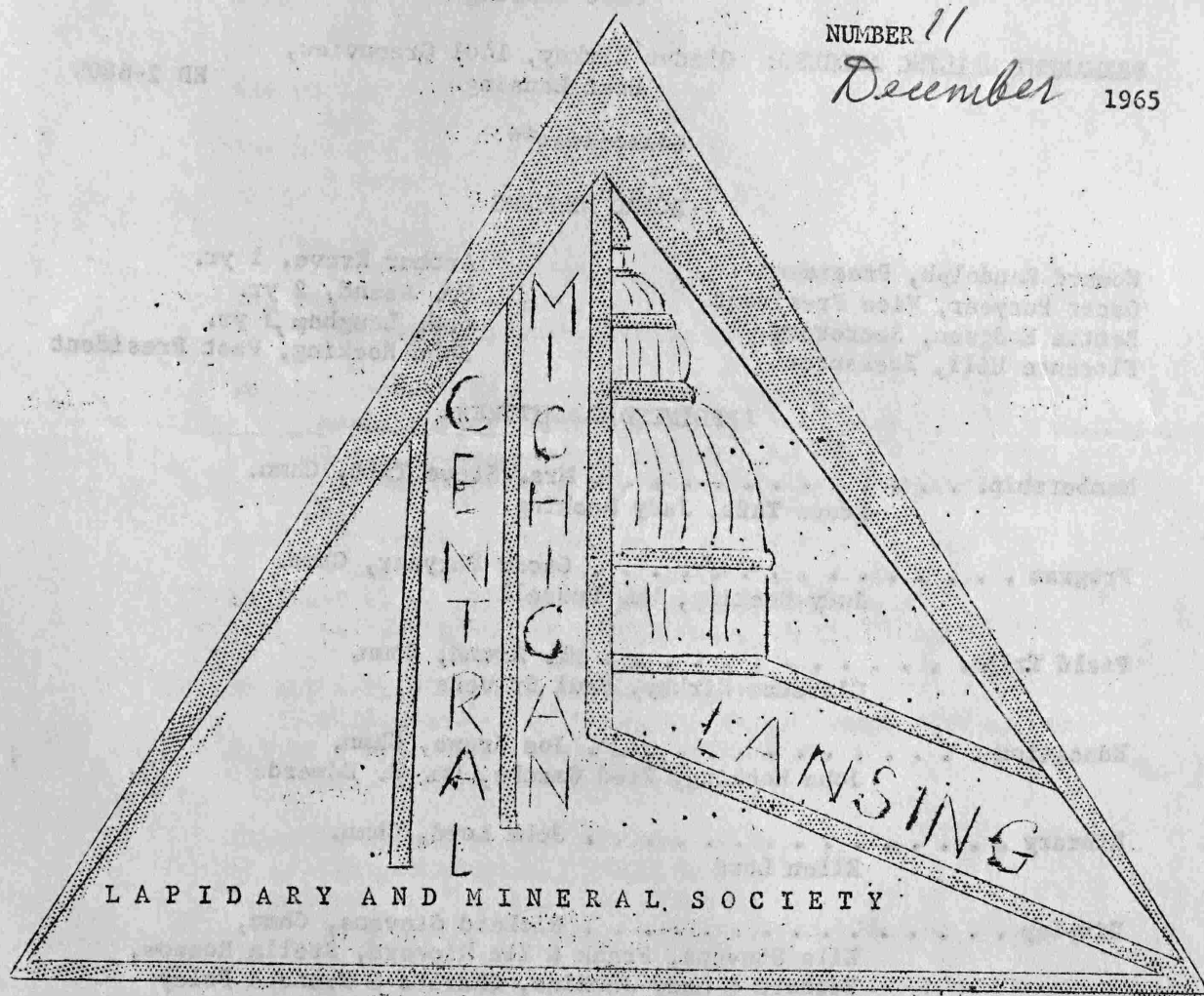


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Meeting Place: Walter French Jr. High School Cafeteria  
Meeting Date: Third Thursday night each month, except July and August  
Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Dues: \$2.00 annually for adults; \$1.00 for students (under 18 years of age).

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Program . . . . .	Oscar Puryear, Chmn. Judy Hocking, Wm. Russell
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Display . . . . .	Richard Stevens, Chmn, Lila Stevens, Frank & Ila Rickerd, Stella Rossow, Bernard & Mary Jenkins, Charles & Frances Foley
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"THE NIGHT BEFORE A ROCK TRIP"  
Mrs. Gladys Moore

'Twas the night before a "Rock Trip"  
And all through our house  
Every creature was stirring,  
Even my spouse.

I ran to the window and chuckled with glee,  
Not a cloud in the sky could I see.  
Back to my packing I hurried away  
For we were leaving at break of day.

The pick and hammer, chisel and bar  
Some boxes and packing to put in the car,  
The bag for the "pick-ups" of rock large or small  
I have a habit of wanting them all.

Oh yes, my shovel needs to go  
I've got them standing here in a row.  
The cutlery, dishes, a pan and a pot  
The skillet, the matches, now what have I got?

Towels, washcloths, some very old clothes  
Dish towels, water, some soap I suppose,  
Bedding for certain, sleeping bag - no cot,  
Air mattresses, a pillow, what have I forgot?

Some camp chairs, to rest me from toils of the day  
A candle, a lantern, a flashlight I say,  
At least we're all packed in trailer and truck,  
We have a chance now to sleep, isn't it luck?

We all settle down in our nice cozy bed  
While visions of "Braggin' Rocks" dance thru my head  
All of a sudden I'm up like a shot,  
Now, I know what I forgot.

The food to put in me! To keep me fit,  
Can you imagine I could forget it?  
O well, we settle again and I doze  
In a thrice I awake, someone is tickling my toes.

Breakfast over, we're off for to seek  
All the beautiful rocks we can find in a short week.  
We're comfy, we're happy, I am planning the next trip  
We'll be taking ere this trip is O'er!

Such is the way of "rock hounds" thru this land  
But we're a satisfied, happy, inquisitive band.

Miami Gemcrafter of Dec., 1962  
via The Rockpile

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT! (Editor)



MIDWEST FEDERATION'S NEWSLETTER - Issue No. 60 - December, 1965

# 5 NEW SLIDE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO MEMBER CLUBS.

Copies of the new list of five new Slide Programs are being distributed to Midwest member clubs. With the addition of these five programs it brings to a total of 28 the programs available for showing by our Midwest Federation clubs.

The five new programs are "The Copper Country, Its Mines and Minerals", "A Colorado Journey in Geology", "Petrified Wood", "The Monster Dig", and "The Story of Ancient Man".

Clubs wishing to book these programs for showings should send their request to Mrs. Cecilia E. Duluk, Program Chairman, 6700 Amboy, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127.

## OPERATIONS MANUAL READY FOR DISTRIBUTION SOON:

The new Operations Manual of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies is in the printing stage and will be soon mailed to each of our Midwest Federation clubs.

H.E.L.P. . . . Let's keep at it.

Yes, H.E.L.P. may be getting results after all. Some reports coming in from those who do a good deal of traveling indicate that people are beginning to be conscious of the fact that it isn't nice to throw your paper and assorted junk around the countryside. More and more litter bags are noticed in cars and litter cans are springing up along highways for folks to deposit their litter in. There is still work to be done but it is encouraging to note the trend toward keeping our highways free of the paper, cans and general debris.

## WORD OF THANKS FROM FIRST WINNER OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Midwest member clubs will be interested in the appreciation of the work they are doing in building the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. The following is a quotation from a letter to Professor Richard M. Pearl from Professor Bruce F. Curtis, Chairman of the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado:

"It was good to have your letter and check for Victor Lee. I hardly need say he was delighted with the award. In view of the manner in which the funds were gathered, I think it's especially appropriate that they go to a man who told me straight-forwardly that he feels he should be independently making his own way. It's surely heart-warming to find some students, at least, still possessed of this vanishing but sound philosophy."

## "SERVICE"

During a program at a recent Des Moines Lapidary Society (Des Moines, Iowa) meeting, Winifred Jones said, "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy."

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Betty Crocker coupons are being cashed in at 1/2 cent each.  
Won't you bring yours to the meetings and turn them in?



## PRESIDENT'S Letter.

ATTENTION! Don't forget to attend the December meeting. It is no doubt the most important meeting of the entire year. The reason? It is the meeting where or when you have the opportunity to choose your officers for the coming year.

You, as members, have the privilege of nominating any other member of the "Rock Club" that the nominating committee may possibly have overlooked. So, please consider being there to cast your vote as your chosen duty to yourself and your "Rock Club".

And -- we will have our Christmas Party, complete with gift exchange and refreshments. The details for this are found elsewhere in the bulletin.

My year as President is nearly completed and it has been the most interesting and enjoyable one I have spent in the "Rock Club". If you knew how much satisfaction it gives a person to serve in one of the officers positions, you would not say "No" when you are approached to serve in an office or on a Committee. Thanks to all for the fine cooperation I have had.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL (and a Happy and Prosperous New Year -- Rockwise and Otherwise!)

We'll see YOU at the meeting -- please come!

Howard (Randy) Randolph, President.

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## DUES ARE DUE -- DUES ARE DUE

Your Dues may be paid at the December meeting for 1966. It will help the committees with their work if the dues are paid as soon as possible.

### CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Clarence Kirkby asks that each chairman of a committee bring their folders with them to the regular meeting - December 16 and turn them in to him. In this way he will have time to prepare them for the incoming chairmen. Thank you.

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Joe and Laura Kreps presented the program for the Flint Rock & Gem Club annual banquet. They have some beautiful pictures taken on their trip the past summer. Doc and Nel Langham also attended as guests of the Club. A very interesting and pleasant evening was had by all.

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### REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The following names have been chosen for officers of your Club for the coming year. Also names may be presented from the floor at the December meeting. Please be sure to be there to vote.

President	O. G. (Doc) Langham
Vice President	Bettie Hodgson
Secretary	Mary Jenkins
Treasurer	Wm. Edwards
Director (3 year)	Mrs. Florence Hill

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### PROGRAM - December 16, 1965 -- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Again, this year we will have a gift exchange. We would like for everyone to participate in this part of the program -- but to receive a gift you must give one. This being the case, will everyone please select something real nice (75¢ value minimum) and share with some other club member? If you bring a give which should be for either "Him" or "her", please mark it. One of our members "A her" received a gift for "Him" for three years in succession.

Coffee, punch, cookies and popcorn balls will be served.

Several of our members have been doing something recently that has resulted in some very beautiful creations.

Lila Stevens in going to show us how to use rocks in liquid plastic to form table tops, paper weights and other articles. Anyone having any work of this type, please bring it along for display.

Oscar Puryear, Program Chairman.

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# WELCOME TO OUR CLUB:

Edward Minarchin, 1421 Jerome Street, Lansing

John and Frances Ridgley, S. Kelly Road, Mason.

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JANUARY: Don't forget the Annual Banquet at the C. W. Otto Jr. High School cafeteria. You will be contacted by the Food Committee for your contribution.

Dr. Moreau Maxwell, Chairman of the Anthropology Department at Michigan State University will be the guest speaker. He has directed the reconstruction of Fort Michilmackinac. Many very interesting things have been found in this area.

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## A GREAT BIG THANKS

To Stella Rossow for the job of preparing the new name tags. Some of us realize what a difficult job it has been.

Thanks again.

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Bill Arend gave a talk to Tom Manley's geology class at the Lansing Community College Monday evening, November 29.

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## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Earth Science magazine is the official publication of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. This magazine is published six times a year. Subscription rates are \$2.50 for one year; \$4.50 two years or \$6.00 for three years. If you would like to send in a subscription to this, please send it to Earth Science, Box 550, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515. For each 5 new subscriptions from the club, they offer a gift subscription in the name of the club to the local library or high school.

I would suggest you check with Florence Hill regarding these subscriptions before you order one.

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DON'T FORGET DUES ARE DUE



Ethel Rathke's thoughtfulness may spur some of the rest of us to be more thoughtful of other members of our club. She enjoyed these get-togethers so much and wrote this material up for the paper. This is really a wonderful way to get to know each other better. Let's do more of it.

As the oldest member of the club, I take the liberty of suggesting that members who have free evenings now and then may make those evenings memorable by inviting some of the newcomers in for a get-acquainted session. On the occasions when I have followed my own advice, I have been definitely rewarded.

As an illustration, let me tell you about Friday evening, November 19th. I read over the membership list and picked the name of a couple who lived fairly near me, but whom I had not met, due to the limited opportunities at the club meetings for getting to know people. I telephoned and found that they were free to come.

The name I had chosen was that of Mr. and Mrs. John Purtill. Mr. Purtill is a realtor. During the course of the evening I learned that originally their chief joy had been wandering about the country to enjoy its scenic beauty, and becoming interested in minerals by noticing specimens exhibited in restaurants and motels where they stopped during trips in the Upper Peninsula. They commented on the friendliness and generosity of the people they met, some of whom gave them specimens found in the vicinity. They had found nice rocks in out-of-way places I hadn't heard of, such as Scott Quarry, and Seney, and had been fortunate in finding good specimens at the Deacon mine dumps near Champion.

The Purtills have two married sons, one single and a daughter. As yet, they have much to learn before being able to identify some of their rocks, but enjoy seeing their beauty enhanced as they polish them.

So pleased was I with the results of Friday night that the next day I again consulted the club directory and chose another name. My luck held, for they also were free to drive out to Park Lane. This time it was Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins. The Hopkins have a daughter who teaches in Flint, and two sons, one 16 and the other 12. Mr. Hopkins is a telephone employee who came here from Saginaw. The couple signed for the rock course taught by Dr. Manley of

the Community College and were greatly pleased with it and him. They have visited Bancroft, Ontario and other places. For instance, Mr. Hopkins served in the Construction Battalion of the Navy, and spent some of that time in New Guinea, where he became interested in shells, especially the variety called . . . . I had not known until he explained it, that what we call cat's eyes, are not complete shells themselves, but are a protective trap-door-like contrivance to protect them from greedy enemies. He said cowrie shells were also plentiful there.

The Hopkin's went to New England looking for beryl, and found some in Maine; but say that the Easterners are far less friendly and helpful than citizens of the West and Canada. Again, I hadn't known that water is used in beryl mines -- somewhat like placer mining of gold.

Now, surely you will want to test my "system" of brightening long evenings otherwise likely to be dull.

Ethel W. Rathke.

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The first set of laws was chiseled on a large block of diorite with a portrait of King Hammarubi chiseled at the top. It is believed this was done approximately 2,000 years B. C.

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There are many good books and magazines in our library which may be checked out for one month. John and Ellen Lord bring these to the meetings each month. Why not stop by the table and look these over. Surely, there are many interesting and informational articles among these.

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