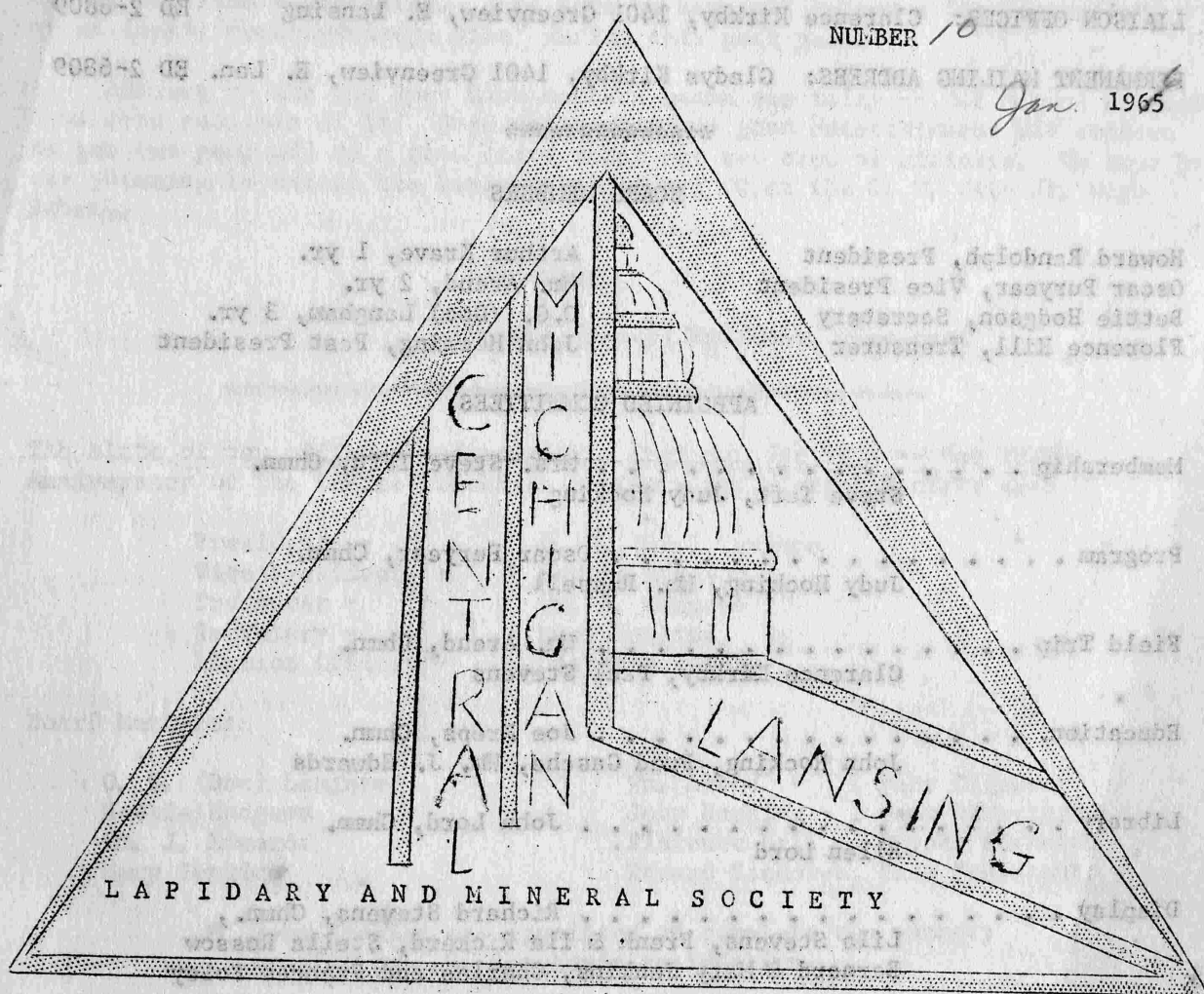


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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGIST SOCIETIES

Meeting Place: Walter French Jr. High School Cafeteria  
Meeting Date: Third Thursday night each month, except July and August  
Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Dues: \$2.00 annually for adults; \$1.00 for students (under 18 years of age).

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Howard Randolph, President	Arthur Krave, 1 yr.
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Bettie Hodgson, Secretary	O.G. (Doc) Langham, 3 yr.
Florence Hill, Treasurer	John Hocking, Past President

## APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Membership . . . . .	Mrs. Steve Taft, Chmn. Steve Taft, Judy Hocking
Program . . . . .	Oscar Puryear, Chmn. Judy Hocking, Wm. Russell
Field Trip . . . . .	Wm. Arend, Chmn. Clarence Kirkby, Paul Stevens
Education. . . . .	Joe Kreps, Chmn. John Hocking, Fred Gasche, Wm. J. Edwards
Library . . . . .	John Lord, Chmn. Ellen Lord
Display . . . . .	Richard Stevens, Chmn., Lila Stevens, Frank & Ila Rickerd, Stella Rossow Bernard & Mary Jenkins, Charles and Frances Foley
Welcome . . . . .	John D. Wilcox, Chmn. Grace Wilcox, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Conklin
Workshop . . . . .	Francis Hyde, Chmn.
Publications . . . . .	Nel Langha, O.G. Langham, Ethel Rathke.

PRESIDENT RANDOLPH'S message

We have reached the point in the life of our "Rock Club" whereby new officers will assume control for the new year of 1966. A very competent group of officers were voted into office at our December meeting. They are a very able group and capable of guiding our Club to a very successful year. Any and all cooperation you may be able to offer these new officers will help them and make their jobs much easier for them during their tenure of office.

Your help and cooperation during the past year has been tremendous and surely has been appreciated. I am sure we have all gained a lot "rockwise" or at least "rock-knowledge wise" during this past year.

January -- for the Rock Club members means one thing -- Our Annual Banquet! Good food and lots of it! Good fellowship and good entertainment all combine to get our year off to a good start under our new crew of officers. We hope you are planning to attend the banquet on January 20 at the C. W. Otto Jr. High School.

Sincerely,

Howard (Randy) Randolph, President

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The slate of new officers and committee chairmen for 1966 -- Our TENTH Anniversary of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society are:

President -	O. G. (Doc) Langham
Vice President -	Bettie Hodgson
Treasurer -	Wm. J. Edwards
Secretary -	Mary Jenkins
Liaison Officer -	Clarence Kirkby

Board Members:

O. G. (Doc) Langham	Wm. Arend - 1 year Director
Bettie Hodgson	John Hocking - 2 year Director*
Wm. J. Edwards	Florence Hill - 3 year Director
Mary Jenkins	Howard Randolph, Past President

\* John Hocking was appointed to complete the vacancy created by O.G. Langham's resignation.

Committee Chairmen:

Membership -	Sam Knox	Display -	Richard Stevens
Program -	Bettie Hodgson	Welcome -	Mr. Frank Swagart
Field Trip -	Lloyd Conklin	Workshop -	Wm. Arend
Library -	Arthur Krave	Education -	Joe Kreps

Publications: Mrs. Florence Hill, Editor



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January Banquet - January 20, 1966 at the C. W. Otto Jr. High School cafeteria.  
North on U.S.-27 - Across from McDonalds's Drive In.

There has been a change made in the speaker for the evening as Professor Maxwell is ill and in the hospital. Our speaker at the banquet will be Prof. Maynard Miller of the Department of Geology, Michigan State University. You will remember that Professor Miller was a member of the American Mt. Everest Expedition in 1963. He specialized in glaciology on that trip. Last summer Prof. Miller headed the scientific expedition to Mt. Kennedy. (This was not quite the same as Senator Robert Kennedy's trip but we'll hear about this distinction). Prof. Miller will talk about the Alaskan earthquake and his trip up Mt. Kennedy. We're certain you'll find him to be one of the most interesting speakers we've had yet. And everyone will enjoy the film he will be showing -- it's a beauty.

When Professor Maxwell has recuperated he hopes to be able to speak to us.

Due to the fact that we will have guests and we all seem to like to indulge a little heavier at this time -- the committee in charge of the food asks that you bring extra food. It is suggested at least one dish from every couple to serve 12. (A two-pound meat loaf will serve 8; 2 to 3-quart casserole of potatoes will serve 6+; the same amount of vegetables will serve 6+ and a 9-inch pie will serve 6. (Just a gauge to go by).

ALSO Please each family is to bring a gift-wrapped stone (polished, slab, or some interesting piece to be used for the drawing. Numbers will be issued at the welcome table to each family and in turn numbers will be drawn for gifts. There will also be door prizes.

DON't forget to bring your own table service.

WEAR A GARNET -- DARN it! This is the birthstone of the month --

Let's see how many can wear the stone of the month all through the year. Or at least have one on us for others to admire.



MIDWEST LETTER - January, 1966

American Scholarship Foundation -- According to the last report sent me only 9 of our 169 Midwest Federation Clubs are 100 percenters. (That is 9 of our clubs have sent in at least \$1.00 for each member of their club, either in cash or Betty Crocker coupons.).

The 100% clubs are as follows:

Blue Water Lapidary Society (Michigan)  
Chariton River Pebble Pickers (Iowa)  
Des Moines Lapidary Society (Ia. over 400%)  
East Ohio Lapidary Club (Ohio)  
Minnesota Mineral Club (Minnesota) 360 members  
Peru YMCA Rock and Mineral Club (Ind.)  
Rock Exchange Club of Michigan  
Tri-County Rocks and Mineral (Michigan)  
Waterford Gem and Mineral Society (Mich.)

Four clubs are from Michigan, two from Iowa, and one each from Indiana, Minnesota and Ohio. Which state will be the first to have all their clubs 100%?

Mr. deNeui, Scholarship Treasurer, has written me that many of our Midwest Clubs have appointed Scholarship Chairmen and that these people send him their clubs contribution of cash and coupons after each meeting. We are hoping that many of these groups will soon attain their goal of 100%.

How do we compare with the other Regional Federations?

Rocky Mtn.	23	California	10
Texas	15	Midwest	9
N. West	11	Eastern	6

Now that the holidays are over, let's all get down to serious work and do everything possible to help our own club become a 100 percenter. A club auction is fun for all and is one good way to earn money to help the Scholarship Fund grow. In the meantime have your Scholarship Chairman, or your Secretary or Treasurer or someone send your clubs cash gifts and Betty Crocker coupons to W. H. deNeui, Scholarship Treasurer, 6600 Cornelia Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55424.

Watch the Newsletters for the names of more 100 percenters of the Midwest.

Thanks to all of you for your help on this very worthwhile project.

Katherine Steinbrenner, MWF President.

1966 Field Trip Conclave -- June 16-19 - Houghton, Michigan.  
There will be a Council meeting on Saturday, June 18th.

SERVICE -- Performance of labor for the benefit of another.

A Webster Definition.

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WEDDING BELLS HAVE BEEN RINGING

Linda Swagart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swagart was married December 18th to Porter Redman at the First Methodist Church at St. Johns.

Rod T. Gasche, sone of Fred and Ethel Gasche was married December 31st to Nancy Fought, Rockwood, Michigan in the First Baptist church at Lincoln Park.

Best Wishes and a long, happy life for these young people.

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WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB:

Mary Jo Finfrock, 290 Shoemith, Haslett

Wayne R. and Marian Henderson, 2186 Auburn, Holt

Max Leatherman, 1826 Miller Road, Lansing.

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We received a card from the Malkin's while they were on their trip to the Southwest over the recent Holiday season. They appeared to be having a very good time.

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The Clarence Kirkby's are leaving shortly after the first of February for a visit with their grandson (of course, the baby's mother and dad also) in Florida and then on to Texas. They will be gone about five weeks. Lucky people!!

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Money saved for a rainy day dissolves  
faster than it used to.

DUES ARE DUE -- DUES ARE DUE

What do you say when you drop a rock on your foot?

What about 'GARNET'?

From the Rockfinder, official publication  
of the Michiana Rock & Gem Club.

"Birth stones If"

by Roy W. Uhl

If your birth was in January, you are well fit  
To decorate your person with a precious Garnet.  
If it was in February that you began to exist,  
You should grace your dress with an Amethyst.  
If in March, into this world you were shown,  
It will be quite proper to wear a Bloodstone.  
If in April, you first breathed this worldly air,  
It is a sparkling Diamond you are entitled to wear.  
If in May the light of day you first beheld,  
Your birthstone could well be an Emerald.  
If in June you began this dizzy whirl,  
Wear in tie-pin or ring a lustrous Pearl.  
If in July you first sat on your daddy's knee,  
You would surely look fine with a Ruby.  
If in August you put in your first kicks,  
It will be swell to wear a Sardonyx.  
If in September your voice you did first acquire,  
You may very well sport a glistening Sapphire.  
If in October you began to abide in this locale,  
It is only fair to pair off with an Opal.  
If you were born in November, full of pep and jazz,  
You can strut and prance with a classy Topaz.  
If in December you first began to make a noise,  
A wonderful silencer would be a pendant or pin  
of Turquoise.

From the "Puddin" Stone News,  
Clare Rock & Mineral Club.

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#### Michigan is Big Copper Producer

Copper mining long has been one of Michigan's most important industries. One section of the Upper Peninsula is known as the "Copper Country", including Houghton and Keweenaw Counties, where the production of this metal was first done on a large scale in the United States. The State's largest and newest copper mining operation is the White Pine Mine in Ontonagon County. The opening of this mine in 1955 added more than 50 percent to copper production in Michigan and is said to be the largest known copper reserve in America.

A Michigan Ambassador.



This untitled poem is from the Evansville Newsletter and has been taken from other publications in turn i.e., The Tumbler, The Template and S.S.E.S.C. Bulletin. I think it is very appropriate for our paper also.

You pay your dues and what do you get?  
 A year filled with friends and fun -- you bet!!  
 You learn about Rocks and Minerals too.  
 There's oodles and oodles of things to do.

There's field trips and shows  
 and programs galore.  
 Now what do you mean . . .  
 Can't we offer you more?  
 Sure, there's scads of newsletters for you to read  
 To keep your old noggin from going to seed.

There's auctions and door prizes, raffles, too.  
 If you're lucky enough you can win a lot of loot,  
 You don't have to remember --  
 You're reminded to meet  
 By the cards and the Bulletins  
 which we hope are a treat.

There are displays at each  
 meeting for you to see --  
 And hot coffee and doughnuts  
 for big eaters like me.  
 You can visit with friends to  
 your hear's content --  
 So DO pay your Dues . . .  
 It's money WELL SPENT.

Did I hear you say work?  
 Yeah, there's always that, too.  
 But it can be fun if you work  
 with the crew. (Cases to build) -- or whatever  
 Just do your share . . don't  
 leave it to others.  
 We'd all shirk the work if  
 we had our druthers.

So plunk down your money and  
 smile when you do,  
 Cause there's lots of pleasure  
 in store for you.  
 Can't think of a way you get  
 more for your dough  
 Than by joining a ROCK CLUB  
 with "git up and go."

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Finally too, that TV snack stand in the corner will give way to the material for my husband who takes over the duties of the President. Heaven help me -- some day we can just sit back and let the others take over. Our officers have said never say "No".

They do have a different mimeograph machine to work with. The Okemos Community church donated an A.B. Dick mimeograph for the Club's use and it has been repaired and ready to be used.

Nel Langham.

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## From the Rockfinder

Brush on a coat of sodium silicate (water glass, also used as an egg preserver) to belt or disc. Before it dries sprinkle on as much silicon carbide grits (220) as the liquid can hold. It is dry and ready to use in an hour.

From Gems.

SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET

January 20, 1966

C. W. Otto Jr. High School cafeteria

6:30 p.m.

Bring food, your dishes and gift-wrapped stone.

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