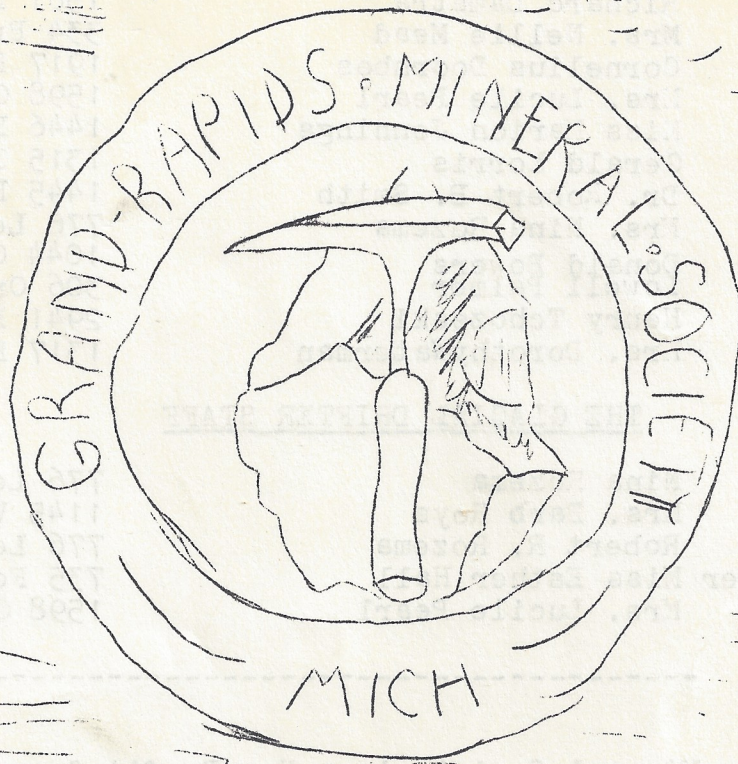


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# September Begins New Year

With the September 8th meeting the club's fiscal year begins. New officers and board members elected at our annual meeting in May will take over at this meeting. They have been busy this summer getting things lined up for a flying start.

The meeting will be held at RIDGEVIEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, Rosewood at Eurlon, S E, at 8:00 P M.

Mr & Mrs Horace Merrick and Mr & Mrs Bob Teunis have been appointed by President Damstra on the Hospitality Committee. They will be on hand to greet you and to see that you have your name tag.

### New Feature:

Each month a different club member will have a display of his choosing. This may be a specimen display, lapidary work, silverwork, geological display, etc. The person displaying will attend his table to answer questions both before and after the meeting. Persons wishing to display, please contact Dick Damstra. The September display will be "Family Field Trip" and will be shown by the Dr. Rose family.

And a real humdinger of a program will be presented by Miss Mary Jane Dockeray. Don't know the subject - but do know that it will be outstanding.

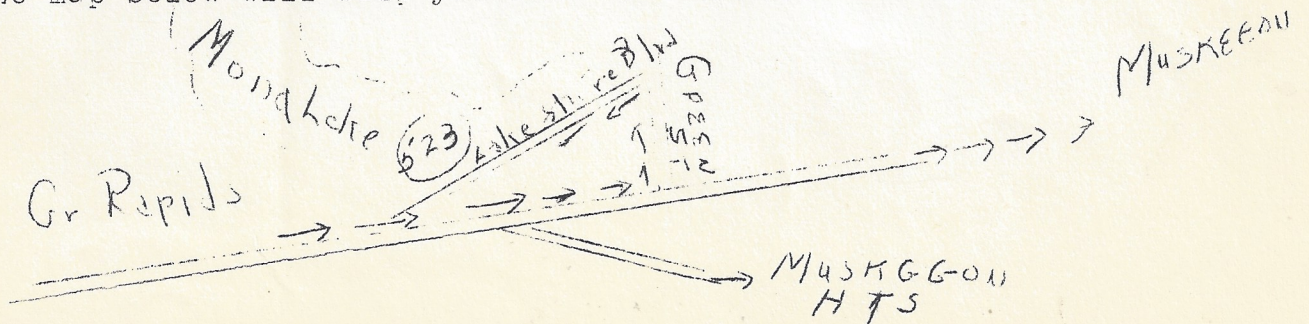
Mrs. Dorothy Waterman is taking over in the Door Prize department and she promises some fine prizes.

This is the time of the year when our DUES are due. Mrs. Lucile Pearl, treasurer, will be on hand to take your money. She will be assisted by our new secretary, Casey Boornbos. Be sure to know your ZIP CODE number when renewing your membership. We must have it on the addressograph plates before the beginning of the year - if you want to receive the mailings.

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### MINERAL STUDY GROUP MEETING

The Mineral Study Group will meet at the home of Mr & Mrs Horace Merrick, 523 Lakeshore Blvd, Muskegon on Thursday, September 23 at 8:00 P.M. All interested persons are invited and urged to attend. If you wish a ride - or have room for a rider or two - please contact Mrs. Nellie Mead, phone GL, 9-2016, or Nina Rozema, Phone 454-1010. The map below will help you find the Merrick's home:





FIELD TRIP - SEPTEMBER 12 th

A field trip is planned for Sunday, September 12 to the Saginaw Fair Gem & Mineral Show. Club members will meet at the picnic grounds at the Fair at noon for a picnic lunch, then will tour the exhibit. Contact Marie Spielmaker for details.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The Board of Control will meet at the home of Mrs. Nellie Mead, 334 Briarwood S E on Monday, September 13 at 8:00 P.M.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR

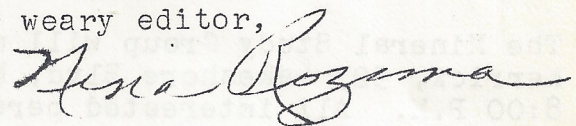
Bob and I have just returned from a vacation, our first real one in four years. We had a wonderful time - mostly. The weather ranged from 110° in Montana to snow in the Grand Tetons. We are trying to get back to the routine of daily work - needless to say the DRIFTER is late - and very short.

We have an excellent story of Mr & Mrs Roger Hawkins' field trip vacation which we had hoped to use in this issue - but time does not permit getting the stencils cut - so it will appear in the October issue. Be sure to look for it. We are looking forward to an article by Mr & Mrs Ernest Hansen of their trip to the north east. Hope to have it in time for the November issue. Will YOU write up your experiences in our field for our December issue? It is articles of this nature which make the DRIFTER your paper, and make it of interest to all readers.

Much as I have enjoyed being the editor of this publication for these umpteen years, I am afraid that this is the last year that I will be able to carry this responsibility and come election time next spring the club will be looking for a new editor. If you have the time and inclination I hope you will let it be known when the nominating committee starts working on the ballot for the May election.

But until then, we need articles for some of the future issues. Please let us have them as soon as possible so we can plan ahead.

Your weary editor,





ROCK MUSEUM VISITED

One of the highlights of our trip west was a stop at a display of local rocks, minerals, fossils, and artifacts in Greybull, Wyoming.

This is a display of materials owned by members of the Rockologist Club of that city and shown by them during the tourist season each year. We understand that the space, in a downtown store, is donated by one of the members. The other expenses involved are paid for by donations from visitors and the sale of some of the materials donated by the club members. A member is on hand to greet visitors, a different one donating time each day and evening that the display is open.

We talked to two of the members and learned that they are trying to find a place in their town where they can make this display a permanent thing. They also told us that last year there were 17,000 visitors from nearly every state and from some foreign countries. They felt that by the end of the season this year the visitors would number at least 25,000.

We were given a club card which proclaims that "Our members never die, they just slowly petrify". The first thing one sees as he walks in the door is an Ammonite - Parapuzosia Bradyi - one of the greatest ammonites ever recovered in North America. This is an extinct cuttlefish that lived in the ancient Cretaceous Seas that covered Wyoming 100 million years ago. It presently measures nearly 5 feet and weighs 960 pounds. In life it would measure much more, perhaps 7 or 8 feet. A large portion of the original shell was lost through weathering.

The members of this club are to be congratulated on a fine project, well carried out. More clubs should give this type of project consideration. I know the traveling rock hobbyists would really appreciate seeing displays of this nature in the areas they visit.

Nina Rozema

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SOURKRAUT SALAD - a Recipe of Mabel Bowers

2 cups sugar ) Bring to boil and let cool  
 1 cup vinegar  
 1 cup diced celery  
 1 cup diced sweet onion  
 1 green pepper  
 1 red pepper or small jar pimiento  
 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  can Saurkraut (wash with cold water in collander - spray  
 with water and drain well)  
 Put together and let stand 24 hours.

Jerry Morris liked this salad so much when it appeared at the Annual Meeting that he wanted the recipe published in the DRIFTER. Here 'tis, Jerry. Hope Dorothy will make some for you in the near future.



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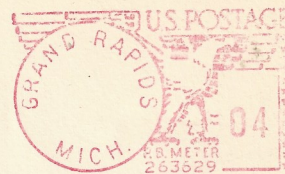
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