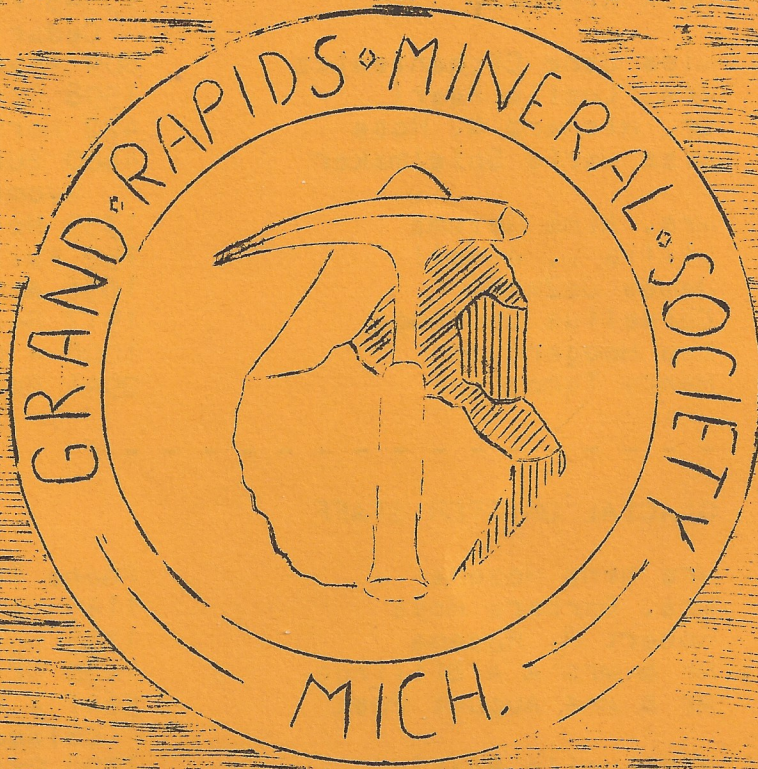


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Meetings are held at Riverside Elementary School, 2420 Coit N E the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. (Sept. thru April) Annual Meeting second Wednesday of May at Riverside Junior High. Summer meetings at different parks as announced.

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ANNUAL AUCTION FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Young and old (and in-between) will have a chance to add to their collections during the Silent Auction which will be the main feature of the November meeting which will be held at Riverside Elementary School, 2420 Coit, N E at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 13th. But pickins will be mighty slim unless you heed the following appeal from the Auction Committee Co-chairmen:

HELP ! ! ! HELP ! ! ! WE NEED ROCKS

The rocks and minerals are coming in for the Auction - but we need more!! Won't you dig into Ye Olde Rock Pile and pick out some "beauties" and deliver them to one of the following:

Casey Doornbos
1917 Rosemont S E

Arnold Wendt
439 Parkside N W

James Waldron
1111 Hazen S E

If you feel that what you have to donate is not good enough, by all means drop into one of the local rock shops and pick up a specimen or two at a reasonable price and contribute in this manner.

If you find it impossible to deliver your contribution to one of the above please call Art Joldersma or Don Crabbs and arrangements will be made to pick up your rocks.

There will be one auction table reserved all evening for our Pebble Pups (NO ADULTS ALLOWED) so bring your children.

Cookies (delicious) and coffee will be available all evening for a nominal charge. Those of you who signed up at the last meeting to donate cookies are asked to deliver them to the refreshment table at the meeting. If you didn't sign up for this please give Mrs. James Waldron a call, I'm sure she will be happy to hear from you.

See you at the Auction - BRING LOTS OF MONEY!!

Art Joldersma and Don Crabbs, Co-chairmen"

Club emblems at 75¢ each are available from our secretary, Miss Jane Cichaniewicz. She will also validate your card for renewal of your Gems & Minerals magazine subscription. If your subscription is expiring soon better renew before December 31 as the rate goes up after that date.

You may also subscribe to THE LAPIDARY JOURNAL, \$4.50 per year, through Jane. Through a new deal with the publishers of this fine magazine our club will receive \$1.15 for each subscription she sends in. YOU MUST pay the full rate on this one.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES LAST YEAR

Thought you might like to know where our money came from and how it was spent while Charlie Moore was treasurer. Here 'tis.

Balance in Bank Jan 1, 1963 \$680.04

Receipts Jan 1 through August 1, 1963

Memberships	348.00	
Advertising in Drifter	33.00	
Rock Sales	31.05	
Sale of Chances	103.95	
Sale of Rock Books	14.40	
Sale of Emblems	9.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>	
Total Receipts	789.40	<u>789.40</u>
		1469.44

Disbursements Jan 1 through August 31, 1963

Glacial Drifter Expense	169.08	
Mimeograph machine	300.00	
Mineral Show Expenses	98.20	
Midwest Federation dues	47.75	
Shelterhouses for summer	42.00	
Petoskey Stone Pen Sets	42.00	
Annual Meeting Expenses	48.56	
Books on State Rocks	26.00	
Science Fair winner Award	25.00	
Federation Convention expense	25.00	
Monthly Prog Film Rentals	20.34	
Miscellaneous	<u>279.02</u>	
Total Disb.	1125.95	<u>1125.95</u>

Balance in Bank August 31, 1963 \$343.49

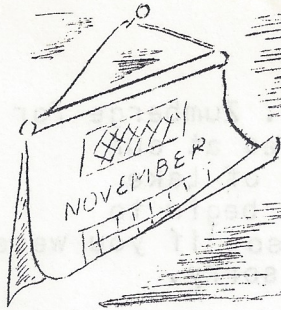
AN OPEN LETTER FROM A JUNIOR

October 26, 1963

Dear People:

Last Thursday we had a Mineral Group Meeting. Mom gave the talk on the "Geological History of Michigan" that she had given to over 1200 school children last winter. I had helped draw the maps and pictures and had used them in a talk for my 7th grade. She's glad now that she added the period of dinosaurs to the ones on trilobites, ferns, corals and mammals. There were also maps of glaciers.

We had pumpkin pie afterwards. Then the conversation really got interesting when they talked about sea dragons, the backward evolution of monkeys, etc. Marian Mead



CALENDAR of EVENTS

- November 2 - Saturday - Geology for Juniors at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. First session today.
- November 9 - Saturday - Geology for Juniors. Not too late to start this activity. All juniors are invited to participate.
- November 13 - Wednesday - at 8 P.M. Regular monthly meeting at Riverside Elementary School, 2420 Coit N E
ANNUAL AUCTION
- November 16 - Saturday - Geology for Juniors at Grand Rapids Public Museum
- November 22 - Friday - at 8 P.M. Lapidary Group meeting at home of Mr & Mrs August Post, 5647 - 84th Street, Caledonia. All persons interested in this type of activity are invited to attend.
- November 23 - Saturday - Geology and Lapidary instruction for Juniors at the Museum.
- November 28 - Thursday - HAPPY THANKSGIVING - No Mineral Group meeting this month.

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CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS

Since January, with every bulletin in the American Federation printing the notice to save commemorative stamps for milk, enough stamps have been sent in to buy a million glasses of milk or its equivalent in food for the children who seldom have enough to eat. IT DOESN'T COST YOU A CENT TO SAVE ALL the stamps above the 5¢ denomination coming to you on your incoming mail. We are interested in this program. ALL COMMENORATIVE STAMPS and all stamps above the 5¢ denomination go to Mrs. Nina Rozema for delivery to Elroy McCaw of the "Old Timers" for the milk program. Won't you do your part?

OCTOBER MEETING IN REVIEW

After having waited for a long time to have Dr. Zumberge for our speaker we were well repaid when he appeared at our October meeting with his slides on the Geology of Lake Superior. Being a very poor reporter I cannot begin to tell you the interesting facts he presented - so, if you were one of the few who missed the meeting, we are sorry.

The door prizes, donated by Mrs. Sylvia Delacher, were won by Mrs. Mildred Lynch and Mr. Edward Pryce. John Waldron carried away the sterling silver and jade pendant and earrings much to his mother's delight. She is busy making a dress to wear with her new jewelry. Miss Jane Potter is the proud possessor of the cuff link and tie bar set. Probably her father will find these in his stocking come Christmas morning.

quite a few renewals of membership were collected by Mrs. Lucile Pearl, our treasurer. But she tells us that there are still a goodly number who have not paid their 1964 dues which are now past due. If you are one of the slow-pokes don't be surprised if you find yourself without a December DRIFTER. This issue is the last you will receive if you haven't paid up.

we are happy to say we have had a number of new members added to our rolls in the past couple of months. We welcome all of you.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is Auction Month and I am hoping to increase my supply of agates at the November meeting. How about you? Are you getting ready to come to the meeting on November 13th and do some plain and fancy bidding on the items of your choice?

Of course, if you don't get your donations to the committee there will be nothing to bid on and very little money to run the society for the coming year. I am hoping you will all do your part in this money raising project.

The people who signed up as being interested in a LAPIDARY GROUP, and all others interested, are meeting at my home, 5647 - 84th Street, Caledonia, on Friday evening, November 22nd. Even though you haven't signed up you will be most welcome.

we won't be having a Lapidary Award of the Month at the November meeting, but are hoping for a good showing at the meeting in December. Get YOURS ready now and see if you can take home one of those Blue Ribbons.

Happy rockhounding to all of you.

August Post, President

A LOOK AT LAKE SUPERIOR'S BOTTOM SIDE

G.V.S.C. Prexy Jim Zumberge took the G.R.M.S. members on a tour of Lake Superior's bottom side at the October meeting in Riverside Elementary school. Most of us were surprised to find the west bottom end most irregular. Those of us who have swum in Lake Superior were sure Zumberge's little Mohole would find that proverbial and eternal iceberg on the west bottom of Lake S. We probably also figured the valley would be south-by-east along with the current flow instead of north-by-south as the TIWAKSIS's electronic equipment charted it.

(For those unfortunate few who missed the show, Jim proved himself an amateur slide arranger, just like all the rest of us, and had the picture of his ship in backwards. It was really named the Siskawit.)

The September-October planning may have left something to be desired by the lapidists or the paleontologists, but for the run of the mill rockhound BIG MOHOLE set the stage perfectly for little "mohole". Here were two projects about the same time supplied by the same drillers - one going well below sea-level and the next above sea level but into the crust of Lake Superior. The same principles involved. Geological research the object. The former known from one end of the earth to the other, the latter known only to a select few - including the members of GRMS, who should now feel well educated on the subject of underwater exploration.

To Jim Zumberge went a most appreciated Petoskey stone pen award for his down in the earth talk to the club. Here is a man who qualifies as president of a college, writes a textbook on geology used by leading universities and colleges, leads scientific expeditions of note, and enjoys thoroughly getting acquainted with rockhounds.... a great guy to have in the community. Further, we can assure you that he thoroughly enjoyed his visit and marvelled that as many people as we had in attendance would skip TV in the interest of their hobby. He hopes to capture and hold this same enthusiasm in some adult courses at GVSC next year - such as the geology of Michigan for rockhounds. How does that sound? He was also thrilled to find Mary Jane Dockeray had some 40 in her class in identification - we may yet find an MSU - U of M combine at GVSC, at least in geology.

Willis A. Atwell

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NO MINERAL GROUP MEETING THIS MONTH

There will be no Mineral Group meeting this month as our regular meeting night would be on Thanksgiving and I am sure everyone will be too full of turkey to want to come on that night. See you all next month.

"HOW TO SABOTAGE A GOOD ORGANIZATION"

To be an active group, members must participate in arranged affairs and offer ideas for consideration as to what the club can do, both for our own members and the public at large. If we aren't active as members, the club will eventually die out as new as well as long time members will find nothing to hold them together as a group. It might be said that it can't always be the same members who participate time after time on the same jobs. It takes a lot of work to keep any club group together. Perhaps a good idea to follow for all of us would be THINK - EXAMINE - PROPOSE - and OFFER your ideas and constructive help toward a greater club.

SABOTAGE BY:

1. Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late. Be sure to leave before meeting is over. Never have anything to say at the meetings, vote to do everything, then go home and do nothing. The next day, find fault with the officers and members who are trying.
2. Take no part in organization affairs. Be sure to sit as far back as you can at the meetings and talk throughout the whole meeting so that other members and your neighbor member can't hear what's going on. Get all the organization will give you, but don't give the organization anything. At every opportunity, threaten to resign.
3. Talk co-operation, but don't co-operate. If asked to help, say you haven't time. Never read anything pertaining to the organization or the Federation to which the organization belongs. Never accept an office, as it is far easier to criticize than to do things. If appointed to a Committee, never give sufficient time for the necessary services involved. Don't do any more than you just have to, and when others willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help a good cause along, howl because the organization is run by a clique.

MAKE AN EFFORT TO JOIN THE SO CALLED CLIQUE AND IT WILL CEASE TO BE SUCH.

from THE NEBRASKA ROCKHOUND'S REAR TRUNK.

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BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

Due to the resignation of Mrs. Madeline Vickery from the Board of Control, President Post, with the approval of the Board, has appointed Casey Doornbos to fill her unexpired term. Casey is also Field Trip Chairman and is most anxious to hear from any of you who have a suggestion for a field trip. We can have an indoor trip to a place of interest during the winter if enough of us are interested. Let Casey know your wishes.

SPECIMEN VALUES

The problem of the valuation of mineral specimens is one beset with many factors all of which should be considered in rendering a fair appraisal. Prices quoted by dealers may vary on even identical items, but this by no means always justifies an assumption that the higher quotation is unfair. The dealer quoting the lower figure may be fortunate in having made a connection at the locality, which enables him to sell at less than the true value of the specimens. Likewise if a dealer spent \$100 in visiting a locality and obtained ten specimens, this would not necessarily mean the value of each is \$10.00 plus added profit, where the material differs in no way from duplicate specimens, fairly common, and available at lower prices. However, if the ten specimens were very rare, or the only ones in existence, and of standard size, they could easily be worth from \$20.00 upwards each.

Other factors also enter into the appraisal of a specimen. Some years past G. L. English, in writing on "The Scientific Valuation of Minerals", called attention to the factors of commercial value, chemical composition, form, beauty, size, hardness, unusual characteristics, associated minerals and rarity. To these can be added transportation cost if from a distant locality and the labor of the lapidary if the specimen has been cut and polished.

In some instances where the entire and large supply is under commercial control, prices asked may be high. Diamonds can not be considered "rare" yet their production is closely controlled, which includes price maintenance. In short, we "take it or leave it".

A mineral firm has adopted a plan of placing all minerals in one of fourteen different class values, and prices are quoted on sizes ranging from one quarter inch up to six by six inches. This method is a handy means of rendering quotations, but the numerous factors governing values must still be considered in placing the material in its proper class.

To many collectors beauty is an important factor in determining values. The individual interested mainly in beauty, color and crystallization of a specimen may feel inclined to pay more than the actual value, while on the other hand a very rare but massive specimen may appear to him exorbitant at even a nominal figure. Hence the individual may base his personal appraisal largely upon how well the specimen would fit into his type of collection.

Regardless of what system of appraisal may be followed, the values assigned to specimens will still be subject to the human element. In the valuation of mineral specimens, perhaps the statement often made by a noted mineral collector will be worthy of consideration. This gentleman, now deceased would frequently pay what appeared an exorbitant charge for a "fancy" specimen and contented himself with this philosophy: "No price is too high for the beautiful work of nature; specimens of this kind can not be valued in dollars and cents".

Editorial from September 1939 MINERALOGIST MAGAZINE

"WHAT'S YOUR NAME?"

Don't you hate to ask anyone this question when you have seen them, and probably talked with them, a number of times? To solve this problem at club meetings the Board of Control is having name tags made for each of us to wear at the meetings. In order that the name on your tag will be as you want it please fill in the slip of paper which will be available at the November meeting. If you are Mrs. John Smith and want to be called Mrs. Smith print your name on the slip this way - but if you want your friends and fellow members to call you Mary, show your name as Mary Smith.

Leave the slips in the box which will be provided as you leave the meeting and if all goes well, we will have a nice name tag for you to wear at the coming meetings.

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OUR CLUB YEAR STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

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MIDWEST FEDERATION'S LETTER-A-MONTH

ENJOYING OUR NEIGHBORS

There are many ways in which we can enjoy our neighbors and hobby more. Of course the best way is to Know Your Neighbor better. How can we do this?

In some areas this is being done by clubs and societies combining their efforts in order to put on larger and more educational shows. This has been done successfully in the Kansas City area, Milwaukee, Bloomington, Minnesota and many other sectors. Contact your neighboring clubs and learn how your ideas and activities can be coordinated so that your members get to know each other better.

Another idea worth passing on is combining your bulletin with a neighboring group, so that both organizations know what happened during the year. The Des Moines Lapidary Society and the Central Iowa Mineral Society have done this once a year with very favorable comments.

Rock Swaps as hosted this passed year by the State L.ine Club of Michigan are becoming very popular. Probably the first held in the MWF, has become an annual affair sponsored by the Sac and Fox Lapidary Club of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Here you can enjoy your hobby by swapping and camping with your friends. They have completely avoided commercializm as there is nothing for sale, just have fun.

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Mr. Kreigh Tomaszewski
333 Richard Terrace S.E.
Grand Rapids 6, Mich.

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