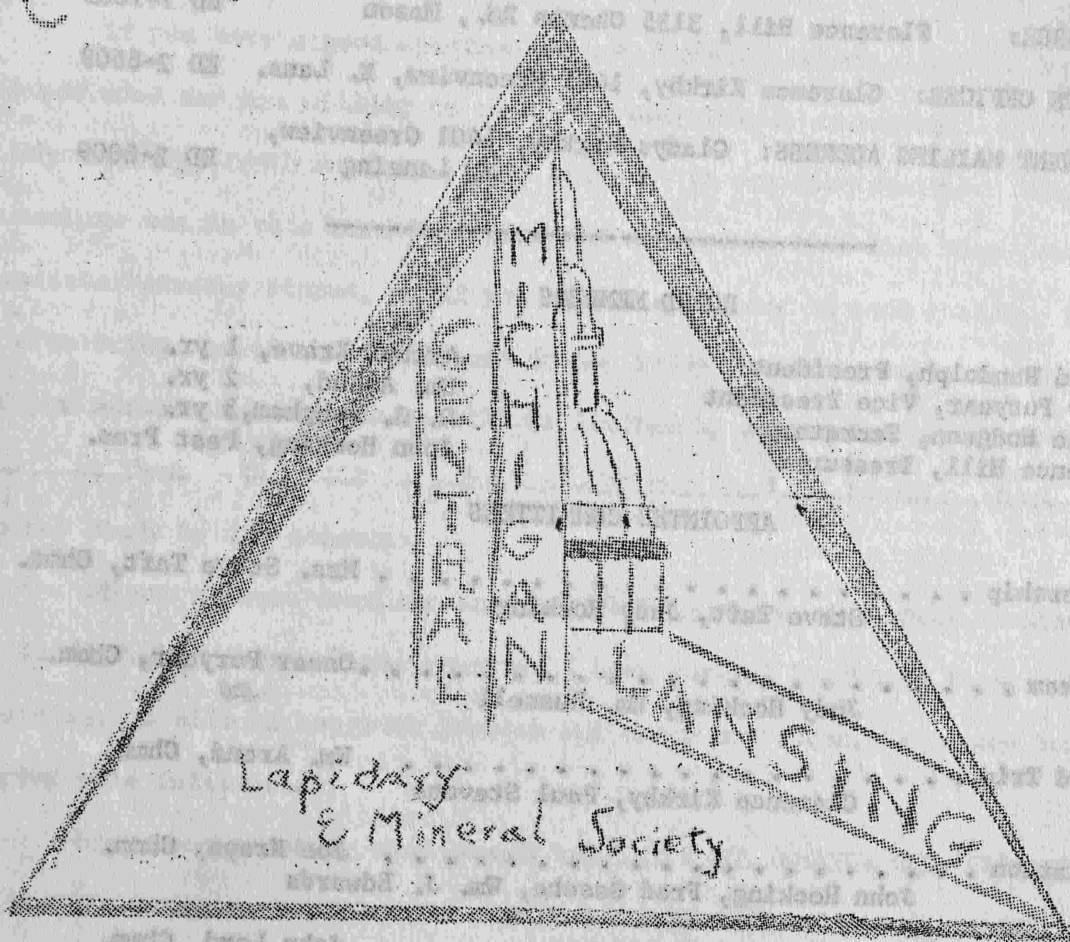


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AFFILIATED WITH MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL
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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGIST SOCIETIES

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).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Rockhounds:

It was called to my attention (by my wife) at the close of the May meeting that I forgot to thank our program chairman, Mr. Puryear and our speaker Mr. Gillis, for the wonderful program given us at Abran's Planetarium at Michigan State University. The program was very interesting and educational and thanks again. LOVE those SO SOFT reclining seats.

If you have a good specimen of Lake Superior agate, agatized or opalized wood and are willing to part with same for an educational institution in Johannesburg, South Africa, please bring it to our June meeting. One of our members was in this area last year and informs us that they also greatly appreciate Petoskey stones, so if you have a spare one of good quality, you may also bring one of these. Please do not bring more than one rock of each kind per member or family as we will be limited by weight for the quantity we mail to them. Our Club is going to mail this package to this school as a gift for study by its students.

If any members want any information about rock club shows, conventions, etc. in different parts of the country, I have several brochures in my possession. I will be happy to furnish any dates and locations to any members desiring this information.

Happy rockhounding this summer and LET'S ALL OBSERVE OUR RULES OF GOOD ROCKHOUNDING AND REMEMBER THE LITTER BUG CAMPAIGN. Don't forget to bring back some specimens for our auction this fall and also a few for our membership bags. See you all in September. Have a fine vacation and lots of success in your hunting.

Howard (Randy) Randolph, President

THE BIG ONE IN 1965 - SILVER JUBILEE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Yes, the BIG ONE in 1965 for all Midwest Federation members will be the 25th Anniversary - Silver Jubilee Gem and Mineral Show hosted by the Evansville Lapidary Society, Inc. of Evansville, Indiana.

The big show will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Sunday, July 29-30-31 and August 1. It will be held in Roberts Municipal Stadium, 2600 Division Street, Evansville, Indiana. Show hours are 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. on July 29-30-31 and from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Sunday, August 1.

Admission will be 75¢ for adults and 35¢ for children 12 years and under. Camping and trailer space will be available.

There will be competitive and noncompetitive exhibits; outstanding special exhibits; continuous programs; dealers from the entire United States; working lapidary demonstrations; swap tables.

Special exhibits include ones from the Smithsonian, Telstar, jade, Lizzadro Museum, a doctor's office of a century ago, \$50,000 opal display, Charles Smart's duck intarsias and many others.

This will be your opportunity to attend a real big show in the Midwest and if at all possible all Midwest members should plan to attend. Evansville, Indiana is a beautiful city and the Evansville Lapidary Society is doing all possible to stage a good show and make your stay in Evansville a delightful one!

A REGISTRATION FEE of \$3.00 will entitle you to a 4-day pass plus program book and identification badge. \$2.00 registration fee will entitle you to a 2-day pass, program book and badge. \$1.00 registration fee will entitle you to a 1-day pass, program book and badge.

AN EDITOR'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, July 31 in the Great Hall, Evansville College. Charge for breakfast is \$1.30.

MIDWEST BANQUET will be held on Saturday evening, July 31 in the Rose Room of Hotel McCurdy starting at 7:00 p.m. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. Limit to 400, cost \$3.50. Speaker will be Dr. Paul DeSautels of Smithsonian Institution.

EXECUTIVE BOARD BREAKFAST - will be held on Friday, July 30 in the Imperial Room of Jackson House. Cost is \$1.40.

THE MIDWEST COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Saturday, July 31, starting at 9:30 a.m. Pompeian Room, Hotel McCurdy.

FIELD TRIPS will be conducted during the show. On Sunday, August 1 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a trip to the Youngstown Fossil Field near Terre Haute.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION on this show can be secured by writing to the show chairman, Mr. James A. Dugan, 6314 Hogue Road, Evansville, Indiana 47712.

Have a wonderful summer our next LAM will be September, 1965.

PROGRAM FOR JUNE 17. SLIDE PROGRAM -- "Rivers of Ice"

In this presentation, both the slides and the script are the work of John and Lil Mihelcic. This, to those who know them, is proof of an outstanding program.

The story tells about the action of ice throughout the past ages and is based on the personal observation of John and Lil. It begins in Nova Scotia, Canada, continues in Michigan, and then turns to Canada's great ice field in Jasper National Park. It reaches a climax as John and Lil view the giant glaciers in Alaska. These slides are an accumulation over a period of twenty years and cover a wide range of beautiful scenery with each slide filling a descriptive niche of the story. You'll find this a very informative presentation and what's more, it has appeal for all.

Mention should be made at this time in regards to specimens for the Club auction. Money from the auction goes to the club treasury, so get your contributions together. This auction in the September program. In October, we will have a "Brag and Swap" session. Get your materials together and your program committee will accept them any time.

Oscar Puryear, Program Chairman

FIELD TRIP -- Annual Picnic and Field Trip -- Date Sunday, June 20,
Time - 12:30 p.m. Place - Fitzgerald Park and Muir-Lyons Gravel Pit.

The annual club picnic will be held at Fitzgerald Park on the west edge of Grand Ledge, Sunday, June 20 at 12:30 p.m.

Picnic tables, grills, water and playground facilities are available at this park. We will eat at 12:30 and leave for the gravel pits at 1:30 in a group.

The gravel pits are located on the north side of M-21 approximately six miles west of Fowler. This is about a half-hour drive from Grand Ledge.

This will be the last organized club activity until September. Let's all turn out and make this picnic a big success as last year.

Bill Arend, Field Trip Chairman.

From the Display Committee:

The Display committee wishes to thank the following members of our Rock Club for making the Michigan Week display a great success. Mr. & Mrs. Alva Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Eckhardt, David and Bonnie Eckhardt, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Kirkby, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kreps, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Langham and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Talkin, Mr. & Mrs. Leon North, Mrs. Ethel Rathke, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rickerd and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox.

EVANSVILLE INDIANA
Welcomes the
MIDWEST FEDERATION CONVENTION
AND
EVANSVILLE LAPIDARY SOCIETY'S

Silver Jubilee
Gem & Mineral Show
JULY 29-30-31 and AUG. 1ST
ROBERTS MUNICIPAL STADIUM
2600 DIVISION STREET
10 A.M.-10 P.M. 29 thru 31 10 A.M. 6 P.M. Aug 1

- ★ **COMPETITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS**
- ★ **OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EXHIBITS**
- ★ **CONTINUOUS PROGRAMS**
- ★ **DEALERS FROM ENTIRE U.S.A.**
- ★ **WORKING LAPIDARY DEMONSTRATIONS**
- ★ **SWAP TABLES**

See These - INTERESTING EXHIBITS

- SMITHSONIAN
- TELSTAR
- JADE
- LIZZADRO MUSEUM
- DR'S OFFICE (a century ago)
- \$50,000 OPAL DISPLAY
- DUCK INTARSIAS - Charles Smart and many others

CAMPING AND TRAILER SPACE AVAILABLE

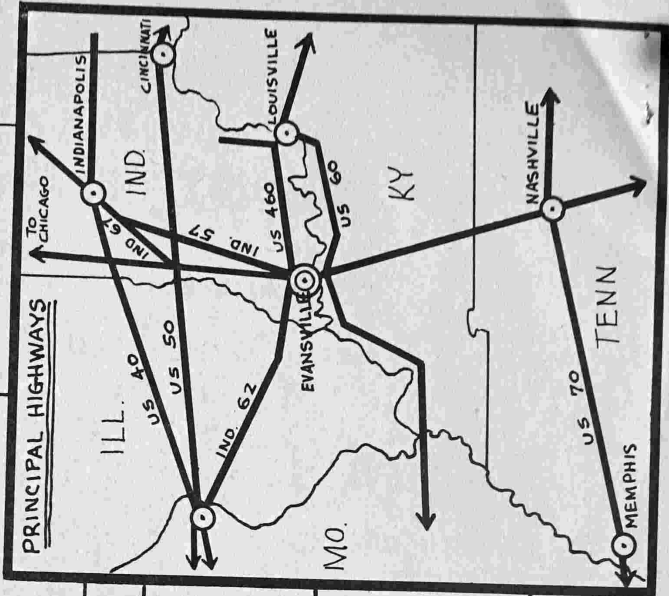
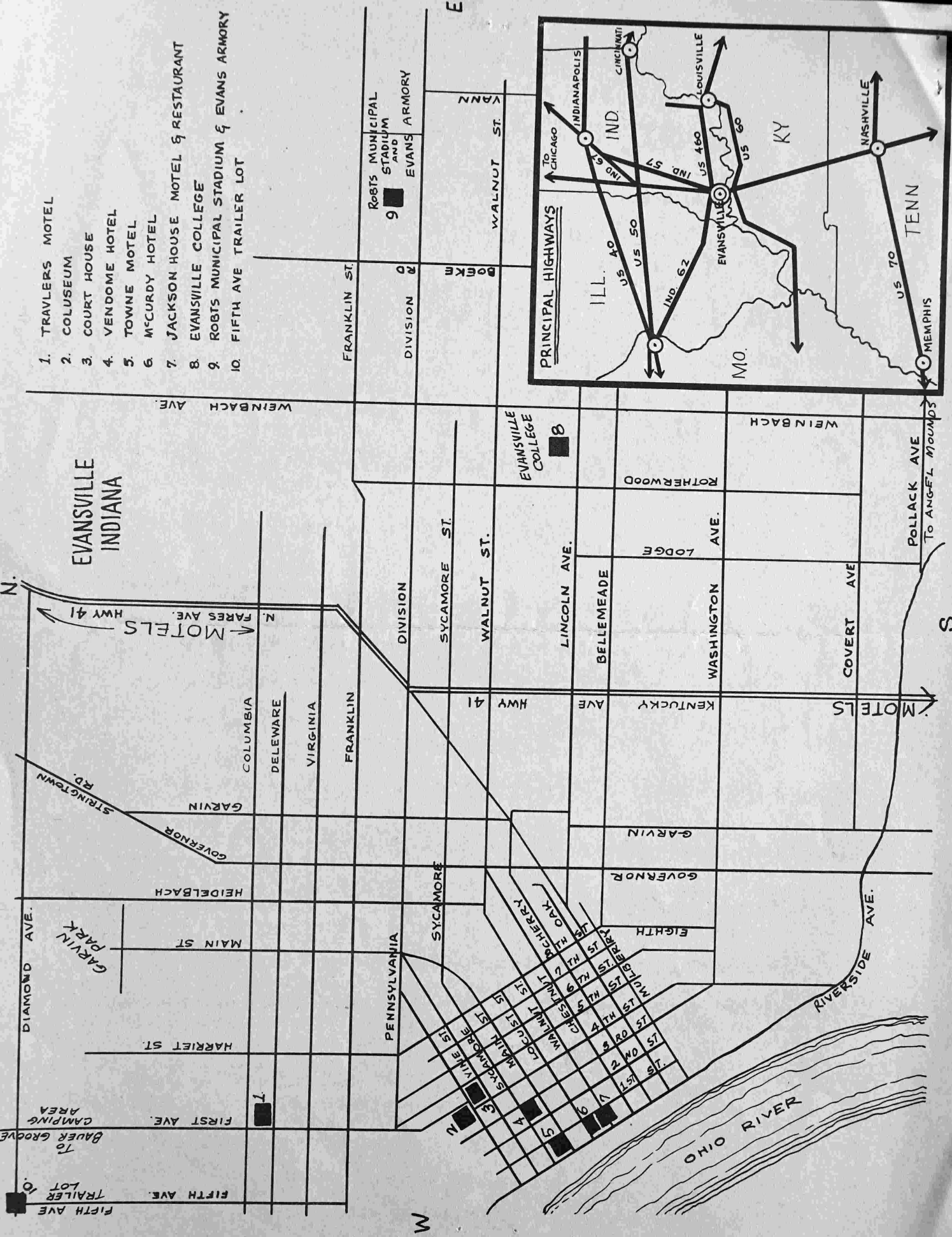
ADMISSION - ADULTS 75¢ CHILDREN 35¢ 12 YEARS AND UNDER

Contact the following for additional information

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| SHOW CHAIRMAN - James A. Dugan 6314 Houge Rd.
Evansville, Indiana. | HOUSING - Virginia Neal 2849 Edgewood Dr.
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Evansville, Indiana | HOSPITALITY - Mrs. Glenn Black Angel Mounds
Newburgh, Indiana |
| HOST SOCIETY - EVANSVILLE LAPIDARY SOCIETY, INC. | |

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2. COLUSEUM
3. COURT HOUSE
4. VENDOME HOTEL
5. TOWNE MOTEL
6. M'CURDY HOTEL
7. JACKSON HOUSE MOTEL & RESTAURANT
8. EVANSVILLE COLLEGE
9. ROBTS MUNICIPAL STADIUM & EVANS ARMORY
10. FIFTH AVE TRAILER LOT

EVANSVILLE INDIANA



SOME DOINGS OF OUR MEMBERS:

The Jim Patterson's will be in Idaho in June digging garnets.

The Reo Hovey's were in Missouri recently hunting for arrowheads and other materials. They stopped at the Hamilton Bay Limestone Quarry in Illinois but found picking rather difficult as there were few geodes available, but they did find the "House of Geodes" near Hamilton, Illinois a good place to purchase geodes at \$6.00/box.

The Krep's are taking off shortly for the west for the summer. They have furnished us with the itinerary of the trip -- thought it was very interesting.

The Krep's will leave with their house trailer as soon as the school doors close for Orlando, Florida where they will spend a week with their son and family. Then, they will take the coastal route westward to Los Angeles to Joe's sister where they hope to get in a rock-hunting trip as they are rock-hounds also. While in Los Angeles, they hope to visit Sam and Ruth Kirkby at their home in Riverside (Sam is Clarence Kirkby's brother). The next stop will be at San Francisco where they will attend a mineral show the last part of July.

Leaving California, they will work up the coast -- may even collect Oregon beach agates. In Portland, Oregon, they will meet their daughter, Joyce, who will have just completed a trip around the world. Temperature permitting, they hope to hunt for some Oregon Thunder Eggs and, of course, they will stop in the Scott Rose Quartz Mine; then on to Custer, South Dakota to call on one of our former club members, Pete Jameson. Then, on to Rapid City, South Dakota to see an old friend who always expects Petoskey stones.

By this time, it will be time to get back on the job in Lansing. ONE BIG HOP. Good Luck - Joe and Laura.

A message from Frank and Frances Swagart:

Over Decoration Day weekend, Doc, Don and I took a little trip around the state and while we were browsing around Beaumont's Rock shop at Kawkawlin and who would we see but the Swagart's from St. Johns. During the visiting, she mentioned about a trip they had taken to Florida and it was so interesting I asked her to write up a more detailed account of it and she kindly sent it along a few days later. Here it is:

"On our recent trip to Pensacola, Florida, we stayed at a motel at Clanton, Alabama. We were displaying some of our rock jewelry and discussing our hobby with the manager. Shw told us about a marble quarry at Sylacauga, Alabama where pink marble was quarried. We decided to see if we could obtain some.

We backtracked a ways and after inquiring the way to the quarry in Sylacauga, arrived at the office of the Georgia Marble Company. We were told we could not go into the quarry as they were blasting and working with heavy equipment but the man in the office gave us several slabs of polished white marble.

They had marble from all over the world that they slabbed for use in buildings. We got some beautiful colors (greens, pinks, black and tan) from Norway, Sweden, Italy and England.

On the way back to the office we were discussing how they cut and polished the marble and he very kindly took us to see the huge gang saws slicing the large blocks of marble. They cut the whole block at a time into slices the thickness desired. They used diamond saw blades in some of the gang saws. These blades cut about 4 inches an hour. Some of the other saws had metal blades and used abrasives to cut. These cut about an inch an hour. Water sprayed continually over all of the marble as it was cut.

After thanking our guide and giving him one of our plastic and rock desk sets, we left very satisfied and pleased with our adventure."

Frank and Frances Swagart.

Thanks to Mrs. Mildred Wilson, Highland for sending us her old copies of the Rockhound news. We had needed several copies to fill our volumes containing the old copies and now we have enough to take care of this. It is nice to know that some people do save them. It really is interesting looking back through these copies -- so many things are forgotten. Thank you Mrs. Wilson.

Please add to your directory: Mrs. Helen Wood, 14490 Turner Rd., R. #1
DeWitt, Michigan

Mrs. Annie Passaneau and son John
111 E. Cavanaugh Rd.,
Lansing, Mich.

Please change Milton Peterson's telephone number to 484-3069.

EDUCATION CHAIRMAN's report:

I want to commend Rich Stevens and his display committee for the excellent job they did in setting up the Michigan Week display in the Capitol Building.

Joe Kreps, Education Chairman.

Observation of another member of our Club. It is so much appreciated when one of our members thinks of us when we are getting out this paper. This is from Elmer Eckhardt, one of our former Presidents.

When you are on the campus at Michigan State University and near the Kellogg Center, go to the entrance of the Lincoln room where you will find pictures of the past mining industry in the Upper Peninsula. It is very interesting to look at these pictures and realize how active our mining industry was years ago.

A view of Copper Harbor shows tons and tons of copper ingots to be loaded on a waiting boat. It may even bring back pleasant memories to some of our older members.

Elmer Eckhardt.

HELP FROM MINERAL OIL

In some fluorites and calcites and calcites develop cleavage cracks which may make them appear nearly opaque. Soaking these minerals in mineral oil will improve their appearance. Mineral oil is also fine for preserving borax minerals from hydration changes.

LUNAR ROCKHOUNDS: Government geologists are teaching our spacemen how to be expert rockhounds. The astronauts now in training for future moon shots are attending classes in geology so that they may recognize formations on the moon's surface and bring back rock samples that will give scientists important information to help determine the origin of the moon and its relation to the formation of the earth. Astronauts have been taken on field trips to locations such as the Grand Canyon and Big Bend National Park. It's a safe bet that, like our terrestrial rockhounds, our spacemen will carry geologists' picks and hand lenses as standard equipment.

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A ROCKHOUND'S WIFE

If your husband is a rockhound, don't go planning a leisurely vacation because more than likely right now friend hubby is dreaming of the wide open spaces and a rock hunting trip. In fact, this starts just after you return from the last one. You will come home more tired than when you left, and don't be too surprised if you have a sprained back and a few broken springs in the car.

When you go for a ride on Sunday, don't make the mistake of dressing up and wearing your best hose and heels. Just wear your flats and the oldest clothes you have for this is not just an ordinary drive. You are going to end up in a gravel pit. And when you get home, don't say "Shall we just have sandwiches tonight, dear," for he is famished. And don't ever think of hosing the garage or basement down and giving them a good cleaning for there are just too many rocks to move, etc.

But let us look at the other side of the balance sheet. In the rockhound, you will find a kindly man with a desire for learning and an appreciation of the many wonders that God has created; a keen awareness of the beauties of nature, not just in rocks, but in other things as well. To him the sky is bluer, and the birds sing just a little sweeter. He has an ever-increasing, almost child-like interest that will carry on into the retirement years, and, in many cases, this has proven to be a blessing. You will find a friendliness toward his fellowmen and a desire to help. These and many more you will find in the rockhound. I believe that the debits are greater. Oh yes, don't forget the enormous appetite. On which side should I put this?

Please don't take this too seriously for I must admit that I have exaggerated a little bit on both sides, but as for me, well, I am just mighty glad to be one.

By Muriel Wilkinson

Taken from The Michigan Gem News, Jackson, Mich.

This will be the last publication until September -- Bring back the good news. Have a real good summer and be careful so we can see you in fine shape in September. Doc, Don and I hope to have a report of the Midwest Federation meetings in Evansville, Illinois. Let's hope it is not too hot and humid there.

June, 1965

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