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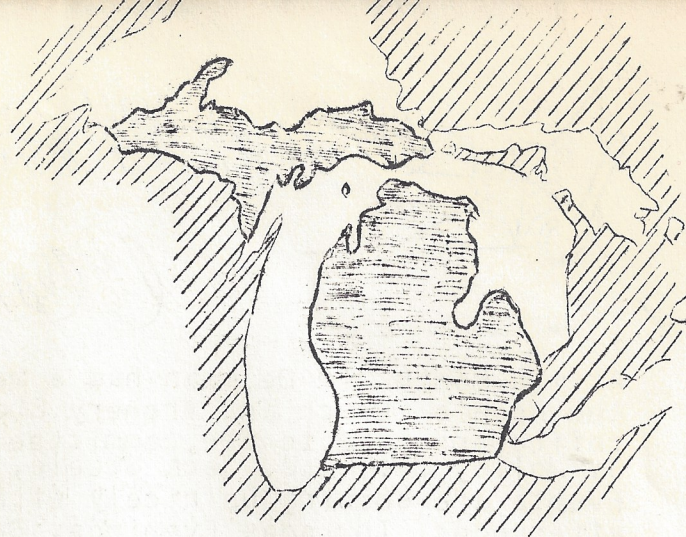
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TIME; 8:00 P.M.

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FEBRUARY MEETING AND A REAR VIEW MIRROR PEEK AT THE JANUARY MEETING

Never before have the walls at Riverside School been so caressed with adjectives as Mary Jane Dockeray worded us on a 9000 mile tour out west a ways. Co-piloted by Mrs. Lucille Duyser, these two returned with color slides of Yellow Stone National Park, Moon Crater, Glacier National Park, a whisk across the state of Washington into Oregon, Crater Lake and quick glimpse of California. A heap of miles in a most enjoyable program.

For February we are going to do a bit of underground exploring in our own state. Fortunate are we to have as our program Mr. George M. McAllenan, consulting geologist associated with the Mio Exploration Company. To our knowledge, never before have we had an opportunity to go down under as we will have when Mr. McAllenan presents "OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN MICHIGAN".

Techniques, theory and core samples are but a few of the highlights you will enjoy at this February meeting.

Mr. Joe Parrish will have a door prize or two for some lucky member.

Our new Membership Committee Chairman, Mrs. Kenyon Vickery will be on hand to assist our treasurer in collecting YOUR dues for 1963. There are still some of you who have not paid. If your dues are not paid prior to the March meeting you will be considered delinquent and your name will be dropped from the mailing list.

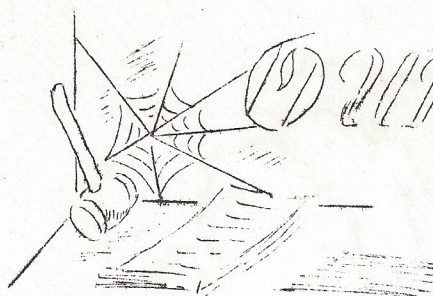
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'Scupper months ago Reggie Voss came up with a good one - why wouldn't styrofoam make a good cushion or pad for odd shaped stones in a saw vise? Think the boy has something there - the foam would compress in the high spots and give bearing on the low spots. Might just be worth trying, yes?


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Last month we suggested a swap page. Boy - did that lay an egg!!

Gerald B. Morris, Program Chairman



OUR PRESIDENTS CORNER



At mid-month Jim DeZwaan had a meeting of his show committee in the Reed's Brush and Archery Shop after which Mrs. Reed served coffee and cake to the committee. Jim was joined by Mrs. Robert J. Mollo, Jr., Mrs. Jack Steele, Miss Jane Cichaniewicz, Ed Wasel, Events are shaping up nicely with plans underway for Thursday afternoons, Thursday Evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sunday afternoons. This is a full schedule and will require hosts and hostesses as well as assistance with demonstrations. However, as usual the committee is chewing its nails about the lack of member entries, which are the backbone of the show. Those of us who have been through the mill in Jim's job feel sure he will have more than enough material when the Museum shuts its doors on Saturday, March 2, the opening day, but don't worry him to a frazzle.

The field trip questionnaire contest had about 30 entries and the Board is working on the schedule of field trips. We hope to be able to announce one for February at the meeting on February 13, and then to continue with one a month, except for late July when the Midwest Federation will have its big field trip at Hibbing, Minnesota. Hope we will have some members planning on this one - it should be good.

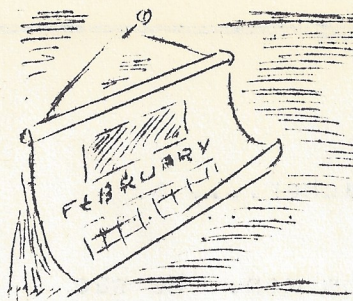
We are pleased to learn that Nellie Mead is a volunteer under a program started - as we understand - by the G. R. Junior League to supply classroom information on various subjects to some of the elementary schools in Grand Rapids. Nellie is talking to the youngsters about rocks, minerals and fossils. She may need some help from members with excess material which she can leave with the teacher.

We hear that the project at the Veterans Facility is going great guns and Miss Doris Slack, the occupational therapist, has the men building some sanders and other equipment a-la-Jerry Morris. They may even be ready to give a demonstration during the March show.

Did you realize that it takes about 40 man hours to produce the DRIFTER? The members should know what a job the DRIFTER staff has been doing under the direction of Nina Rozema with the assistance of Bob, Mr and Mrs Archie Billings, and some of the officers on occasions. Archie was handicapped a bit at the January deadline with a case of shingles - our sympathy and hope he is feeling better.

Did you think the interest groups were closed circles? They aren't and the mineralogy group would like more members to attend. This last month we had a bit of a go with staurolite - nothing very technical. However, the refreshments went begging due to lack of guests. Nothing was wasted because the kids saw to that. Anyone interested in paleontology? The lapidaries will have a go at the monthly contest with Dick Rose as chairman, we hope. If there are other ideas for the lapidary group pass them on to any member of the Board.

Willis W. Atwell, President



CALENDAR of EVENTS

- February 9 - Saturday at 1:30 P.M. Show Committee meeting at Reed's Brush & Archery Shop, 425 Lafayette N E James DeZwaan, Jr. Show Chairman.
- February 13 - Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. Regular monthly meeting at Riverside Elementary School, 2420 Coit N E Mr. George McAléenan, oil geologist will be our guest speaker.
- February 18 - Board of Control Meeting at 8:00 P.M. at home of Dr. & Mrs. Richard W. Rose, 3244 Springbrook Dr. N. W., Comstock Park.
- February 23 - DEADLINE for Entry Blanks for Show. MUST BE IN HANDS OF Jim DeZwaan by today sure.
- February 28 - Thursday at 8:00 P.M. Mineral Group Meeting at home of Mr & Mrs Lee Budd, 1612 Plymouth S E
- March 2 - Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Set up time for displays for the 4th Annual Show at the Grand Rapids Public Museum.
- March 3 - Sunday, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Grand Opening of 4th Annual Show. Grand Rapids Public Museum.
- March 3 - 31 Grand Rapids Mineral Society 4th Annual Show at Grand Rapids Public Museum.
- March 31 - 5:00 P.M. Time to dismantle the cases.
- July 17-21 Midwest Federation 1963 Field Trip Convention, Hibbing Minnesota. Are YOU planning your vacation around this event? Should be well worth your while!!

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LESLIE G. PEARL

We have lost a friend....a companion....a teacher.... a devoted member.

Les Pearl loved nature and he loved his fellow men. He was generous of himself to almost a fault. No task which would benefit the group was too enormous or too menial for Les, concern for himself was the least of his concerns.

Les had an intense desire to share with others his knowledge and his possessions whether it was the latest article he had read or the choicest rock or Indian artifact. He would dig physically and mentally to enrich the life and knowledge of himself and others and encourage them to do likewise. This was especially appreciated by children who loved Les as only children can worship an adult who shares their interests and tolerates their thirst for knowledge and companionship, in spite of their boundless energy and distractions.

Les had a real feeling for the infinite and the orderliness of the order of things, which he truly worshiped. This came from his kinship with nature and the keen interest and insight he had in the wonders of crystals, the building blocks of rocks and minerals, and the laws governing atoms and molecules.

Yes, we will miss Les as we plan our shows, hunt specimens on field trips, and enjoy the socialibility of a common interest. But the impression Les has left will go on in the lives of those with whom he came in contact - especially the young people - and what more can any of us desire than to leave this kind of memorial.

T H A N K S . . .

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends for their acts of kindness, floral offerings and sympathy shown at the death of our husband and brother, Leslie G. Pearl. We especially wish to thank Russell Girard, Willis Atwell and the Board for continuing the work with the Junior Geology Club, and sponsoring the Higgins Lake Conservation scholarship in memoriam; to Lowell Palmer for continuing the Society's project for the County Schools,

family of Leslie G. Pearl

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LOWELL PALMER NEEDS HELP

Announcement will be made at the regular monthly meeting as to what YOU can do to help Lowell Palmer finish the cases of rocks which the club, under the leadership of Les Pearl, started. There is still a lot of work to be done to get the specimens identified and labeled. The cases are all built. If you are able to give some time contact Mr. Palmer.

Dear Editor:

You may be surprised to see the name signed to this letter, but it seemed about my turn to pen a missal to the editor. You probably didn't even know I came to your meeting last month because those so-called hostesses behind the 'visitor's register' sign were so busy being cordial to one another that they didn't even see me and I was not introduced. My recommendation would be a couple of lashes with the wet noddie treatment, I frequently suggest.

(Ed.'s note - Nellie Mead says this was her first time as a hostess and promises to buttonhole all guests after this. We thought she did real well in her new assignment.)

Next, there was a real influential looking fellow standing in the back of the room and I thought he must be the chairman of the Board or something because he had on business clothes and was wearing a tie. I was curious about that long line of people waiting for something. I certainly thought if that many people were interested perhaps I too should get in line. I asked this distinguished looking man what it was all about and he said, "I think its a smorgasboard, but I don't see anyone eating anything." This confused me so I asked him who he was. He said, "I'm Frank DuMond and I just escaped from the Museum to come down here and find out what this fellow Pes Pearl so urgently wants." I sidled up to another man, somehow I seem to learn more from the men, and asked him what was doing. He was so distinguished looking, tall with white hair, wearing a dark suit and white shirt, but instead of a tie he had a beautiful polished stone on a little string tie - looked to me like a ladies' necklace piece. He told me he was trying to pay his dues but the treasurer was so far behind that he couldn't keep up with the paying members. Since I was just visiting I scooted away from that line in a hurry and I hoped I hadn't gotten this nice man in trouble with his wife by being so friendly. (Ed.'s Note - We think she must mean Lowell Palmer. It is true that Charlie Moore even with the able assistance of Lucile Pearl was having trouble taking in cash and issuing memberships. Since about 70 of us deluged them in less than 45 minutes they readily did a remarkable job.)

From there I wandered across the room with some difficulty due to the little groups where I heard snatches of conversation about cutting, cabs, tin oxide and a rather violent reaction to tin oxide in favor of rouge. The rest of this chatter meant little, but rouge was a word I knew and was going to join that group for a bit of sociability when I heard this fellow say, "I think its better on leather." He was a young man, too, which surprised me because I haven't heard of a woman using a chamios for rouge since I was a mere child. You may recognize this fellow; he is another of your attractive men, has a mustache and was walking with a cane.

(Ed.'s note - she must mean Russ Girard, but does he use rouge?)

Dear Editor (Continued)

The fellow he was talking to was real cute, too, and he had a big table full of rocks. Although he had small prices on them, it seemed to me he would be nice to know if he had all those rocks. I had my mouth open ready to become acquainted when he called a young fellow behind the counter "son". I retreated and just then some other fellow who really didn't look very important started pounding on the rostrum. I took a second look to see if he was using his shoe, but I was happy to see it was only his hand because he was wearing a red shirt. Everyone quieted down so I slipped into a vacant chair, just in time because chairs became rather scarce. (Ed.'s note - a. Henry and Steve Tchozeski; b. Bill Atwell).

It seemed to me as if this fellow must be from the Middle East somewhere because he was nine days late in wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He made an apology for keeping us all waiting for the program, which was what I came for, but when he said it was to collect dues and there was to be a drawing based on dues card numbers I thought it was all pretty sneaky. Later I found out why he wanted all this money in and I will get to that in due time.

Following some remarks about a prize contest related to field trips, this fellow up in front called on a member whose name sounded like James D. Swan (Ed.'s note - close, Jim DeZwaan). He wanted everyone to exhibit in the club's annual show in March even if it was a fifth of a case. That mention of a fifth perked quite a few members up including the chairman of the meeting and I wasn't sure whether he had had one or needed one.

Hostess chairman, Nellie, had the guests stand up - except for me! Then a man came up to the front of the room with some prizes and the give-aways started. One prize went to the lucky dues card holder, Mrs. Glenn Marvin; and another to a raffle ticket holder, Glenn Adsit. The next give-away was handled by a pearl of a fellow named Les, who gave a beautiful scale to the Museum. It was accepted by the Frank DuMond I had talked to when I first came in the room. The next give-away was a black light case, also from the immediate Past President, for the rock table, as I understood. Not to be outdone, the chairman then gave a Past President's pen set to this Les. He moved his mouth but I couldn't hear anything come out, it looked like he was too shook to talk. I think a pen set like that would shake me a bit too. The next give-away didn't come until after the program when this real cute Mary Jane girl was given a little smaller pen set, but with one of those pretty Michigan maps on it. I was just surprised that the program chairman didn't use the ceremony the French do when they give a medal or award, but maybe Mrs. Program Chariman would have objected. (Ed.'s note - Mrs. G. B. Morris was not at the meeting, so we wonder, too why Jerry didn't capitalize on the situation.)

I was more than thrilled by the program and the beautiful pictures shown by this very attractive Mary Jane Dockeray. I have been to Kiwanis lectures, Audubon programs, seen a bit of TV and heard some of the top flight nature lecturers and that girl bats with the champions. I thought the members got their dues-worth in that one program. Just think they went to the Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, Ginko Petrified Forest, Crater Lake, Glacier, Yosemite,

Dear Editor (Concluded)

and home for less than a dollar a person. The rest of the year will be free. And to think this girl was responsible for drawing the crowd that paid dues...she deserved an award.

Not too much else happened, but if this Morris fellow's programs draw crowds like this each month that club will need the Civic auditorium and a public address system anyway. Somebody told me that by rights he should not even be in a rock club, but the rock club is lucky he is. I did not quite understand this gossip, but a fellow who was showing some jade said that Morris works with some mud he gets out of Lake Michigan, bakes it in his wife's oven, sprays it with plastic and passes it off for polished rocks. That is just gossip, but somebody should either keep quiet or the truth should be told. You know this is my philosophy if you read by daily column.

Yours truly,

Annie Slanders

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REMEMBER MARCH SHOW MONTH ! ! !

To date the response for our 4th Annual Show has been very good.

1. The show committee is functioning with the following members: Miss Jane Cichaniewicz, Mrs. Ruth Steele, Mrs. Betty Mollo, Ed Wasel, Fay Reed, Lou Witte, Fred Andresen, Bill Atwell, and Jerry Morris. Several others have volunteered to help and this is very much appreciated. These will be called upon to help out with specific parts of the show as time progresses. However, with the problems incurred in getting together it was decided to keep the committee somewhat small.

Miss Jane Cichaniewicz (GL 2-0814) is acting as Host and Hostess Chairman.

Mr. Edmund Wasel (EM 1-6442) is acting as Exhibits chairman.

All other activities, i.e. demonstrations, special programs, publicity, etc. is being handled by the committee as a whole.

2. Approximately 25 exhibit entries have been received. If you haven't sent yours in as yet please plan to do it as soon as possible. We still can use from one specimen to a casefull. Specific needs at this time are for some large window displays for the outside five windows. The committee would like to begin to allot space by February 9th.
3. Much help is needed for adult demonstrators for Sundays particularly and for hosts and hostesses. This is an S.O.S. Please fill in those boxes when sending in the entry to be found in your January 1963 DRIFTER.

The next committee meeting will be held at Fay Reed's Brush Shop 425 Lafayette. N E. at 1:30 P.M. Saturday, February 9, 1963.

Again, remember we need your help.

Jim DeZwaan, Show Chairman

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LETTER-A-MONTH

Guess the editor of the Midwest Letter-a-month has been having the same trouble as the editor of the DRIFTER. Nothing received, nothing to print!! At least at the time of going to press we had not received the February letter from the Midwest. However, we did get the American Federation Bulletin. The following is an item of interest from this publication

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS

Did you know that one cancelled U.S. Commemorative stamp, in good condition, will provide 18-3/4 glasses of milk, or its equivalent in food, for hungry children in foreign lands? That's right --- 18-3/4. Sounds fantastic doesn't it? But it's true. Foreign stamps and U.S. stamps other than the common 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, ones can also be used.

Ye Old Timers Mineral Club has as a project the collecting of these stamps, turning them over to a World Wide Church organization, which handles their sale and uses every cent derived to buy milk and food at extremely low prices, and supervises its distribution, paying all the overhead themselves.

Let's get behind the Old Timers and send our stamps. Elroy McCaw, Old Timers v.p. is supervising this project. Cut out stamps, leaving a small border (¼") around the edge. DO NOT TEAR them off.

If you will send them to your bulletin editor, Nina Rozema, 776 Leonard, N.E., Grand Rapids 5, Michigan, she will see that they are sent to Mr. McCaw. It costs absolutely nothing and it can provide milk and food for youngsters who seldom have enough to eat. LET'S SWAMP ELROY WITH STAMPS.

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Help Eliminate Litter Please

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THE NATIONAL SHOW IS IN OKLAHOMA CITY JUNE 13-16, 1963

The Midwest Show is in Hibbing, Minnesota, July 18-21 and is a Field Trip Convention.

Texas Federation Show May 3-5, Amarillo Texas.

Eastern Federation Show, June 20-23, Lake Placid, New York

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