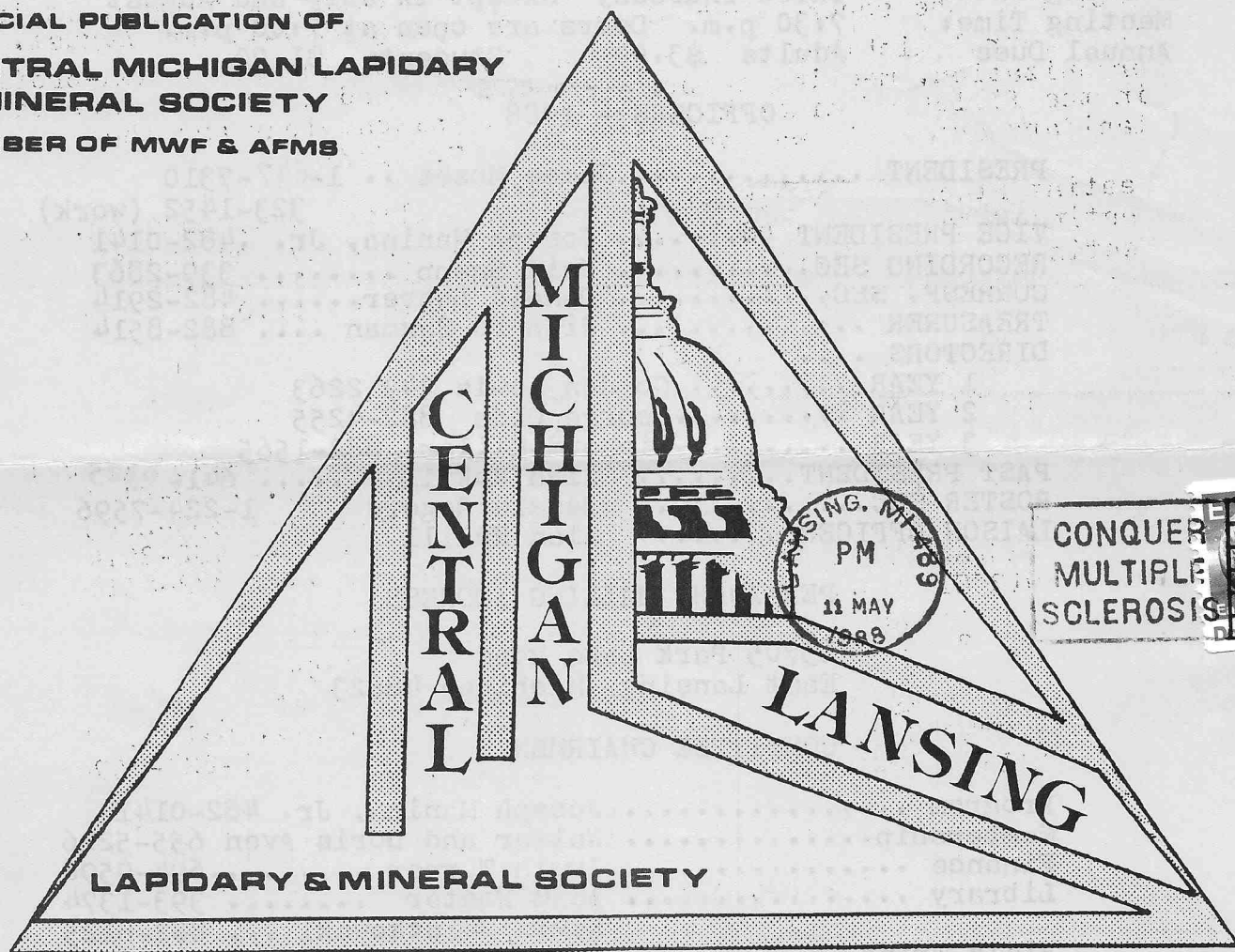


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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Summer is almost upon us, and the days are getting warmer all the time. Many of our members are making plans for their summer field trips and vacations. Take pictures and bring them to the meetings in the fall--many of us would like to see where you have been. Also, if you are collecting, don't forget the children's table for the show in October.

Our annual banquet is coming up on May 19th. See the events calendar for time and place. Mrs. Arline Buehler will speak to us about the fossil history of Michigan in a talk entitled "Our Fossil Heritage". I hope you can all be there for the banquet.

I have discussed a possible project for us to do in the newsletter. The people I have talked to seem interested in such a project. If we have good response, there will be a column in the newsletter called "The Swap Corner". This will be a listing of things that people are looking for or wishing to sell, such as a certain type of mineral. We will include what is wanted with the name and phone number or address. Anyone with a particular item, who wishes to sell or trade it, can contact the person wanting it, and a deal might be made. Let me know if this appeals to you, or send me your needs--you can give them to me at a meeting or you can send them through the mail. They will be placed in the newsletter as space permits.

The June Board meeting will be at the Capitol Federal Bank branch office in Okemos on June 2nd, as usual.

Remember that the May meeting is the banquet, so we will not be meeting at North School.

There will be a small silent auction for the Midwest Endowment Fund at the regular meeting in June -- the 16th.

Jim Moses

BOARD MEETING - May 5

Corresponding Secretary--Don Lohrer

I'm happy to report that everyone seems to be staying hale and hearty these days. There's nothing like a few warm days with lots of sunshine to really boost our morale. Take care and don't over do the yard work. We want to see you all at the banquet.

Membership - Walter and Doris Aven

The Board approved the application for membership of Mrs. Carmen Crockett, 4066 River Ridge, Lansing, phone 321-5311 and Mr. Charles Maran, 1604 Springfield Lane, Lansing 48912 phone 485-9660. Welcome to the club.

Field trips- George Heaton, Jr.

The field trip in April to Hungry Hollow near Arkona, Ontario attracted about 11 of our members. The weather was near perfect; being sunny but not too hot. Collecting was good with some of the interesting finds being blastoids found by Jim Moses and Jean Ann Pictrowski, and some small enrolled trilobites found by Jim Moses and his wife. Vickie Jacobs and others found some very small but beautiful pyritized brachiopods, gastropods and other tiny fossils. George Heaton found horn corals.

There will probably be two field trips in May.

May 21st Field Trip - Bay Port, Michigan.

On Saturday, May 21st there will be a field trip to the Wallace Stone Co. Quarry near Bay Port, Michigan. We will meet at the quarry office and enter the quarry at 10:00 A.M. The distance from Lansing to Bay Port is approximately 150 miles. From Lansing take Rt. 69 East to I-75 at Flint.. Go North on I-75 to Rt. 25 at Bay City. Take Rt. 25 East and North to Rt. 142 just south of Bay Port.. Turn right (East) on Rt. 142 and go about 2 miles to Risky Rd. and turn left on Risky Rd. Go north on Risky Rd. about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. You will come to a RR track and will soon have to turn right on another road which will take you to the Quarry office. Material to be found here includes brown and iridescent calcite, pyrite, millerite, and fossils. Equipment needed includes the usual assortment of tools and safety dress. Chisels in assorted sizes from large to small, crack hammer, sledge hammer, hard hat, hard-toed boots and safety glasses or goggles.

May 29th Field Trip - Bowmanville, Ontario

On Sunday, May 29th there will be a field trip to the St. Mary's Cement Co. Quarry at Bowmanville, Ontario. This quarry is famous for its Ordovician fossils, especially trilobites. This is the Memorial Day week end which will allow most of us to travel there on Saturday, visit the quarry on Sunday, and return home on Monday.

Bowmanville is about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour drive beyond Toronto on Rt. 401 so allow about 7 hours driving time from Lansing. We expect some members of the Scarborough, Ontario club to join us on this excursion. Some of them are very familiar with collecting in this quarry, and will be a great help in showing us how and where to find the fossils.

To get to the quarry take Rt. 401 eastbound past Toronto about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Exit at Waverly Rd. at Bowmanville.. Go south on Waverly, over RR tracks and turn right at the quarry. We will meet at the gate near the central office at 9:00 A.M.

I hope to have maps and other information available at the May Meeting. Camping facilities may be available at the Darlington Provincial Park about 15 miles west of Bowmanville. Equipment needed should include the usual assortment of chisels, crack hammers, and possibly a sledge hammer and definitely safety dress such as hard hat, hard toed boots and safety glasses or goggles.

Field Trips cont.

These June events will be taking place before the June meeting therefore I am inserting them in the May newsletter.

Club Picnic - June 5th

There is to be a club pot-luck picnic at Bill and Bessie Roger's house on Sunday, June 5th. The time is 1:30 to give Church goers time to get to the picnic following Church service. The picnic spot is in the park across the road from the Roger's house on Marshall Road. There are electric outlets in the park which can be used for electric fry pans, radios etc. Bring food for yourselves and enough to share with others. Also bring your eating equipment. There will be a small silent auction so bring your goodies.

Field Trip - Bedford, Indiana - June 10th-12th.

The June field trip will include the Bedford, Indiana Rock Swap and geode collecting at the road cut at Harrodsburg, Indiana Exit on Rt. 37. The Rock Swap is at the 4-H Fairgrounds on Rt. US 50 about 7/10 mile west of Rt. 37 near Bedford. This is a very large and interesting swap which attracts swappers from all the surrounding states. Camping is allowed on the Fairgrounds and several motels are located in Bedford. I plan to arrive in Bedford at noon on Saturday since I have an Entomological Soc. meeting on Friday. The geodes from Harrodsburg are beautiful and may contain several minerals including quartz, calcite, dolomite, millerite, barite, pyrite and sphalerite. To get to Bedford, go south on I-69 to Indianapolis, then I-465 south to Rt. 37. Go south on Rt. 37 to Bedford.

Treasurer's Report May 5, 1988 - Richard Saxman

Balance on hand 3/31/1988	Checking acct.	922.87	922.87
Receipts			
Interest		154.41	
Show 1988		200.00	
Misc.-Check written off		12.03	366.44
Disbursements			
MSU Scholarship		750.00	
Rent		30.00	
Publications		62.03	
Membership		5.00	
Corresponding Secretary		6.03	853.06
Balance on hand 4/30/1988			481.84
(includes \$200.00 transferred from savings to checking)			

Friends of Marian Henderson will want to put this new address in their directories

625 West McKellips

Lot # 56

Mesa, AZ 85201

Marian Henderson has sold her house at Safford, Arizona and is moving to the mobile home park at Mesa where her daughter and son-in-law now live. She enjoys getting the newsletter, and having friends stop and see her when they are in the Southwest. She sends greetings to all.

Education - F. Hill

Thank you, Ernie Oliver, for your talk on staurolite and rubies, and the display you brought. Thank you, Martin Sotala, for bringing the Adventist rock study materials and setting them up to show us. They were packed up and brought down from the Adventist Nature Center at their camp near Grayling especially for us. I would like the club to have a similar kit of teaching specimens. If you would like to work with me on putting such a kit together, let me know.

Banquet

The banquet committee in charge of finding a location for our annual dinner was made up of Mary Crosby, Florence Hill, Marie Lewis and Bettie Patterson. We contacted all banquet services listed in the yellow pages (except those we knew were very expensive) and some others we knew about. Date, price and space were problems. The best offer was the one we recommended. The woman who will be in charge is one of the Okemos Eastern Stars, so we know the food will be tasty. The menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, homemade rolls, layered dessert and beverages, served buffet style. The tickets are priced at \$5 for adults, \$3 for student members and children of members. The club will pay the balance as they did last year, which will be \$7 per person total price.

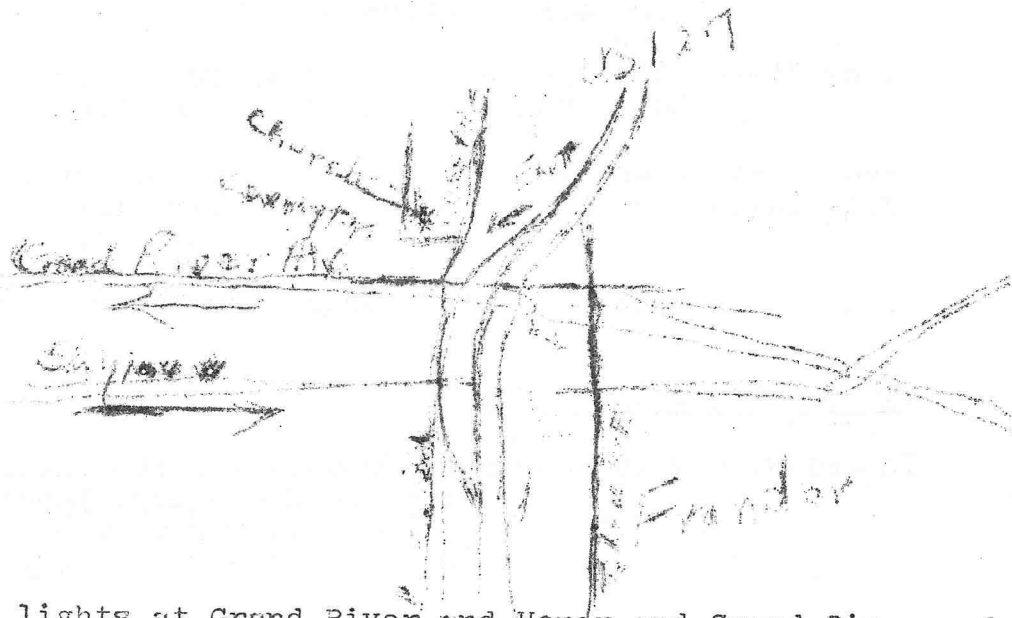
The location is the First Christian Church, which is at Chester and Covington, Lansing.. See the map. There will be a social hour, with punch, at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

Order your tickets from Marie Lewis, 2046 Sandhill Road, Mason, MI 48854. Send payment with your order. There is no tax. Order by May 13th. No tickets will be available at the door.

Remember - One of the most difficult mountains for people to climb is the one they make out of a molehill.

via Bay Nodule and Pegmatite

Location of First Christian Church, Chester and Covington, Lansing



There are lights at Grand River and Homer and Grand River and Howard.

Chester is a short block west of Homer.

Children's Table

Keep collecting, and bringing in those extra rocks for the children's table. Bring specimens to George Heaton. Bring egg cartons and small samples to Florence Hill. Remember to collect pretty pebbles for our Pebble Pond as you visit the beaches or go for walks. Ask Mac McMahon if the children like them! Happy children at the School Tours carry the message of a worthwhile show to their families.

LLBRARY - Adam Foster and Kevin Swiatkowski

Kevin and I have done this monthly report once in March but never got around to it in April but these spring showers sprinkled some blooming books of opal our way. The first of these three books is The Book of Opals by Wilfred Charles Eyles. The second book is Australian Opals in Colour by N.R. Perry. Our third book is called The Opal Book by Frank Leachman. They go into great detail and I think that they are all very informative on the whereabouts of opal and how to find it. I really think these books are worth reading but don't take my word for it - check it out. Don't be scared, just do it and find out how much fun these books ~~are~~ are to read and to look at.

Places to go

- May 20-22 Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society of Dearborn Show, Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan and Greenfield, Dearborn, Michigan
- June 25-26 Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society Seminar, Delta College, Bay City, Michigan
- June 10-12 Lawrence County Rock Club, Bedford, Indiana, Swap
July 14-17 MWF Convention-Show, Western Illinois University
Macomb, Illinois
- Aug. 11-14 AFMS Convention-Show, Shreveport, Louisiana

Club Calendar of Events

- Thursday, May 19 Annual Banquet - First Christian Church
Chester and Covington, Lansing - Social
Hour 5:30 - Dinner 6:30 - Speaker, Mrs.
Arline Buehler - Topic, Our Fossil Heritage
- Saturday May 21 Field Trip to Wallace Stone Quarry, Bay Port,
Michigan - Meet there at 10:00 AM
- Sunday, May 29 Field Trip to St. Mary's Cement Co. Quarry,
Bowmansville, Ontario - Meet there at 9:00 AM
- Thursday, June 2 Regular Board Meeting - 7:30 PM - Capitol
Federal Bank, Okemos
- Sunday, June 5 Pot-luck Picnic at Bill and Bessie Roger's
Park at 1:30
- Friday, June 10 Field Trip to Bedford, Indiana - Rock Swap
and geode collecting
- Thursday, June 16 Regular Meeting - North School 7:30 PM