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ROCKHOUND

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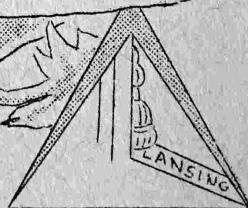
Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Meetings

Walter French Junior High School Cafeteria
Third Thursday monthly except July and August
7:30 p.m.

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from the PRESIDENT

It comes to mind that many people in the club must spend part of their time taking vacations. Many vacationers must also take pictures during their trips to record the sites and good times that they have experienced. Perhaps some of our members would like to show their pictures and explain their trip on a program during one of our monthly meetings. Whether near or far, I think many of us would enjoy member sponsored programs. How about it?

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ed Kirkby

for DECEMBER

Lila Stevens, one of our own club members, will give a talk on Calcite for the December 19th meeting.

Don't forget to bring your gifts for the December meeting. Please make it a 75¢ value. When you bring the gift, you will receive a number to be used during the gift exchange to receive your gift. Be sure to make the gift in rock club material.

Howard Randolph
Program Chairman

New Members in November

- #361 Alva Baker, 1948 Walnut Street, Holt
- #362 Mrs. Anne Baker, 1948 Walnut Street, Holt
- #363 Ralph J. Johnson, 30,000 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia
- #364 Mrs. Eileen Owen, 740 Cleo Street, Lansing
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FIELD TRIPPING

Sunday, January 26, 1964:

George & Glee Westcott

2316 Coy Road

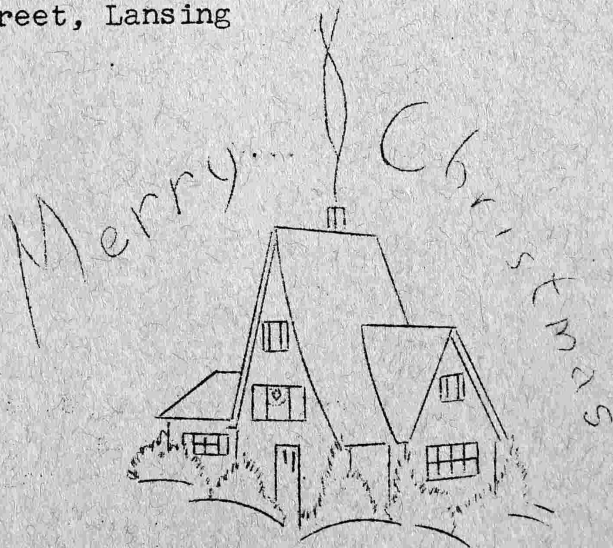
Mason, Michigan

- *Open House*

Please keep this date in mind. The Westcotts are giving this invitation far enough ahead so we all may have time to work this date in our time schedule.

Let's make it a good turn out. For more details check the January issue.

Due to the holidays and everyone's personal plans, it is hard to have a scheduled field trip and get any size group together. But for those who



Field Trip Notes continued.....

have some spare time on their hands, I think there is no better way to spend a winter day than to visit the rock displays at our Central Michigan Museums. This month we are doing this rather than have a group tour. Why not load up the family or take a friend for a few hours of enjoyment. All these museums are free except Cranbrook Institute. The small fee they ask is well worth the money.

Lansing Area...Open to the public.

MSU Natural Science (on campus) Bldg. Ground Floor.

East Circle Drive

Monday to Friday 8 to 5

Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

Crystals, minerals, fossils

MSU Historical Museum (on campus)...Basement

West Circle Drive (East of Beaumont Tower...Old Library Bldg.)

Monday to Friday 8 to 5...Saturday & Sunday 1 to 5

Closed Holidays

Well displayed fossils and rocks in their ages.

Also fluorescent display.

Arboretum Park, 2020 East Mt. Hope Ave.

3 cases fossils & minerals in a beautiful park

Tues thru Sun 10 to 5

Closed Mondays

Michigan Historical Commission Museum... Ground Floor

North Washington at Genessee St.

Monday thru Friday 10 to 5

Sundays 2 to 5

Closed Saturdays and Holidays

Michigan Rocks, Minerals, Fossils & Indian Artifacts

Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society Display

Basement Capitol Building

Open every day 9 to 3

Club case...various displays

OUT OF TOWN

Cranbrook Institute of Science

Bloomfield Hills (Observatory Area)

Daily 2 to 5

Admission Fee 50¢ Children 25¢

Large outstanding displays, crystals, minerals, gemstones,
Fossils, fluorescents

To get there: I 96 to Detroit, to Telegraph Road or U.S. 24, turn
left to 14 Mile Road, right one mile to Lasher Road, left one mile
to Lone Pine Road, turn right to Cranbrook (it's right there).

Field Trip Notes continued.....

Grand Rapids Public Museum

Corner Jefferson S.E. and State S.E.

Open weekdays 10 to 5 including Saturday

Sunday 2 to 5 and Holidays

Crystals, minerals, fossils, fluorescent displays, variety collection

To get there: I 96 to Grand Rapids to Fulton St. East (watch for Masonic Temple and 1st Methodist Church on right side of street), left on Jefferson S.E. to corner of State S.E.

I'm sure there are many more exhibits open to the public in the Central Michigan area, but we have no information on them...so please don't be offended if we haven't included them. Maybe in the future other clubs could follow by publishing their local exhibits in their bulletins, so we may have a broader knowledge of these museums. Maybe also some of our own members can and will give us the benefit of their knowledge of others we haven't listed.

Items - from Here & There

Clarence Kirkby, our Liaison officer has informed of the formation of two new clubs in the Michigan area.

Welcome, fellow prospectors. May your car springs get weaker and weaker from the 'pay dirt' you find.

Shiawassee Gem & Mineral Club
Owosso, Michigan

Secretary..Mrs. Vernita Youmans
1230 Center St., Owosso, Mich.

Meetings are at Owosso Jr. High in the cafeteria, 1st Monday of each month.

Grand Valley Gem Club
Ionia, Michigan

Member to contact: Clare Galloway
751 State Road
Ionia, Mich.

No details on meetings.

Clarence Kirkby will have the few remaining copies of the Midwest Mineralogical Society Directories at the December Meeting available for 50¢ for anyone needing one.

Chairmen Please Notice -

Time to sum up the inventories... please return to Liaison Officer, Clarence Kirkby, on or before the December 19th meeting.

ROCK DUST (Winnipeg Rock Vein)

Once upon a time there were three city sparrows who found food scarce and moved out to a wheat farm. As a grain wagon was being loaded, some spilled over the side, and the sparrows soon found it. One ate quietly, then flew over to his perch in a nearby bush. Another gathered a small supply for winter and stored it in a tree with a hole in it. The third scattered the grain widely, while grumbling loudly about the scarcity of perfect kernels. The farmer heard the squawking, took a shovel and scooped up the spilled grains, and took them home for his hens. "That will get rid of those noisy city sparrows", he said happily. The moral of the fable is this: "He who squawks about poor pickings, while littering up the place, may find it impossible to come back for any kind of pickings." And, Rock hounds, this moral isn't just for the birds! (Dr. M. J. Ormerod)

Time is getting closer for the beginning of our anticipated Michigan State University course, "The World We Live In"...eight two hour sessions in identification of minerals, rocks and fossils. Fee, again, is \$8.00. Dr. Stonehouse will again instruct. There is no prerequisite for this course...anyone may participate.

You may register conveniently as follows (lots better than going thru regular registration):

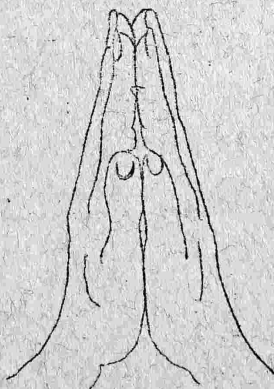
Kellogg Center (on Harrison Road)	Dec. 30...Jan. 3
Room 8	(Not Jan. 1)
8 to 12, 1 to 5	Jan. 6....Jan. 10
Kellogg Center...Conference desk	Jan. 6...Jan. 10
6 to 8 p.m.	Jan. 13...Jan. 15

Christ was born to a nation that has withstood the scatterings of many years, afflictions of many overlords, and persecutions of many peoples. From this humble beginning His influence has been spread until scarcely a life has not been influenced whether he wished it or no.

He came to bring 'peace as I giveth, not as the world giveth' to all men. Are we to spurn His mission by failing to love even one of his creations? Love is abroad at this time of year...for this we are grateful. However, is this what he meant? Love thy neighbor at this time of year and forget him for the rest? Truly He loved the children and wanted them to be happy. This is love, to give to them of our abundance. But what about the anhungered, the prisoner (of mind as well as body), the lame, the halt, the rich, the poor, and others that need LOVE. Time, the least available commodity, is the one requirement that is needed to lif the spirit, regenerate the soul, and bring peace on earth as it is in heaven.

In this time when we hurry, bustle, and lament, may we pause and consider whether this is really Christmas as the following poem suggests:

Let Christmas not become a thing
Merely of merchants' trafficking,
Of tinsel, bell and holly wreath
And surface pleasure, but beneath
The childish glamor let us find
Nourishment for soul and mind.
Let us follow kinder ways
Through our teeming human maze
And help the age of peace to come
From a Dreamer's martyrdom.



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Christmas Prayer by Madeline Morse
from Ideals Magazine

Midwest Federation's "L E T T E R - A - M O N T H" for December

\$50,000 is needed for the American Federation's scholarship fund. Yet, after four years the fund has not reached \$3,000. Discouraging? No!!!

Our hopes are higher than ever, for General Mills, home of Betty Crocker food products, has promised to give the American Federation $\frac{1}{2}\phi$ for its scholarship fund for each Betty Crocker coupon turned in by the AFMS.

There are nearly 50,000 members in the AFMS and if 200 coupons or \$1.00 is turned in by each one of us, we will have raised the \$50,000.

We owe a debt to the professional earth scientists who generously share their knowledge with us and there is no better way to pay this debt than by helping educate future earth scientists. This is why The American Federation is getting up the scholarship foundation which will annually award a scholarship to a student who is working toward his master's degree in the earth sciences.

The gift you give to the scholarship fund, whether it be coupons or cash, will be a perpetual gift for the original sum will never be spent, only the earnings on its investment will be used for the annual scholarship. Thus, the gift you give will serve the cause of education year after year and, God willing, century after century.

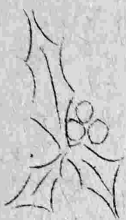
Betty Crocker coupons mount up fast! They come with over 50 General Mills products: Gold Medal Flour, Soft-a-Silk Flour, Bisquick, Betty Crocker Cake and Frosting Mixes, Cheerios, Wheaties, Kix, Total, Country Corn Flakes, all big G cereals, Betty Crocker Potato products, Betty Crocker Noodles Romanoff, Betty Crocker Refrigerated products, 3 Little Kittens Cat Food, Red Band Flour, Sperry Drifted Snow Flour, and many more.

Start saving Betty Crocker coupons today! Your neighbors and relatives will be pleased to help you save for so worthy a cause.

The central collecting point in the American Federation for Betty Crocker coupons for the Scholarship Fund is: W. H. deNeui, 6600 Cornelia Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55424. Each society is urged to act as a local collecting point and forward coupons to Mr. de Neui.

We urge you to join us in this worthy cause for the gift of knowledge is the finest gift you can give. If you cannot give money, you can give coupons.

Bernice L. Rixin, Chairman
Coupons for Scholarship



To
each
member
from the
officers
of
the
club

May the meaning of
Christmas be deeper,
Its faith stronger,
And its hopes brighter
As it comes to you
This year.

Somehow, not only for Christmas
But all the long year through,
The joy that you bring to others
Is the joy that we wish for you.

William Russell
Gloria Russell
Robert Russell
Gloria Russell



THE GIFT
Loretta B. Buckley

Soon in your hand will be placed a priceless gift. Look at it closely. There is no price mark stamped on it. It cannot be weighed, because no scale can balance its value. A king's ransom in comparison is as nothing, yet it is given to beggar and prince alike. The giver asks only that it be used wisely and well.

This jewel, rare and unique, is not displayed in any shop window. It cannot be purchased, cannot be sold. No other treasure holds the possibilities this gift offers...none can surpass its golden splendor.

Of all the gifts this is the most precious. It has been offered many times before; today, from the depths of a boundless love it will be given again. It will be left to you to find the golden thread running through it. Only with great care will the jewel retain its luster. Carelessness, ingratitude, and selfishness will tarnish the brilliancy, break the unspoiled thread, mar the perfection.

Guard it closely, lest through weak fingers it slip from the hand. Look often at its faultless beauty. Accept it as it is offered from the heart of the giver. Consider it the most treasured of possessions. Of all gifts it is by far the greatest. It is the gift of the New Year!

from Ideals Magazine.

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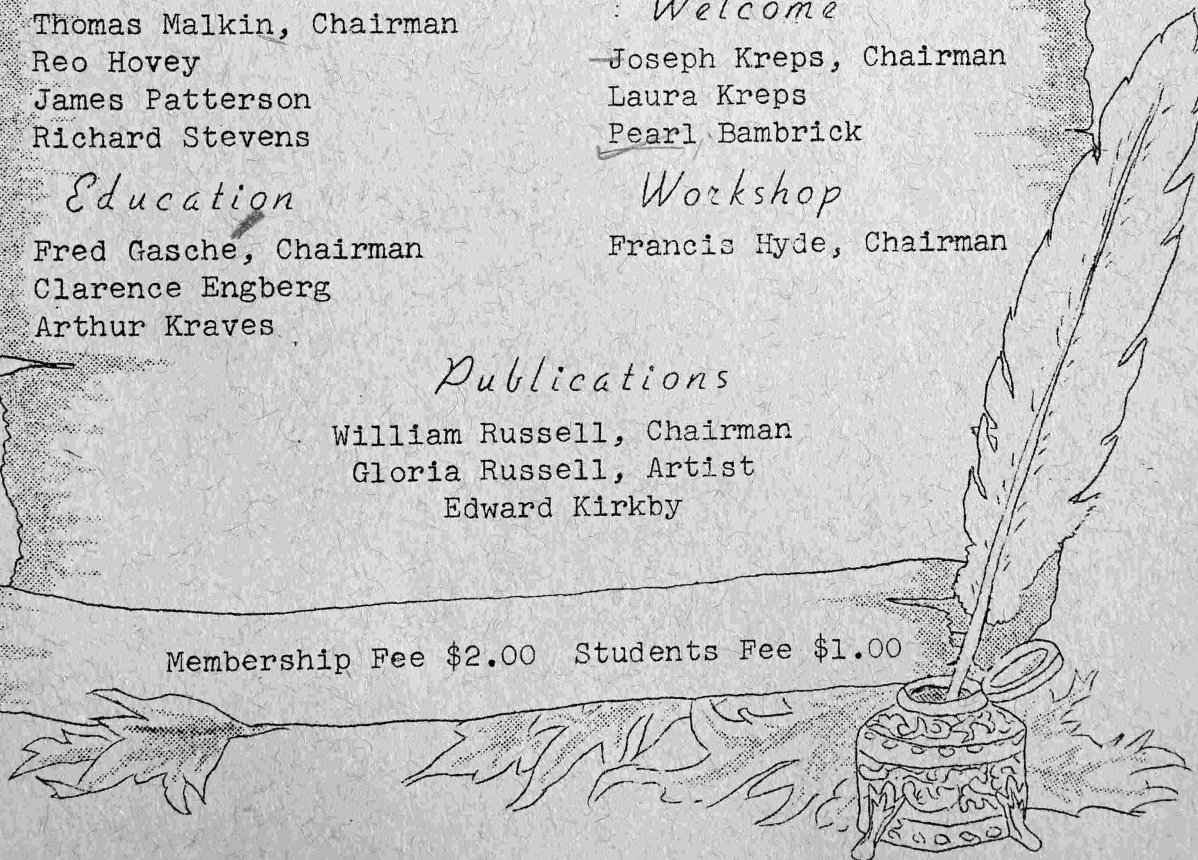
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Membership Fee \$2.00 Students Fee \$1.00





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STATE ROCK

Hugh Jameson of the Michigan Gem and Mineral Society of Jackson, Michigan is spearheading a campaign to have the famous Petoskey Stone named as official State Rock. We have a state flower, bird and tree...why not a state rock, too?

From Gems of the KGMS Soc.

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BIRTHSTONES

For the:

Laundress, the Soapstone
Architects, the Cornerstone
Cooks, the Puddingstone
Politicians, the Blarneystone
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