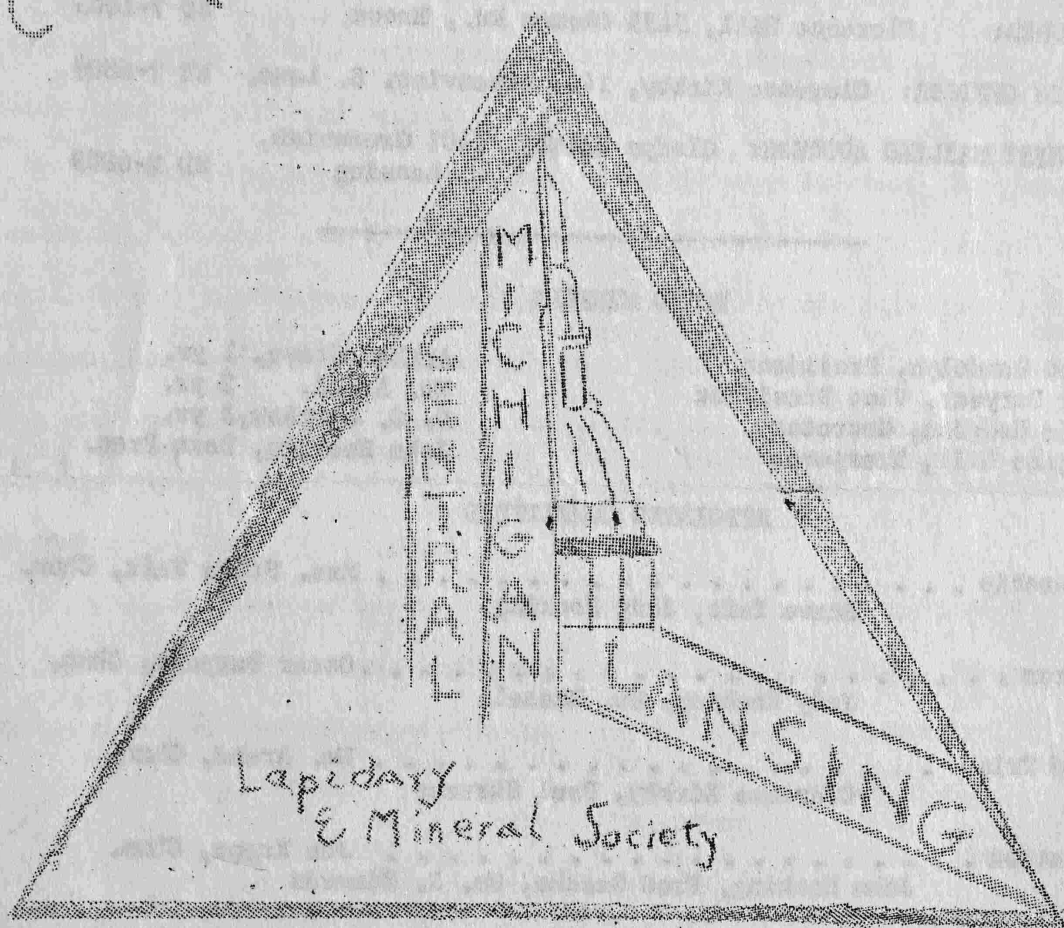


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AFFILIATED WITH MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL
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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGIST SOCIETIES

Meeting Place: Walter French Jr. High School Cafeteria each
Third Thursday night - 7:30 p.m. monthly except
July and August.

Dues: \$2.00 for adults; \$1.00 per year for students
(under 18 years of age).

OFFICERS FOR 1965

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BOARD MEMBERS

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Florence Hill, Treasurer	John Hocking, Past Pres.

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 & Frances Foley
Welcome	John D. Wilcox, Chmn. Grace Wilcox, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Conklin
Workshop	Francis Hyde, Chmn
Publications	Nel Langham O. G. (Doc) Langham, Ethel Rathke

For those of you who did not see all of the donated material all in one area, you may be surprised to know we must have had over two hundred (200) pounds of rocks! Much of it was excellent quality and equal to the best that many of us have in our own private collections. It will give these men many happy hours of work and occupational therapy.

Mr. Ralston was so impressed with us that he wants to become one of us, so he has submitted an application to join our Rock Club. Doesn't it really make you feel proud of all you have done? Again, thanks a lot!

It tells you all about the Silver Jubilee Convention and Show at Evansville,
Indiana.

(a) Names of the officers and addresses
(b) Meeting places and times of meetings
(c) Individual members and address.

List of Executive Committees of M.W.F.

Get your copy at the May meeting for only 50¢ (See Bettie Hodgson).

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LETTER FROM VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, Battle Creek, Dated April 26.

Mrs. Bettie Hodgson, Sec'y.
Central Michigan
Lapidary & Mineral Society
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Hodgson:

We are deeply grateful for the invitation that the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society extended to a bus load of our patients last Thursday, April 22nd.

In order to appreciate the feelings of our veterans regarding this visit, you would have had to been able to listen to their animated conversations with each other on the way home.

New and unheard of gemstones to them were discussed. Techniques and methods of polishing, and things relative to their hobby shop experiences, began to become more interesting and realistic. The wonderful way they were received by your club members, and the personal gifts of polished and unpolished stones made the trip one that they will never forget.

They are still sorting, handling and marveling over the variety of rocks that were sent home with them by your members, and it was a mountain peak experience for all of them.

To their thanks we, the staff members, add our warmest appreciation for a job done with understanding and great kindness.

FOR THE HOSPITAL DIRECTOR:

(Signed) R. A. Barricklow,
Director, Voluntary Service.

P.S. From the Club Board -- It was thought this was such a nice letter that all of our Club members would be interested in reading it. The Editor

A FEW Personals:

We have a new Grandpa and Grandma in our Club - Clarence and Gladys Kirkby has a new grandson -- Steven Thomas born April 10th to Larry and Sue who now live in West Palm Beach, Florida. The grandparents are leaving Michigan May 23 to visit the family in Florida.

John and Judy Hocking's daughter is leaving her nest too. Our Past President's daughter, Meg, is being married May 29 at All Saints Episcopal church in East Lansing at 2:00 p.m. to Jim Thrall of Ann Arbor.

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MIDWEST FEDERATION'S LETTER-A-MONTH.

EDUCATION: by Roy Clifton

The week of February 21-27 is one that will long be remembered by the residents of the midwestern part of the United States, and to we Hoosiers in particular, it will be remembered as the week of the worst blizzard of this century. Confinement caused by 15 inches of snow on the level with 6 foot drifts caused by 50 mile per hour winds gives lots of time for a rockhound to cut rocks, label specimens, read that he might increase his knowledge, or just think.

Not being inclined to cut rocks or to label specimens (either fossils or minerals), I decided to do some reading and thinking and I remembered some very pertinent articles that I had read in the past. The first of these was a report that my predecessor, Mr. Joe Bloom, gave which is dated Oct. 7, 1961. The second item that I selected to reread was an article entitled "The Future of Our Hobby" by June Culp Zeitner, which was published in the February, 1962 issue of Earth Science. Again I turned to our official publication of Earth Science for the final inspirational article "The Role of Rock and Mineral Clubs in Geologic Education" by William H. Matthews III, Professor of Geology at Lamar State College of Technology, Beaumont, Texas. Unfortunately, many of our new clubs have never had the opportunity to read Mr. Bloom's report and I hope that it will be possible to make some of it available both herein and at a later date; however, the article by Mrs. Zeitner and the one by Dr. Matthews are both available and certainly should be reread.

As it is difficult to know, unless information is made available, I have asked for the past two years that your Education Chairman be placed on your mailing list for club bulletins.

These bulletins are usually the best source of information as to club activities regardless of nature, and from them it is possible to learn of the progress being made as we learn and share with others our knowledge.

I deeply appreciate the fact that many clubs do send their bulletins to the Education Chairman but I am deeply perturbed that many clubs do not list an Education Committee as Part of their appointed committees. To indicate this tendency, I would like to repeat a part of the summary of the replies received by Joe Bloom to his questionnaire which he sent to all clubs in 1961:

Self Evaluation Sheet Results:

Club Bulletin	Yes 47
Field Trips	Yes 63
Cooperate with local library	Yes 41
Have annual local exhibits	Yes 55
Furnish speakers, etc.	Yes 46
Member exhibits at club meetings	Yes 67
Cooperate with schools	Yes 53
Have Educ. Chairman?	<u>Yes 15</u>

MIDWEST FEDERATION LETTER CONTINUED:

No one denies that all of the above listed activities are educational in nature as are many other activities reported on but not listed herein but it seems that they could be expanded to greater proportions is much of the planning and carrying out had been entrusted to a committee, charged with that primary responsibility. It isn't an easy job, no one knows that better than I, but, there aren't very many worthwhile jobs that are easy. Mr. Bloom makes an important observation when he states, "As I predicted, clubs with an educational chairman placed high on the evaluation sheet . . ."

(Signed) Roy Clifton

Education Chairman MWF

3100 Terrace Dr., Kokomo, Indiana.

We are coming into the Silver Anniversary year of the founding of our Federation. Great plans are being made for the celebration of this Anniversary year at our Federation show in Evansville, Indiana. They are working hard to see that as many people are made aware of this event as possible. Now is the time for your education committee to make available to the public at large as much information as possible concerning the aims and purposes of the Midwest Federation in order that they might be encouraged to visit our local shows as well as our Federation Show. REMEMBER JULY 29, 30, 31 and AUGUST 1, 1965 at EVANSVILLE, INDIANA.

COMING - May 20th meeting:

At Abrams Planetarium on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing. There will be no fee and parking lot will be open that evening without charge. Mr. Chamberlain, an astronomer at M.S.U. will give a lecture on Meteorites. Our regular meeting will be held here in the Auditorium. There will be a display of meteorites, as well as an earth globe.

To reach the Planetarium: -- From Michigan Avenue and Harrison Roads, turn south to the second traffic light which is just south of the State Police post, this is Shaw Lane, go east on Shaw (keep to the right at the divided area after crossing the railroad tracks) cross Farm lane to the first road turning to left after crossing Farm Lane. The parking area is directly across from the Planetarium. Shaw Lane also may be reached off Hagadorn Road just south of the bridge. If you enter campus from Hagadorn road, the Planetarium is just to the west of the new Parking Ramp. From Mt. Hope Road, take Farm Lane to the first traffic light and turn right on Shaw. Turn right to first road turning left (Science Rd.) The Planetarium is on the east side and the parking area directly across.

PLEASE: The Membership committee needs more pieces of rocks and minerals for the gift bags which is given to the new members.
Won't you please help out?????????????????

May 23, 1:30 p.m.

Place: Glen, Michigan.

The May field trip will be along the Lake Michigan shoreline at Glen, Michigan. We will be looking for septarians. These are concretions filled with calcite that weather out of the clay banks. There are some fossils in this area. Specimens of the Septarians will be on display at the May meeting.

Directions: Take I-96 to Grand Rapids, M-11 to Holland and Old US-131 - Blue Star Highway south to Glen which is about 10 miles south of Saugatuck. Turn west at Standard Oil Station in Glen on gravel road which deadends at Lake Michigan. Walk to beach. There is a small stream and the beach is a good spot for a picnic.

Field trip to: Cheney Limestone Quarry, Bellevue, Michigan.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Date: June 6.

We are again scheduling a trip to the very popular quarry at Bellevue. Specimens of calcite, pyrite, marcasite, and colony coral are available here. Because of the late spring and late start on blasting at the quarry, collecting should be exceptionally good this time.

Directions: Take M-78 through Charlotte to Bellevue. Quarry is on the north side of the M-78 just beyond the west city limits of Bellevue.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Zelma Taft and Laura Kreps at High St. School have chosen, "The Rocks and Minerals of Michigan" as their subjects of study for Michigan Week. They together with Ford Ceasar and Berta McFarland will set up a rock exhibit for their Michigan Week P.T.A. meeting.

Both Joe and Laura Kreps have displays of Michigan Rocks and Minerals in display cases in their respective schools -- C.W. Otto Jr. High School and High Street grade school. They have also loaned displays of Michigan rocks and minerals to the Cumberland and Horsebrook schools for display during the month of May.

Doc Langham is still working with the scouts (boys and girls) of Mason. He cut approximately 36 petoskey stones into flat-shaped triangles for the girls to polish as well as they can and then he will help finish them up. These will be taken to the Girl Scout Jamboree and exchanged with scouts from other areas.

COME ALL ROCKHOUNDS!

WHERE? To the Capitol - main floor lobby.

WHY? To see the displays of 18 cases of Michigan stones plus the BIG case which has been changed.

TIME: Michigan Week, May 16 to 22. It will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 at night.

Oh, come on, turn off the T.V. and load the children in the car and come and see what our Great State of Michigan has to offer you in the way of stones and a great hobby for the whole family. Members displaying are Clarence and Gladys Kirkby, the Fishers, the Eckhardts, Frank and Ila Rickerds, Malkins, Kreps, Langhams, Wilcox's, Gashes, Bakers, Florence Hill, Mrs. Ethel Rathke, the North's and Rich and Lila Stevens.

TO ALL ROCKHOUNDS --- COME

WANTED: Carvings for November display capitol case. Petoskey stones,

gypsum -- what do you have that we may use?

Our Club has received a communication from a High School in Johannesburg, South Africa requesting material. They would prefer agates or agatized wood. If we can get enough together, we plan to send 5 pounds. If you have some you would like to furnish, please bring it to the next meeting. Thank you.

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DID YOU KNOW: Of all the Clubs in the Midwest Federation there are only 4 groups with more members than ours.

Please add the following names to your directory:

Miss Jeanetta Sloan #39 Charter Member

444 Division St.

East Lansing, Mich.

ED 2-6328

John W. Ralston

31 Acacia W.

Battle Creek, Mich.

49015.

Beatrice Cook

R. 1

St. Johns, Mich. 48879

224-2211

Bernard C. and Mary J. Jenkins

8039 W. Saginaw Highway

Lansing, Michigan

Wendell R. Ferry

1162 Chemung Dr., R. #1

Howell, Mich. 48843

Wayne Cook

R. #1

St. Johns, Mich. 48879

224-2211

More New Members:

Pamela Sue Karlake

R. #4, Box 156

Mason, Mich.

ED 7-1260

Arthur McFarland

3072 Westwood

Lansing, Mich.

IV 5-1648

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Lawrence Trip and wife

R. #1

Mason, Michigan

Miss Louise Reese has moved to Bowling Green, Ohio and is continuing her membership with our Club. Please change her address to: 606 Conneaut Drive, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Milton Peterson's telephone number should be changed to 484-3069.

New Guide to Birthstones:

Laundress

Surveyors

Architects

Homebodies

Surgeons

Masons

Taxi Drivers

Grouches

Borrowers

Pedestrians

Urologists

Soapstone

Boundarystone

Cornerstone

Hearthstone

Bloodstone

Sandstone

Milestone

Bluestone

Touchstone

Pavingstone

Kidneystone

Stock brokers

Jaywalkers

Printers

Sailors

Burglars

Drunkards

Manicurists

Flirts

Tourists

Beauties

Curbstone

Headstone

Imposing Stone

Holystone

Keystone

Lodestone

Pumicestone

Jadestone

Yellowstone

Peachstone

FOR MOST OF US

GRINDSTONE

Modern Maturity, April-May, 1965

Sent in by Mrs. Mildred Wilson,
Highland, Michigan.

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COMING:

May 20th - Regular monthly meeting at Abrams Planetarium on M.S.U.
Campus.

May 23 - Field trip to Glen, Michigan for septarians, horn coral, etc.

May 16 - 22 - Michigan Week - See the displays in the lobby of the
State Capitol.

June 6 - Field Trip to Bellevue Quarry.

Aug. 12,13,14,15 - 2nd Annual Rockhound Jem-Boree at Bancroft, Ontario,
Canada.

July 29, 30, 41, August 1 - Midwest Federation Convention Gem & Mineral
Show at Evansville, Indiana.

PETOSKEY STONES: The Mineral Clubs of Michigan are attempting to have the Petoskey Stone made the Michigan Stone. The State has the State flower, and many other designated items to represent the State. Let's write our representatives from the districts and help put this across.

Petoskey stones are composed of calcium carbonate, common in the Traverse formations. These are very interesting because of the formations in the stone and the ease with which they can be cut and polished. There are many shades of grays and browns. These are more common in the Northern part of the Lower Peninsula, although some have been found in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

AND THERE IS MORE & MORE & MORE -- Michigan's wealth of natural resources was one of the deciding factors in building the Dundee Cement Plant near the little town of Dundee, Michigan. Limestone and clay -- the principal components of cement -- are here in great abundance. From their quarry, about 100 feet below the surface, limestone can be taken at the rate of 5,000 tons per day and clay at the rate of 2,500 tons per day. This amounts to 14,000,000 pounds daily, yet barely a perceptible dent is made in an almost inexhaustible supply.

Year Round -- Water Wonderland

Please send Exchange Bulletins to:
Mrs. Nel Langham
410 S. Park St.
Mason, Michigan
48854



Third Class

Richard Stevens
5889 W. State Rd.
Lansing, Mich.