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# JEWELRY MAKING

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Regular monthly meeting of the Grand Rapids Mineral Society will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13 at Riverside Elementary School. We are indeed fortunate to have as our speaker Mr. Tolson Ratlof of Dearborn. Those of you who have seen his cases at the Federation shows and at the Saginaw County Fair will agree that he is a silversmith of great talent. He will give a demonstration of his technique.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for 1962 and there will be nominations from the floor.

The Rocksale Table will be in operation and there will be a drawing for door prizes.

## AUGUST PICNIC A SUCCESS

In spite of the cold, threatening weather, the August Picnic held at Long Lake Park on August 19 was a success. We are taking this opportunity to thank Henry and Betty Tchozeski for the fine job they did in our behalf. Those of you who were not able to attend missed a lot of fun. Even a rock hunt. Steve did such a good job of hiding the "gold" rock that it was not recovered, but most of the others were and prizes were awarded the winners.

## ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER

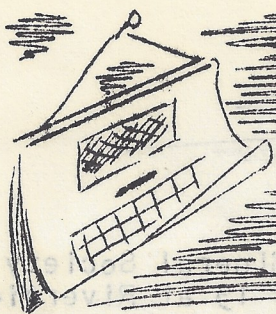
This year, for our Annual Meeting, the Board of Control has decided to have a Potluck Dinner. Several of the clubs around the state have been invited to send two members to be our guests.

Please complete and return the Reservation Blanks which will be available at the September meeting. Each family is asked to contribute a "Passing Dish" to serve at least ten. How about YOUR Specialty of the House?

## OLD MEMBERS RETURN FOR SHORT VISIT

We were happy to have had a visit from Ray and Jane Kerr, two of our founding members during a week-end late in July. Most of you will remember that Jane was our first secretary. They moved to Milwaukee about a year ago and are now in their new home. Please note change of address:

Mr & Mrs Raymond Kerr  
8151 N. 62nd Street  
Milwaukee 23, Wisconsin



# CALENDAR of EVENTS

September 9 - Saturday - Displays for the Saginaw County Fair must be in place by 10:00 a.m. for entries in competition. Non-competitive entrants have until 5:00 p.m. to arrange their displays.

September 10 - 16 - Saginaw County Fair with a large Gem & Mineral display.

September 10 - Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Field Trip to Scofield-Maybee Quarry for sulphur and celestite. Meet at entrance to quarry where a company representative will have releases to be signed.

September 13 - Wednesday - Regular Monthly meeting at 8:00 p.m. Riverside Elementary School. Nomination of officers and board members for 1962. Guest speaker - Mr. Tolson Ratlof of Dearborn on Silversmithing.

September 18 - Monday 8:00 p.m. Board of Control meeting at the home of Mr & Mrs Robert Rozema, 1355 Hollywood N.E.

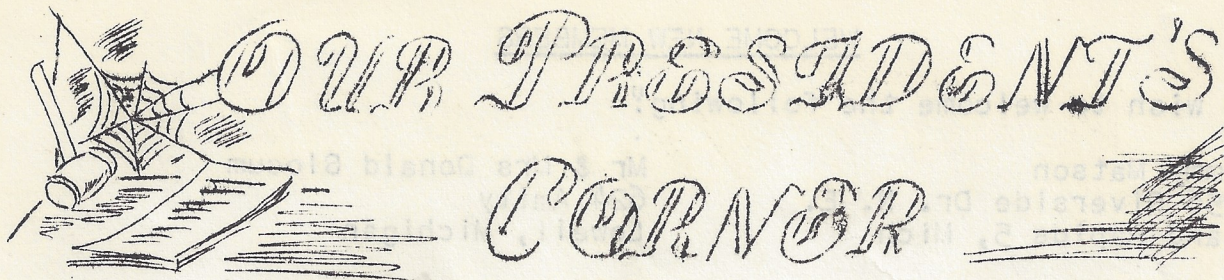
September 23 - Saturday. Field Trip to Clay Center, Ohio for celestite, calcite, and fossils. Meet at entrance to quarry at 10:00 a.m.

October 6-7-8- ROCKRAMA in Indianapolis, Indiana

October 7-8 - Saturday and Sunday. Field trip to Terre Haute for fern fossils, Brown County for geodes, and then to Indianapolis for the ROCKRAMA. Times and places for congregating will appear in the October DRIFTER.

October 11 - Wednesday - Annual Meeting - Potluck Dinner at Riverside Junior High - note change of meeting place.

November 9 - Wednesday - Annual Auction. Mr. Henry Tchozeski, Chairman of Auction Committee. Be looking over your surplus material and getting it ready for this big night. Next DRIFTER will give places where you may leave your donations and will also designate members who will pick up your donations if you are unable to deliver them in person.



# OUR PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Vacations are over for most of us for this year, and the time has come for inside activities. At least we must start planning for our regular meetings which we plan to hold at Riverside Elementary School until the first of the year, at least.

The September meeting will feature jewelry making, this time using solder. We hope that after seeing this technique and using the solderless techniques presented in the past, many of you will be interested enough to start making some mountings for those nice stones that you found this summer.

Speaking of summer finds, our family took the new highway around Lake Superior and did quite well in so far as the Thomsonite department goes. We were thinking about the club and collected a little extra to give to the Rock Sale Table. I hope that those of you who did some collecting did the same. The Tchozeskis and Wassels inform me that the supply is very low. Also the November meeting will be our Annual Auction. By the way - the club has, in the past, been able to make enough on the Rock Sale and the Auction to more than pay our rent. Thus, we have been able to try a few new club activities such as the last picnic with the club furnishing the pop, icecream, and coffee.

Thanks to the Vice-President and his family, the picnic was a success. The attendance was a little less than we would have liked but I feel that vacations were the major cause for this.

Your Board of Control is also working on something a little different for our Annual Meeting this year. We will, of course, have our election of officers at that time, and let you know where your money went, and how much of it is left, but we also plan to try having a dinner meeting. Mrs. Hanna will be in charge of the dinner which will be held at the Riverside Junior High school cafeteria (just south of our regular meeting place). We will have somewhat of a smorgasboard type dinner. Some of the ladies will be contacting you by phone about this and I hope you will give them all of the cooperation possible. We will be inviting representatives from neighboring clubs and from the Midwest Federation. I would like to have our first try at this type of meeting be a big success. I am sure that with your help it will be.

Please check the Calendar of Events so that you won't miss the activities of your choice.

Sincerely,

Dick Rose, President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the following!

Tommy Matson  
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Mr & Mrs Donald Slocum  
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Lowell, Michigan

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Grand Rapids 7, Mich

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1242 Foreman Dr., Box 337  
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Lakeview, Mich

Mr & Mrs Harry Fox  
Route 3  
Belding, Mich

Mr & Mrs Herbert Papke  
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Grand Rapids 4, Mich

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1132 Aberdeen N. E.  
Grand Rapids 5, Mich

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Grand Rapids 6, Mich

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Grand Rapids (Wyoming), Mich

Mr & Mrs Wesley M. Wycoff  
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Greenville, Mich

David Bradley  
937 Beech St. S. W.  
Grand Rapids 8, Mich

Mr & Mrs Raymond Martin  
804 W. Main  
Middleville, Mich

Mr & Mrs C. L. Simmons  
557 Russwood N. E.  
Grand Rapids 5, Mich.

We believe there are more new members who have not been listed in the DRIFTER. If you know of any please contact the editor. And please forgive the omission, it will be corrected in a future issue.

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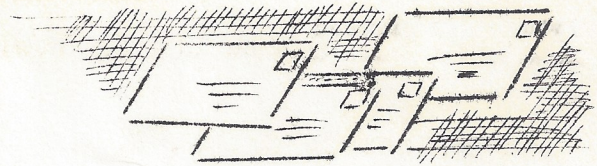
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# LETTER OF THE MONTH

Subject: "Where are We Headed?"  
By: Leo Yanasak, President  
Midwest Federation

September 1961

The 1961 Midwest Convention is now past history and we may focus our attention to the coming year. The question is, "Where Are We Headed For?"

In a recent letter to Ken Kyte of the Rolling Rocks Club Newsletter, Dr. H. C. Dake asked the same question. He was quite critical of the trend of most clubs to become social organizations, knife and fork gatherings. He states, "I have always been saddened by the fact that most of the many clubs all over the country have overlooked opportunities to engage in the more worthy "educational" phases of the hobby, even if in a small way."

Our own June Zeitner of Mission, South Dakota gave what Dr. Ben Hur Wilson termed the best lecture ever presented at a Midwest Convention. Those of us who heard the lecture agree with Dr. Wilson. June recommended very strongly that Midwest Clubs wake up to the many opportunities that arise for the promotion of education ... that is education related to our hobby.

Our Articles of Incorporation state that The Midwest Federation is created exclusively for education and scientific purposes. Yet the income tax people refuse to accredit the Midwest Federation as an educational organization, social - yes, educational - no.

Now then, what are we going to do about this? When accepting the Presidents gavel at the S<sup>g</sup>inaw Convention, I stated that the theme for the Midwest for the coming year was going to be "Education". It is my hope that every one of our 115 clubs will take an active part in some form of education in their community. Further, I hope that when ever such activity takes place, the club secretary or liaison officer will mail a report of it to the chairman of the Education Committee. Unfortunately I have not yet received a reply from the person I have asked to be Chairman and cannot give his name until he accepts. However, this should not keep us from going ahead.

May we all have a pleasant and exciting year working together toward our goals.

Sincerely yours,

*Leo W. Yanasak*  
Leo W. Yanasak, President

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