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FIELD TRIP TO ROGERS CITY

The Field Trip to U.S. Steel Corporation pit at Rogers City for Fossils, Saturday, October 5, was a huge success (judging from the full trunks of the cars) Our gracious host, Mr. Orville Pine, gave us a tour of the ship yards where three boats were being loaded with limestone. The limestone is crushed and graded for different uses, some being used as cement some in the steel mills as a flux, and some by the chemical industry.

Mr. Pine then led us to Adams Point to collect all types of Devonian fossils, horn corals, brachiopods, Petosky Stones, gastropods, cephalopods, pelecypods, bryozoa, and clams. Rich Stevens and Mrs. Morgan each found a clam. Florence Hill found a nice gastropod. As Nora DeLashmutt stepped from the truck, she picked up a pelecypod, we can see her luck is still holding. Rockhounds, Howard Randolph and Lloyd Conklin will stop at nothing to get what they want, even standing on their heads to chisel Petosky Stone from the bottom side of a large rock. Irene Jane found a very nice specimen of two or twin gastropods. We are wondering if Andy's station wagon made it home with his load, his mother-in-law can't seem to pass up one fossil. We hear that Bettie did her share to help fill Florence's car. Mr. Pine led us to several different areas for collecting. He gave us Petosky stones for the children's table and a perfect pelecypod specimen was given to everyone on the trip. At 4:30, everyone had had enough and Mr. Pine led us out of the pit.

Some Rockhounds just don't know when to quit, eleven of us proceeded to the favorite area, led by the Pearsons. This area is along the water and some rockhounds waded Lake Huron for their specimens. John Hopkins has the prize. It took four people to carry it up to the car, weighs 150 lbs, is as big around as a wash tub, has favorites all around the edge with a petosky stone in the center.

It was a wonderful trip, nice weather and thanks to Florence Hill, 10 of

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us enjoyed a good nights réat at her cottage on Otsego Lake. It took 2 alarm clocks to raise us at 4:45 Saturday morning. We made it on time to start our trip at 8:00.

Many thanks to the U.S. Steel Corporation and our guide, Mr. Orville Pine.

Lila Stevens

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The above account makes a body wish that he could have shared in the excitement, doesn't it? Thank you, Lila for your very nice write up on the trip, sure wish we could have some more of these. Ed.

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Well, the September meeting was a huge success, with it's "brag and swap" session.

The people with the fabulous trips didn't have a chance after the local clientle got through with their stories.

A Honorary Membership plaque was presented to Joe and Laura Kreps, who are presently making their home in Arizona.

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