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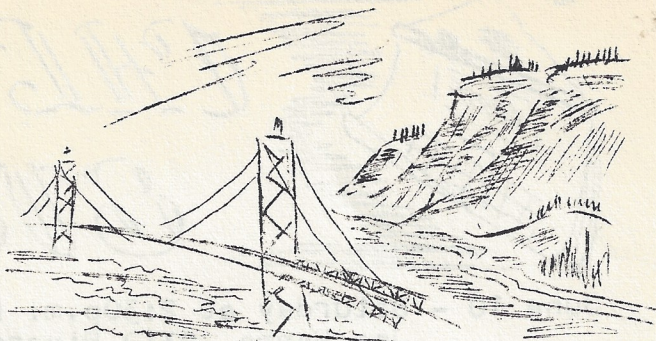
Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at Riverside Elementary School (except June, July, & August when meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday, meetings at various locations)

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ROCKHUNTING IN CANADA



Our June meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17th at Caledonia County Park. Afternoon for swapping and general get-together. Bring a picnic lunch and eat with us at 5:00 pm. Regular meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Bring the Whole Family.

Bring your maps of Canada. This will be our chance to get them marked with good rock hunting locations as Mr. Fred Gasche of the Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society of Lansing brings us a program on ROCKHUNTING IN CANADA with slides and specimens from areas he visited in Canada.

Dr. Rose, president, has been asked by the Midwest Federation Convention Committee for donations of mineral specimens and cutting material for the Silent Auction which will be one of the features of the 1961 Gem & Mineral Show and 21st Annual Convention which, as you know, is being held in Saginaw on June 29-30, July 1 - 2. Please help with a donation. We would like to be proud of our club's showing. Bring your material to the June meeting. PLEASE-we must have good material, no wabbit wocks. (Throw any of that variety at the wabbits.)

SHORT DRIFTERS IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

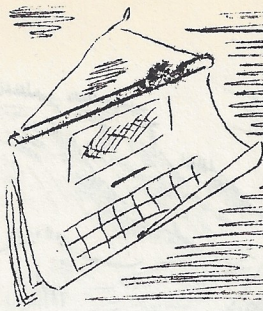
President Rose and the Board of Control have decided that the summer DRIFTERS should be kept to a minimum. We will have announcements of field trips and meetings. Please do not feel slighted if we have not welcomed you who have joined our organization since the April meeting. We will do so in the September DRIFTER. But in the meantime, please make yourselves at home and plan to attend as many of the summer activities as you think you will enjoy. Any questions call one of the Board Members.

LAPIDARY GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 10th

Joe Hanna announces that the Lapidary Group will meet at his home, 2319 Riverside N. E. on Saturday, June 10th, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss and show lapidary work for selection to show at the Convention. If you have one or more pieces of Lapidary work which you are proud of bring it to this meeting. It may help our club win. DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL GET IT BACK. Joe will hold a critique and give advice on how to improve your work. If you have any problems in the lapidary line, this is the time to get some expert advice.

MINERALOGY GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 22nd

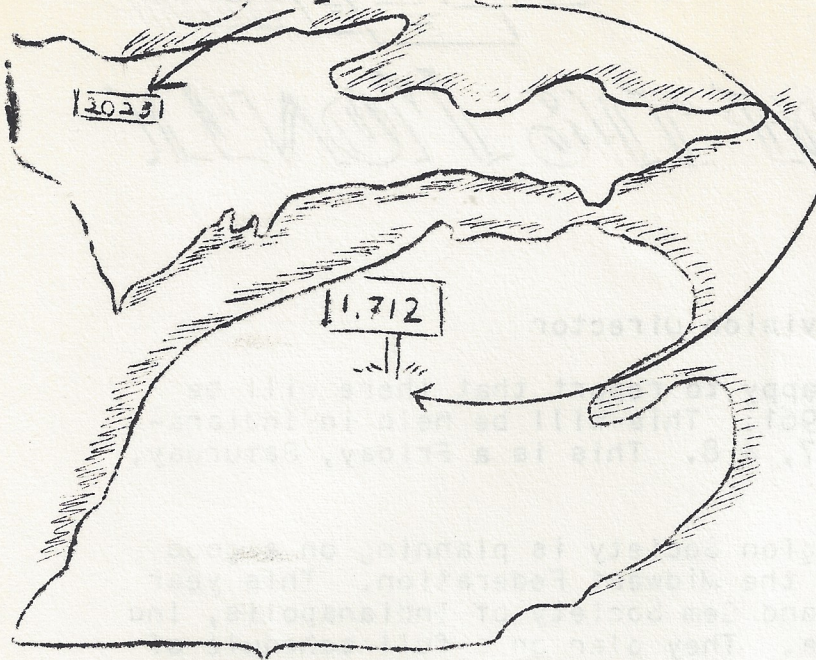
Mineralogy and Geology Group meeting will be held at the home of Mr & Mrs Leslie Pearl, 1563 Benning N W at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22nd. PLEASE note change of meeting place. Dr. Rose and Bob Rozema are the group leaders.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

- June 10 - Saturday at 2:30p.m. Lapidary Group meeting at home of Joe Hanna, 2319 Riverside NE. Bring your lapidary work.
- June 17 - Saturday afternoon and evening. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING at CALEDONIA COUNTY PARK. Bring your own eats and have a good get-together with your whole family and your friends. New Members - this is the time to get acquainted. Program at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Fred Gasche of Lansing speaking on Rockhunting in Canada.
- June 19 - Monday at 8:00 p.m. Board of Control Meeting at home of Miss Jane Cichaniewicz, 809 Franklin S. E.
- June 22 - Mineralogy Groups meeting at home of Mr. & Mrs Leslie Pearl, 1563 Benning N. W., at 8:00 p.m.
- June 24 - Saturday - Field Trip to Norwood for Petoskey stone and marcasite nodules. Meet at Traverse City State Park at 9:00 a.m.
- June 29 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY
30 12 noon to 6 p.m. on SUNDAY. 1961 GEM & MINERAL FAIR
July 1 & 21st ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MIDWEST FEDERATION OF
2 MINERALOGICAL & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES at the SAGINAW COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, Saginaw, Michigan. Only 2½ hours drive from Grand Rapids. Several field trips have been scheduled. Make your reservations when you register. Many displays, many dealers, many programs. Read all about it in Earth Science magazine.
- July 15 - Saturday afternoon and evening. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Place to be announced. We need suggestions. Dealers' Day. Licensed dealers who are and have been members of the Society will have their wares for sale at this meeting. See Dr. Rose for rental of space. More details in the JULY DRIFTER.
- July 17 - Monday - 8:00 p.m. Board of Control Meeting at home of Dr. & Mrs. Rose, 3244 Springbrook, Comstock Park.
- July 22 - Saturday - Field Trip to Grand Ledge. Details later.
- August 5 - Saturday - Field Trip to Alabaster, Mich(Tentative)
- August 19 - SATURDAY - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. Old Fashioned picnic Arrangements are in the planning stages.
- August 21 - Monday at 8 p.m. Board of Control Meeting at home of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Tchozeski, 2941 Edgewood N E.

Do You Know - by Mewell



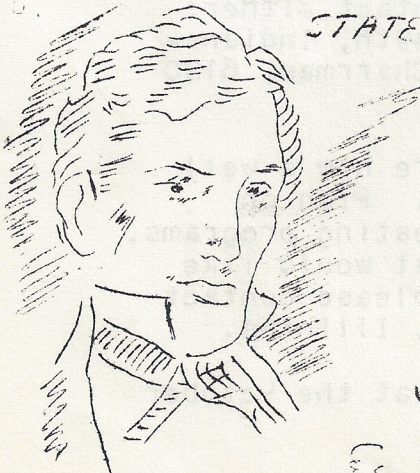
THE HIGHEST SPOTS IN EACH PENINSULA ARE IN THE PORCUPINE MTS. AND CADILLAC: 2023 AND 1712 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL...

ONTONAGON BOULDER
COPPER MASS WORTH \$600 MARKET VALUE 1847
(WEIGHT: 2,200 POUNDS)

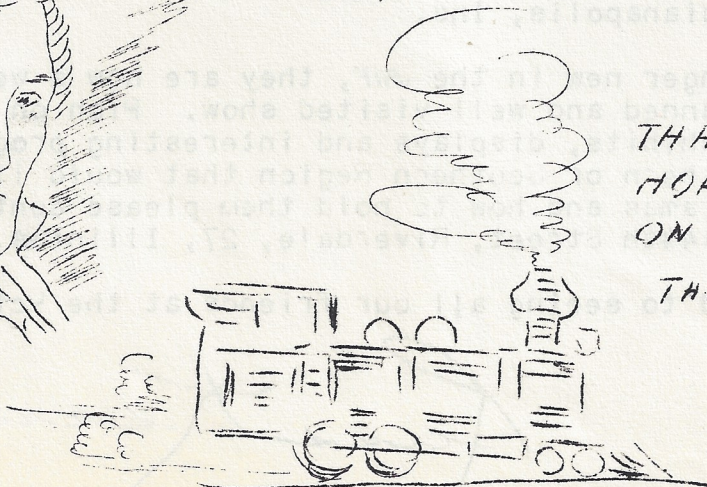
THAT ONE OF MICHIGAN'S MOST FAMOUS ROCKS IS THE ONTONAGON BOULDER - NOW IN THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON D.C.

FIRST KNOWN 1667
SEEN BY FIRST WHITE MAN 1766
BOUGHT FROM INDIANS FOR \$150.- (1843) BY JULIUS ELDRED - GIVEN \$5,644.98 BY U.S. GOVMT. IN 1847.

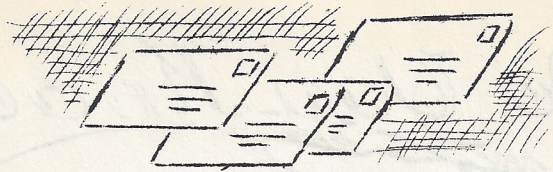
THAT DOUGLAS HOUGHTON, M.D. WAS MICHIGAN'S FIRST STATE GEOLOGIST, - 1837.



THAT THE "IRON HORSE" WENT WEST ON RAILS MINED IN THE LOWER PENINSULA.



M.W.F.



BETTER OF THE MONTH

June, 1961

Subject: ROCKRAMAS IN 1961

By: Russ Kemp, Rockrama Division Director

The Rockrama Division is happy to report that there will be at least one Rockrama in 1961. This will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana October 6, 7, & 8. This is a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Again an active Central Region Society is planning on a good show for the Rockhounds of the Midwest Federation. This year it is the Indiana Geology and Gem Society of Indianapolis, Ind that will host the Rockrama. They plan on a full schedule of 3 days of interesting displays, informative speakers and programs as well as working displays.

ALL CLUBS in the Federation are invited to display and participate in a show that will again make Mid-West history. As in the past two Rockramas, this will be a NON-COMPETITIVE SHOW and clubs as well as individual displays are welcome.

The show will be held in the Agricultural and Horticulture Buildings of the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Many dealers will be present with the finest examples of cutting material and specimens for you to see and purchase.

Rockramas are FUN and are a place to make NEW FRIENDS and see all your acquaintances. SOOOooo, whether you plan on displaying or just visiting, mark your calendars now and arrange a trip to Indianapolis. The Indiana Geology and Gem Society will soon have a mailing in the hands of all MWF societies inviting you to participate. If you plan to exhibit contact either: Mr. C. O. Mull, General Show Chairman, 915 E. 49th, Indianapolis, Ind. or Mr. Bert Earnest, Club Exhibit Chairman, 6120 Eastridge Drive, Indianapolis, Ind.

ROCKRAMAS are no longer new in the MWF, they are now a well established well planned and well visited show. Plan on attending and see exhibits, displays and interesting programs. Any club in the Northern or Southern Region that would like information on Rockramas and how to hold them please contact Russ Kemp, 19 East 144th Street, Riverdale, 27, Illinois.

We will look forward to seeing all our friends at the October Rockrama.

Russ Kemp

MID-WEST FEDERATION'S LETTER - A - MONTH, for May 1961

Subject: Tailgating

By Floyd Mortenson, President Midwest Federation.

It hardly seems that it should be necessary to send out a communication to the membership on the subject of "TAILGATING". This is because most of our members do not indulge in this practice.

However, for the benefit of those who may be so inclined and also for the purpose of informing all members of the hazards involved, I hope to bring this thing out into the open where we can take a good look at it, examine it for what it really is and understand some of its undesirable side effects.

"TAILGATING" as discussed here means the sale for cash (or credit with the intention of a future cash settlement) of materials, regularly sold by dealers, by any person who does not hold a dealers license and who has not leased space from the show committee, to persons on the grounds of an official show or gems and minerals fair and where licensed dealers are operating in space leased to them by the show committee.

When we stop to think about it, I am sure that we all realize that our gems and minerals shows and fairs receive substantial support from the commercial dealers who lease booth space and make available fine gems, minerals and other material to those who attend the show or fair. These licensed dealers depend upon such sales in order to recover their cost of leasing space as well as the costs of license fees and taxes as may be applicable. For this reason, it is not desirable to allow unfair competition in the form of illegal sales of similar materials from the tail gates of station wagons and from the trunks of cars parked on the show grounds.

This practice at times has resulted in purchasers being unwittingly duped by unscrupulous persons operating from tail gates. Of course, to be honest about it, I admit that it is not necessarily true that all TAILGATERS are unscrupulous persons. But this we do know, that people have at times been duped.

At the 1961 Midwest Federation Gems and Minerals Fair at Saginaw, I am informed that there will be positive steps taken to prevent TAILGATING on the Fairgrounds. Swapping will be encouraged and a special parking lot will be open for those who wish to park and swap or trade materials from their cars. "Sales" of material will be prohibited by other than licensed dealers who have leased space from the show committee. The grounds will be adequately patrolled and due action taken against those who sell without a license contrary to the Ordinance of the City of Saginaw. It is hoped that activities between individuals will be confined to trading or swapping.

The Host Society, the Tri-County Rocks and Minerals Society have worked hard to bring you a fine Gems and Minerals Fair and have induced many reputable dealers to purchase booth space. I ask your wholehearted cooperation in patronizing these dealers and enjoying the entire program prepared for you. I HOPE TO SEE YOU in SAGINAW, June 29-30, July 1-2, 1961

Sincerely,
FLOYD MORTENSON, President MWF

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My sense that it should be necessary to read out a communication to the membership on the subject of "TAILGATING". This is because most of our members do not indulge in this practice.

However, for the benefit of those who may be so inclined and also for the purpose of informing all members of the Mineral Society, I hope to bring this thing out in the near future. I will do a good look at it, examine it, and what it is, and what it is not, and stand some of its undesirable side effects.

"TAILGATING" as discussed here means the sale of minerals with the intention of a future cash settlement. It is not regularly sold by dealers, by any person who does not hold a dealer license and who has not been issued space from the Mineral Society. To persons on the grounds of the Mineral Society, the sale of minerals is not permitted. It is the policy of the Mineral Society to issue space to those who are interested in the sale of minerals and who are willing to pay the cost of the space. When we stop to think about it, I am sure that we all realize that our gems and minerals show and sale is a very important support from the commercial dealers who have worked in these areas. These dealers and other persons who are interested in these areas, who attend the show or fair, these dealers' business is such sales in order to recover their cost of issuing space as well as the cost of license fees and taxes. It is not surprising for this reason, it is not desirable for anyone to sell minerals in the form of illegal sales of mineral specimens from the fair gates of either shows and from the stands of cars parked on the show grounds.

This practice at times has resulted in purchases being made. It is due to unscrupulous persons operating from fair gates. Of course, to be honest about it, I admit that it is not necessarily true that all TAILGATERS are unscrupulous persons. But this we do know, that people have at times been duped.

At the 1951 Midwest Federation Gems and Minerals Fair at Saginaw, I am informed that there will be positive steps taken to prevent TAILGATING in the fall grounds. Working will be encouraged and a special parking lot will be open for those who wish to park and swap or trade minerals from their cars. "Sales" of mineral will be prohibited by other than licensed dealers who have issued space from the show grounds. The grounds will be adequately patrolled and the action taken against those who sell without a license contrary to the Ordinance of the City of Saginaw. It is hoped that activities of these individuals will be confined to trading or swapping.

The Hoel Society, the Tri-County Rocks and Minerals Society have worked hard to bring you a fine Gems and Minerals Fair and have induced many responsible dealers to purchase booth space. I ask your wholehearted cooperation in patronizing these dealers and enjoying the entire program prepared for you. I HOPE TO SEE YOU IN SAGINAW, June 28-30, July 1-3, 1951.

Sincerely,
FLOYD WORTHINGTON, President