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The Grand Rapids Mineral Society is a non-profit corporation, affiliated with the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineral Societies.

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:-- P.M. at Ridgeview Junior High School, Rosewood at Burton S E (September through May). Summer meetings are at various parks as announced.

Membership dues are \$3.00 per year for a family, \$2.00 for single adult, and \$1.00 for students under 18 years of age. Dues are payable to treasurer - year is from Sept. 1 thru August 31 of the following year.

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MEETING AT TOWNSEND PARK ON JUNE 8

The first outdoor meeting of the season will be held at Townsend Park on Wednesday, June 8. If you wish, bring your picnic supper and join the gang at 6:30 in the Shelter House. If you aren't interested in picnicing, join the group at 8:00 P.M. for the regular meeting with door prizes and a movie.

Don't forget to bring your material for the Auction at the Field Trip Convention in Houghton. The club members are sending this material as a memorial to Lowell Palmer, who had been looking forward to this conclave with so much eagerness. Dr. & Mrs. Robert B. Smith will see that your donations reach the proper persons at the Convention.

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BOARD VOTES DONATION TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Lowell Palmer, the Board of Control voted to send a check for \$50.00 to the scholarship fund at Union High School. As most of you know, Lowell was a teacher in the public schools for many years and was teaching at Union High at the time of his death.

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LES PEARL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Les Pearl Scholarship was awarded to Mrs. Dorothy Waterman. This covers a week at the Conservation Camp at Higgins Lake.

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JUNE 1 - LAPIDARY GROUP MEETING

The May meeting of the Lapidary Group was held at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Robert B. Smith. The turn out was good. A few cabs of stones of a green color were shown for the group's project of a collection of cabs. It is hoped that more will be ready by the June meeting. After that we will continue on with stones of other colors.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1, at 8:00 PM at the home of Mr & Mrs Henry Tchozeski, 2941 Edgewood N E.

Let's have a good showing at this meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S WORKBENCH

How pleased I was at the fine turnout at our May Potluck dinner meeting. It's so nice to get together with this swell group.

Our congratulations to all of the new officers and board members. The Mineral Society is fortunate to have such a fine, qualified group to provide direction and guidance for the coming year. I'm sure we may look forward to a real boomer in 1966-67.

Although your president does hold office until August, this is our last full issue of the Drifter, so -- I would like to express my deep personal thanks to all of the many members, officers, and friends who have made my year in office such a pleasure. Of the many, many assignments which must be made each month, the entire GRMS has shown such a wonderful spirit of co-operation that this experience has been one of the most memorable of my life. Thanks again to all.

Looking forward to our summer meetings at the parks. Bring all your new specimens for us to see!

Dick Damstra

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Gerald Morris and her committee, as well as the good cooks who furnished the food, our Annual Potluck was a real success.

The election of officers went as scheduled with Mrs. Nellie Mead being elected president for the fiscal year starting Sept. 1. Don Crabbs is our new vice-president, with Casey Doornbos as secretary for another year. Miss Marion Jennings is our new treasurer and Mrs Davena Lett will hold the post of historian. Dr. Robert B. Smith will continue as liaison representative, with Mrs. Elaine Smith taking on the job of bulletin editor. The new board members are Miss Marie Spielmaker, Henry Tchozeski, James Van Vuren, and Arnold Wendt, Sr.

A couple of games, both to do with rocks were played while we waited for the ballots to be counted.

A contest to guess the weight of the "watermelon" was won by Miss Esther Hall. In case you weren't there, the "watermelon" is a large smooth boulder very much the shape of a fat watermelon which our good president painted green.

Fay Reed, on behalf of the club, presented Bob and Nina Rozema with a lovely Seth Thomas clock as a token of appreciation for the years spent working for the club, especially in editing and publishing the club paper.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1 - Wednesday, 8:00 P.M. LAPIDARY GROUP MEETING at home of Mr & Mrs Henry Tchozeski, 2941 Edgewood N E

June 8 - Wednesday - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING at TOWNSEND PARK. 6:30 P.M. if picnicking. Meeting starts at 8:00 P.M.

June 13- Monday, 8:00 P.M. Board of Control meeting at home of Mr & Mrs. Richard Damstra, 1561 Perkins N E

June 16 thru 19 FIELD TRIP CONVENTION at Houghton, Michigan

July 13 - Monthly meeting at Caledonia Park

August 10 Monthly meeting at Douglas Walker Park.

Note: It is possible that some field trips will be scheduled during the summer, if so they will be announced at the meetings. At the present time Dick is looking for someone to take over as Field Trip Chairman as the death of Lowell Palmer left this position vacant.

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Mr & Mrs Donald Bowers were appointed to represent the club at the business meetings at the Convention at Houghton.

Do we have any other takers for the job of publishing the DRIFTER? We have had a couple of offers, but, so far the final decision has not been made. If you are interested contact Dick Damstra.

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SIMILAR CASES

by Charlotte Perkins Stetson Gilman

There once was a little animal
 No bigger than a fox,
 And on five toes he scampered
 Over Tertiary rocks.
 They called him Ehippus,
 And they called him very small,
 And they thought him of no value -
 When they thought of him at all;
 For the lumpish old Dinoceras
 And Coryphon so slow
 Were the heavy aristocracy
 In the days of long ago.

Said the little Ehippus,
 "I'm going to be a horse!
 And on my middle finger nails
 To run my earthly course!
 I'm going to have a flowing tail!
 I'm going to have a mane!
 I'm going to stand fourteen
 hands high
 On the psychozoic plane!"

The Coryphodon was horrified,
 The Dinoceras was shocked;
 And they chased young Ehippus,
 But he skipped away and mocked.
 Then they laughed enormous
 laughter,
 And they groaned enormous groans,
 And they bade young Ehippus
 Go view his father's bones.

Said they, "You always were as
 small
 And mean as now we see,
 And that's conclusive evidence
 That you're always going to be.
 What! be a great, tall handsome
 beast
 With hoofs to gallop on?
 Why! you'd have to change your
 nature!"

Said the Loxolophon,
 They considered him disposed of,
 And retired with gait serene;
 That was the way they argued
 In the early Eocene.

There was once an Anthropoidal
 Ape,
 far Smarter than the rest,
 And everything that they could do
 He always did the best;
 So they naturally disliked him,
 And they gave him shoulders cool,
 And when they had to mention him
 They said he was a fool,
 Cried this pretentious Ape one day,
 "I'm going to be a Man!
 And stand upright, and hunt, and
 fight,
 And conquer all I can!
 I'm going to cut down forest trees,
 To make my houses higher!
 I'm going to kill the Mastodon!
 I'm going to make a fire!"

Loud screamed the Anthropoidal
 Apes
 With laughter wild and gay:
 They tried to catch that boastful
 one,
 But he always got away.
 So they yelled at him in chorus,
 Which he minded not a whit!
 And they pelted him with cocoanuts
 Which didn't seem to hit.
 And they gave him reasons
 Which they thought of much avail,
 To prove how his preposterous
 Attempts was sure to fail.
 Said the sages, "In the first place,
 The thing cannot be done!
 And second, if it could be,
 It would not be any fun!

And third, and most conclusive,
 And admitting no reply,
 You would have to change your
 nature!
 We would like to see you try!"
 They chuckled then triumphantly,
 These lean and hairy shapes,
 For these things passed as argu-
 ments
 With the Anthropoidal Apes.

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SIMILAR CASES (concluded)

There was once a Neolithic Man,
And enterprising wight,
Who made his chopping implements
Unusually bright,
Unusually clever he,
Unusually brave,
And he drew delightful Mammoths
On the borders of his cave.

To his Neolithic neighbors,
Who were startled and surprised,
Said, "My friends, in course of
time,

We shall be civilized!
We are going to live in cities!
We are going to fight in wars!
We are going to eat three times
a day
Without the natural cause!

"We are going to turn life upside
down
About a thing called gold!
We are going to want the earth,
and take
As much as we can hold!
We are going to wear great piles
of stuff
Outside our proper skins!
We are going to have Diseases!
And Accomplishments!! And Sins!!

Then they call rose up in fury
Against their boastful friend,
For prehistoric patience
Cometh quickly to an end.
Said one, "This is chimerical!
Utopian!, Absurd!"
Said another, "What a stupid life!
Too dull, upon my word!"

Cried all, "Before such things can come,
You idiotic child,
You must alter Human Nature!"
And they all sat back and smiled,
Thought they, "An answer to that last
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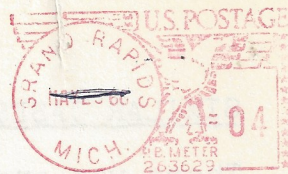
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I hope all of you will give Elaine Smith your co-operation as she takes over this most important job for the club. You can all make her job a lot easier if you will write up interesting items for use in the DRIFTER, see that anything to be published is in writing and in her hands in plenty of time for her to get the stencils cut before publication date. The time factor is really very important. So often last minute contributions are hard to fit into the make-up of the paper and sometimes necessitate a complete re-write of a stencil or two to give good continuity to the paper.

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Hana Rozema

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