  
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At the meetings*

VACATIONING MEMBERS

Edna and Eldon Martin are back in Arizona for the winter. The lucky dogs (excuse me - hounds, rock that is). They have a place near Wickenburg.

Mr. & Mrs. Ray L. Fox wrote us from Scottsdale as follows: "We arrived here a month later than we hoped to, but there were too many things in the way. I stopped in El Paso and bought a nice bunch of Mexican Agates, and while stopping in Lordsburg, New Mexico with friends got some nice ricolite.

"I hope to do some rooting around the desert and mountains this winter, in case there might be a stray rock left. Please give our regards to the members of the Society."

We know from past experience that if there are any stray rocks Ray will find them and probably will find things that the local boys have been ignoring completely. Good hunting, ray.

WINNERS OF DECEMBER PRIZES

The Cuff links and tie clasp donated by Mr. & Mrs. Ray L. Fox for the Auction, but not sold at that time, were won by Mrs. Clyde Warner.

Glenn Adsit bought a piece of wood at the Auction and donated it to the club for the free door prize for the December meeting. This was won on membership card number drawing by our new secretary, Miss Jane Cichaniewicz.

NEW FIND OF CUTTING MATERIAL IN MICHIGAN

Michigan has a limited number of cutting materials so we were very happy to learn of one when attending the Flint club meeting in November. This material is "Kona Dolomite", and cuts very beautiful cabs and slabs. It is scenic in pinks, browns, and black. The finished pieces we saw were really nice and had a high polish.

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NEW KIND OF CUTTING MATERIAL IN MICHIGAN

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