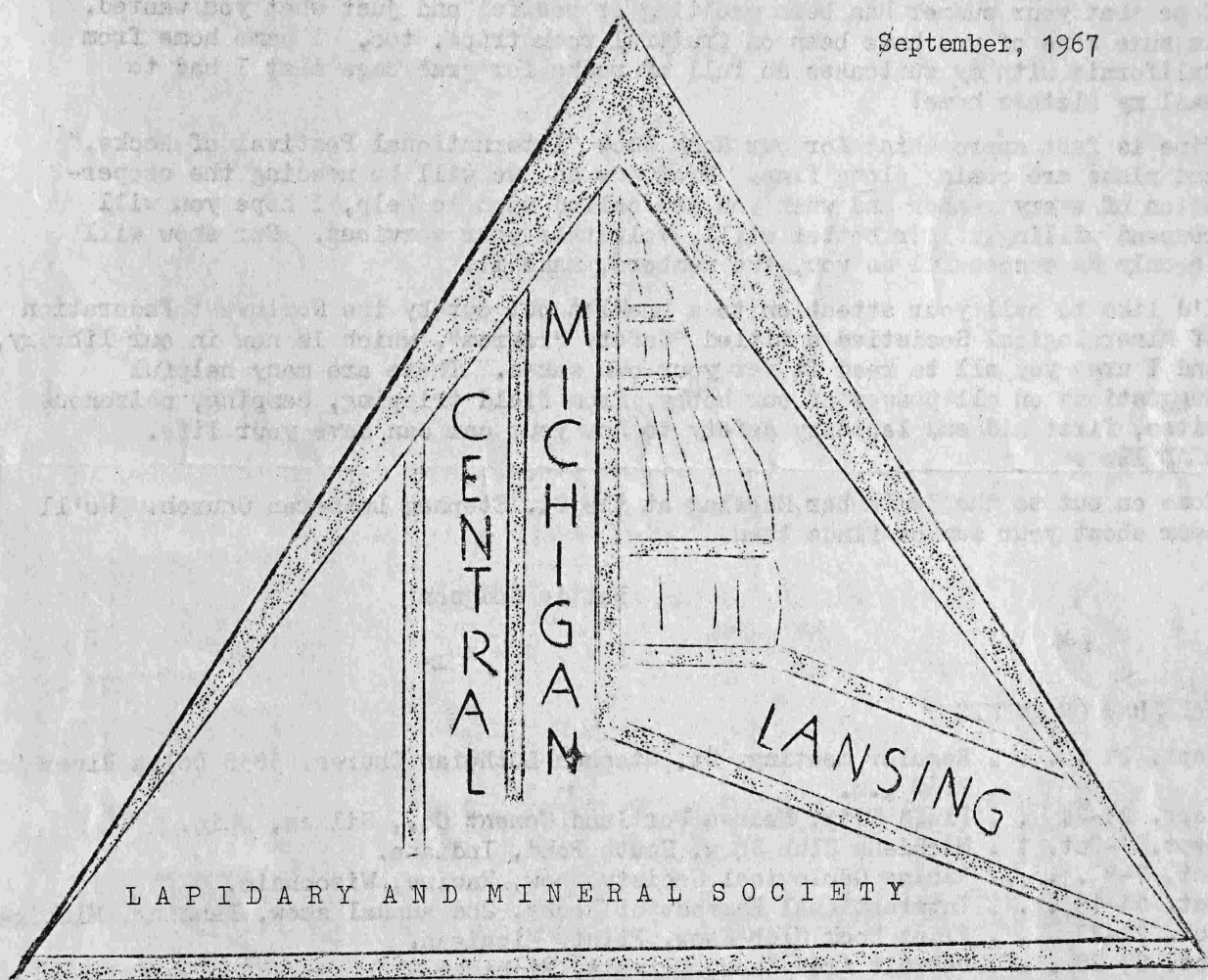


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rockhounds,

Hope that your summer has been exciting or restful and just what you wanted. Am sure some of you have been on fruitful rock trips, too. I came home from California with my suitcases so full of rocks for grab bags that I had to mail my clothes home!

Time is fast approaching for our Rock Show "International Festival of Rocks," and plans are coming along fine. From now on, we will be needing the cooperation of every member and when you are called upon to help, I hope you will respond willingly. Or better still, volunteer your services. Our show will be only as successful as you, the members, make it.

I'd like to call your attention to a booklet put out by the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies entitled "Safety Program", which is now in our library, and I urge you all to read it for your own sakes. There are many helpful suggestions on all phases of our hobby, from field tripping, camping, poisonous bites, first aid and lapidary safety to how your car can save your life. READ IT.

Come on out to the September Meeting at the St. Stephen Lutheran Church. We'll hear about your summer finds then.

Bettie Hodgson

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 21 Regular meeting, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3838 Delta River Dr.
7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23-24 . . Field Trip, Medusa Portland Cement Co., Silica, Ohio.
Sept. 30-Oct. 1 . Michiana Club Show, South Bend, Indiana.
Oct. 7-8 Racine Geological Society Show, Racine, Wisconsin.
Oct. 13-15 . . . International Harvest of Rocks, 2nd annual show, Lansing, Michigan.
Oct. 21-22 . . . Flint Rock Club Show, Flint, Michigan.
Oct. 27-28 . . . Detroit Area Show, Detroit, Michigan.

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Sept. 21 — MEET AT ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH .

CENTRAL MICHIGAN LAPIDARY and MINERAL SOCIETY

Presents

2nd ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW

INTERNATIONAL HARVEST



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PRIZES

DISPLAYS

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SILENT
AUCTION

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MINERALS

FOSSILS

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FRI., OCT. 13 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

SAT., OCT. 14 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

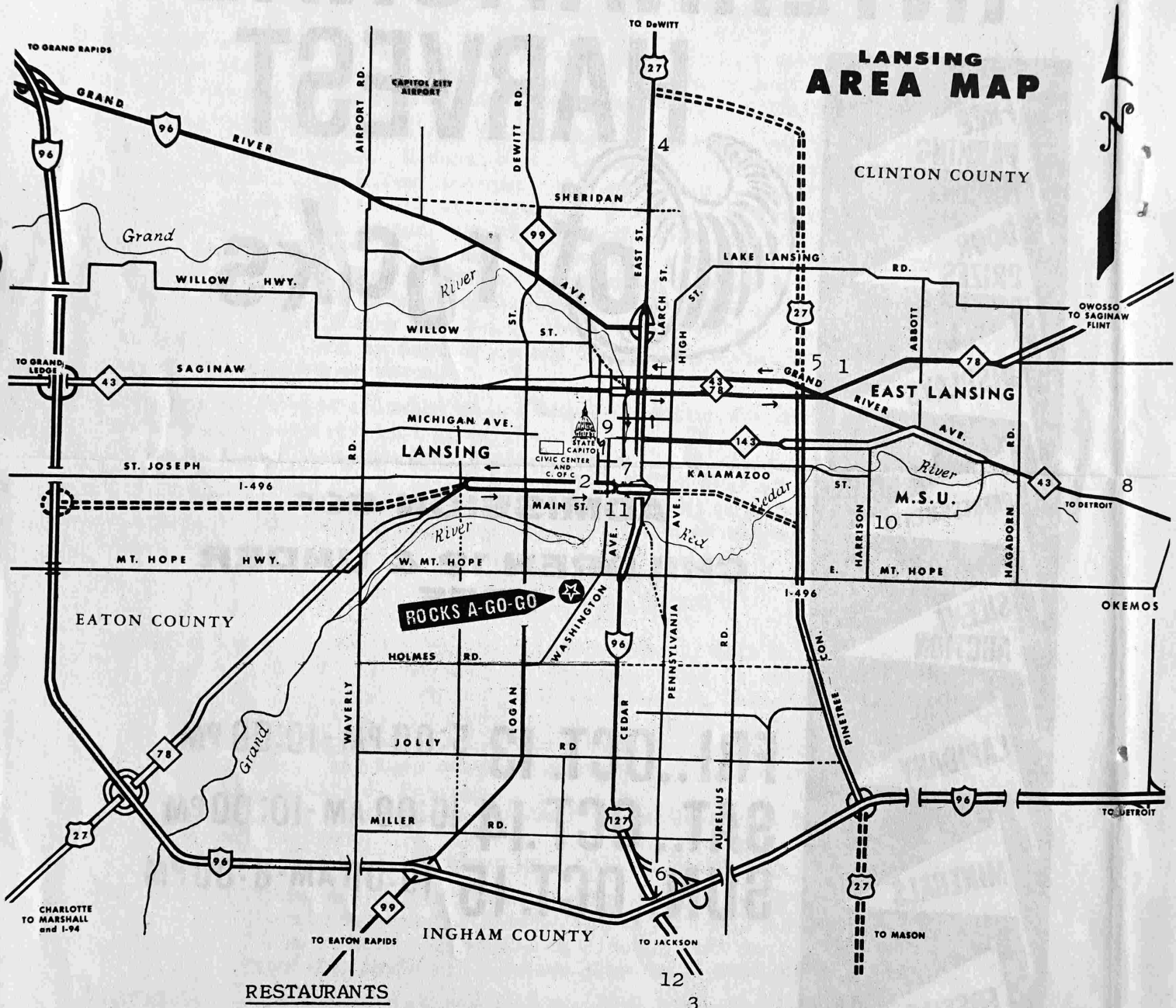
SUN., OCT. 15 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

2500 So. Washington Ave., Lansing Mich.

GREATER LANSING HOTELS and MOTELS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Albert Pick Motor Hotel - 337-1741 2. Capitol Park Motor Hotel - 482-1491 3. D & O Motel - 699-2187 4. Green Acres Motel - 142-1197 5. Holiday Inn - 489-2481 6. Horne's Motor Lodge - 393-2030 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Imperial 400 Motel - 489-3704 8. Inn America Motor Hotel - 337-1621 9. Jack Tar Hotel - 372-6550 10. Kellogg Center - 332-6571 11. Riverside Motor Inn - 485-5401 12. Travelier Motel - 882-5743 |
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*House of Beef
 Jim's Restaurant
 *Bill Knapp's
 *Light's Restaurant
 Tarpoffs
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*Open Sundays

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Capitol Park Motor Hotel
 *Jack Tar Hotel
 *Albert Pick Motor Hotel
 *Riverside Motor Inn
 *Kellogg Center

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COMING ! ! ! OUR SECOND ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW ! ! !

The International Harvest of Rocks, the second annual gem and mineral show put on by the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society, is set for October 13, 14, and 15, 1967 at the new Michigan National Guard Armory, 2500 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, Michigan. Hours will be 5:00-10:00 p.m. Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Decorations and displays will take on an international flavor. Do you have a rock or rocks from some foreign country of special significance? Or could you plan a display of foreign specimens? It would add to the effect greatly.

Chairman John Hocking states that all dealer space is taken. Twelve dealers will show their wares. Several special exhibits of great interest have already been promised. The silent auction, the grab bags, the fluorescent booth, and working demonstrations will again be featured. A fossil table will be added. There will be no swap area this time. Again this show will be a non-competitive show. An Exhibitor's ribbon will be given to each exhibitor. Twenty-five dollars will be donated to the MWF Scholarship Fund in the name of the visiting club which shows the largest number of cases. School groups will be invited in free of charge Friday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. before the show opens to the general public. And by popular demand Gil Cockcroft will be back to feed the hungry from his chuck wagon.

Last year's show established an enviable reputation for our club. Our travelling members have received good reports about it from Maine to California. Its success was due to the wonderful spirit and cooperation of all our club members. Your backing is needed NOW to put the show over this year. People are needed to work at various times; so are donations and loans of materials and equipment; and so are lots of interesting private displays. Think of the ways you can help, and let someone know !

WANTED ! FOR THE SHOW !

PEOPLE - Now - to prepare for the silent auction. Call H. Randolph.

Now - to distribute advertising posters. Call J. Lord.

Oct. 12, 7:00 p.m. - to help set up. Call J. Patterson.

Oct. 13, 8:00 a.m. - to help decorate. Call B. Jenkins.

All through show hours - Hosts and hostesses to answer questions, help at booths, and keep cases in shape. Call J. Patterson, H. Randolph, L. Conklin, J. Hocking.

Friday, 11 to 5 - Extra host staff to handle school tours. Call F. Hill, or F. Owens.

Sunday, 6-10 p.m. - to clean up. Call J. Hocking.

EQUIPMENT - Trucks and drivers to move large things. Call J. Patterson.

Store showcases for special exhibits. Call J. Patterson.

Tools on hand for setting up. Bring with you. Mark them.

Extension cords for your own showcase. Mark them.

MATERIAL - Donations for silent auction, grab bags, fossils. Call the chairmen.

Loan of fluorescent rocks for booth. Call J. Wilcox.

Displays - You got some good ideas last year. Try your hand at something this year -- everybody ! It's fun to see how fine your material looks in an imaginative new arrangement !

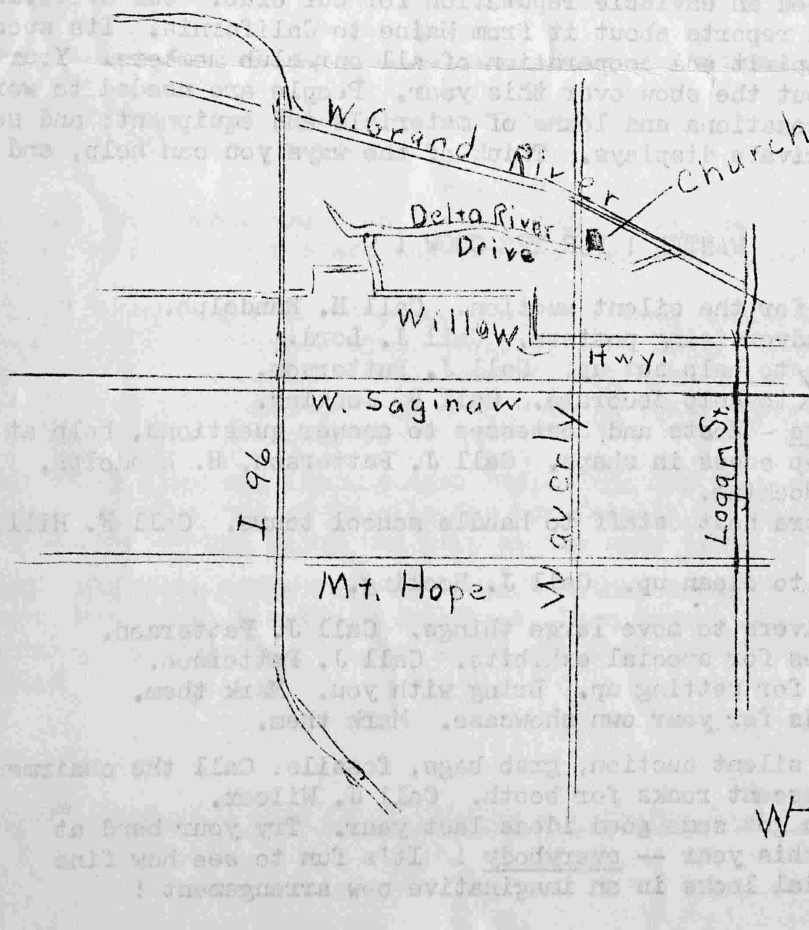
WITH THE COMMITTEES

PROGRAM - Our new season gets underway September 21 with the Brag 'n' Swap session that will bring us all up to date on the summer's wanderings of our members, and give everyone a chance to show and tell about his prize find. You may learn such things as who met who at a gas station in Iowa; how the population of the Keweenaw Peninsula was doubled by the seasonal migration of half our club; where our prospectors find diamonds. Sounds intriguing, doesn't it?

Plans for the show will be reviewed. This is the only scheduled meeting before the show takes place. Bring material, if this is your best way of getting it to the right person. See where you can be of most help. Find out what is going on and get into the ACTION!

NOTE THE MEETING PLACE SEPTEMBER 21.

So many requests were received that everyone be given the opportunity to see St. Stephens Lutheran Church that arrangements have been made to hold the September meeting there. This church is on the northeast corner of Waverly Road and Delta River Drive intersection, about half a mile south of Grand River Avenue and about a mile and a half north of West Saginaw. The entrance to the parking lot is on Waverly Road. See you there September 21!



DISPLAY - Our club can be proud of the displays we had at the Muskegon Rock Club Show July 6-9 at Walker Arena in Muskegon. The following club members displayed:

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Baker, jewelry.
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foley, Fostoria slag.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kirkby, 2 cases petrified wood and interesting and amusing clay concretions which they have named after the characters or objects the shapes suggest.
 Mr. John Passaneau, crystal specimens.
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Randolph, calcite crystals.
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens, copper specimens.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilcox, mixed crystals.

Our club is being represented at the Saginaw Fair September 9-16 by displays from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fisher, Mrs. Bettie Hodgson, and Mrs. Zoa Bennett. Thanks to all of the club members who have cooperated with their time, material, and equipment for those shows.

Now --- how about some of you "newcomers" (and more of you "old timers" too!) adding your names to our list of those who will display? Remember-- we don't all have museum quality specimens; each rock or mineral or crystal specimen is interesting because it is "one-of-a-kind" -- and we always enjoy seeing someone else's collections, don't we? So why not figure out a display, and come show time let us or the show display chairman, Jim Patterson, know that you're going to join the ranks and join the fun of sharing your hobby with others.

Howard Randolph, Display Chairman

P.S. The Flint Show will be coming up October 21-22. Displays will be needed for that, so keep it in mind.

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And thank you, Randy and Rich Stevens and Dan Wilcox for those trips to Muskegon that took the displays there and brought them home again!

FIELD TRIPS - There will be a weekend field trip to the Medusa Portland Cement Company Quarry at Silica, Ohio. This is west of Sylvania, Ohio, going out of town on Erie to Centennial Road, turning south to Brint Road and then turning right. Every one going must go to the main office and sign a release for himself before going into the quarry.

I understand they are finding more Trilobites now than ever before. Lila Stevens is going to need lots of fossils for her fossils booth, so let's get on the ball and help her out and enjoy the trip at the same time.

We need lots more rocks for grab bags. Either bring your rocks to me or one of my committee: Loyd Pearson, Jack Flood, Ivan Jones, and Jack Krider. I have one thousand paper bags to fill, so let's get those rocks rolling in as soon as possible.

Lloyd Conklin, Field Trip Chairman

September 21, meet at St. Stephens Lutheran Church. Don't forget.

FOSSILS - The fossils committee would like anyone who has any fossils to donate to please bring them to the September meeting or bring them out to our house. We are going to have a fossil table at our rock show and will sell fossils. We will need all sizes and values, particularly small ones that can be sold for a cent or two to build up children's collections.

Rich Stevens, Fossils Chairman

SILENT AUCTION - Please keep in mind our show in October and give some serious thought to our silent auction. We are going to be able to use a lot of material, so have this in mind when preparing your material for the auction committee.

The auction committee has purchased some fine material for the club show, and some of you can help us prepare some of this material. We are in need of some members with saws to help us cut some of this material into slabs so our prospective purchasers can get a better look "at the inside of the Rocks." Slabbing some (hopefully) makes the material more attractive for those people who only have trim saws, etc.

If you are able to help cut some of these rocks please let me know and we will see that you get a few rocks to slab. The more members we get to help with this job, the easier for all concerned. Please help do your share as it is your club and all members will benefit by your cooperation. My phone number is NA7-2462. Please call after 3:30 weekdays and any time on Saturday or Sunday.

Howard Randolph, Silent Auction Chairman

SHOW CASES - Bill Arend and Jim Patterson have orders for 32 show cases made to club specifications. If all goes well, the people who ordered them will be able to pick them up at the meeting September 21. Be prepared to pay for them (\$12.50) then, and to transport them home. Bill and Jim are making some extras. If you haven't ordered one yet but would like to do so now, call Bill (627-7563) or Jim (IV5-1460).

MIDWEST FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Katharine Steinbrenner reports on the MWF Convention held in Davenport, Iowa, July 27-30 with glowing accounts of the events, the displays, and the planning that made it successful. The Illowa Gem and Mineral Society receives her commendation for their hospitality and their organization of the affair. The swap area in the open tent was evidently a very busy place. The Midwest Council meeting was one of the largest in the history of the Federation, and the Executive meeting and Editors breakfast were very well attended also. Officers elected to begin their term on November 1st are:

President, Mr. Ellis Courter
Vice President, Mrs. June Zeitner
Secretary, Miss Jean Reynolds

Treasurer, Mr. Jerry Huber
Historian, Mr. Russell MacFall

So Michigan has a Midwest Federation president now. Mr. W. H. deNeui and Mary and Earl Cornwell were elected to Honorary Membership. The Midwest 100% Plaque was presented to K. Steinbrenner, MWF Scholarship Chairman, by Mr. Kemp, and then put in the keeping of Historian Russell MacFall.

Date _____

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I wish to exhibit at INTERNATIONAL HARVEST OF ROCKS, the gem and mineral show sponsored by the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society, on October 13, 14, and 15, 1967, at the new Michigan National Guard Armory, Lansing, Michigan.

Name _____ Name of Club _____
Address _____ Address _____

Classification of Exhibit: _____
(i.e., Minerals, Crystals, Fossils, Gems, Lapidary, all one area or state, Special, etc.)

I will furnish _____ cases.

Size: _____ wide x _____ high x _____ deep

Lighted: _____ yes _____ no

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Exhibits may be set up Thursday evening between 7 and 9 p.m., or Friday morning before 10:00 a.m. They may be removed after 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

MIDWEST FEDERATION NEWS (continued)

Thanks are given to the many Midwest clubs that helped the Midwest Federation earn the 100% Scholarship Plaque awarded to the Midwest Federation at the American Federation Convention in Washington, D.C. in June. This means an average 100% contribution per all members, and does not mean that all clubs are 100% clubs. Midwest leads the other Federations by having 82 100% clubs. Oklahoma of the Rocky Mountain Federation was the very first 100% state. Several Midwest states are approaching the goal of having all clubs 100%. Will Michigan be first?

Richard Matych of Adrian, well known to many of our members, is the MWF assistant state Vice President of Michigan. He has helped organize and work in new clubs, serving in many capacities. His hobby is "Thumbnails" and "Micromounts" which have earned him blue ribbons at several Federation shows. He speaks to clubs on several subjects along the line of our interests, sharing his experiences.

REMEMBER -- September 21 -- Meet at St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

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