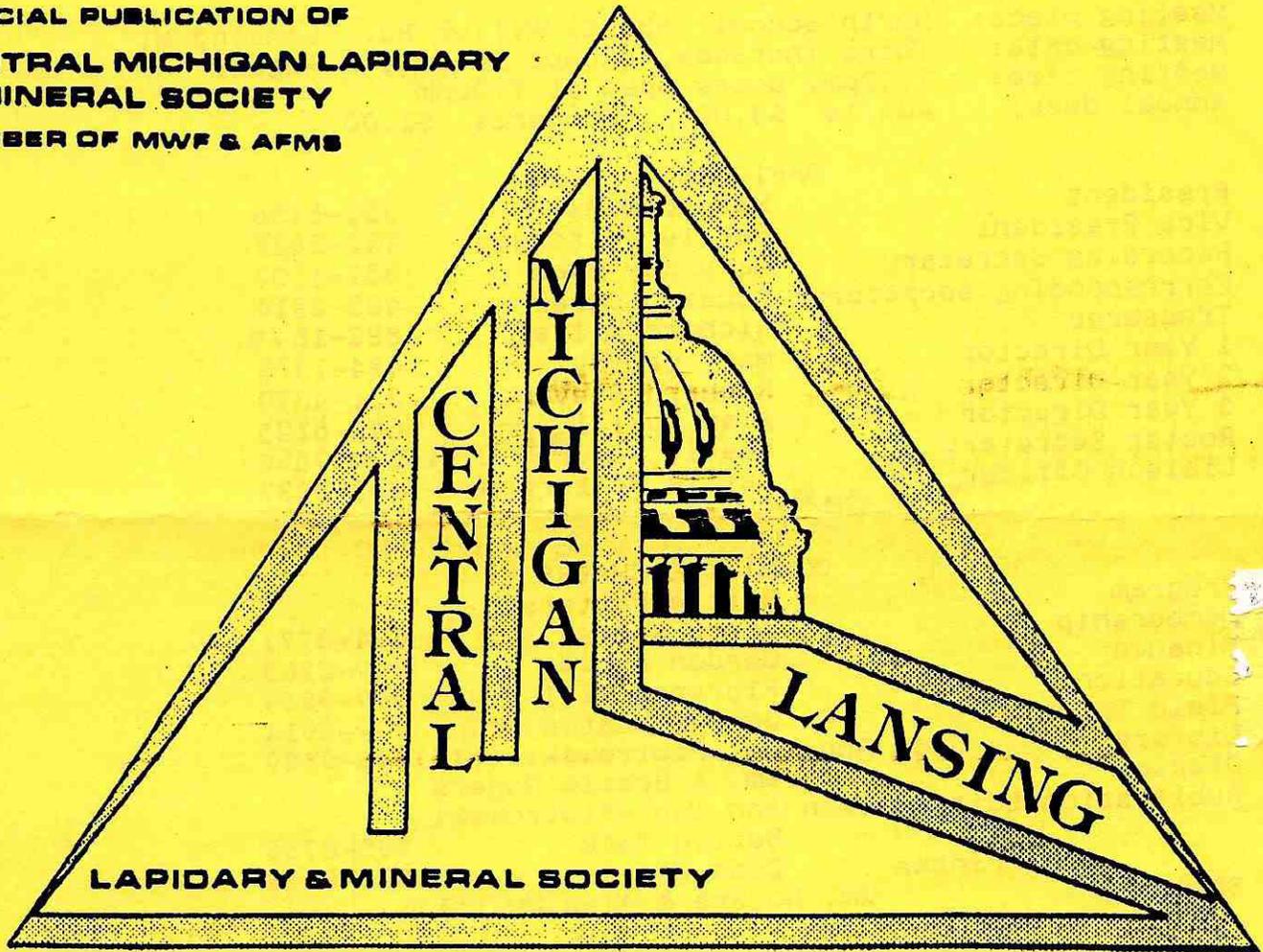


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Many thanks to Lila Stevens and her committee - Connie Snepp, Alice Turner, Marie Lewis, Mildred Malkin and Milo Crosby for the successful banquet. Milo's baskets were "special". Dr. Velbel's informative talk gave us another facet to our hobby.

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Don Lohrer

It has been a rather hectic time for me this past month but we've managed to send get well wishes to the following members that were ill. We sent a get well card to Mrs. Francis Wysong's son who was seriously ill in mid May. We also sent wishes to Milo Hillis who was back in Ingham Medical with bronchial problems. The society also sent a bit of cheer to Cleora Purtill to let her know she's still in our thoughts and prayers. Bill Rogers had surgery after the banquet and got a get well wish. Also I too, was on the sick list. I was told I have lung cancer about a month ago and have been confined with a blood clot for the past couple of weeks. We also lost one of our charter members, Samuel Knox. Those of us who remember Sam know him to have been a kind, intelligent man who marched to his own drummer - a bit odd now and then but aren't we all at one time or another.

See you in September - Don

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN - Bettie Patterson

The program for the June meeting will be an excellent slide program titled "Gems and Minerals of the Bible" put together by Reverend Don Lechtenfelt. Hope to see you at the Meridian Service on June 18

COMMUNITY SERVICE -

Two of our star performers in this phase of the hobby again are Margaret and Howard Randolph. Indian artifacts were the subject of Margaret's talks and display at the Hayes Elementary School in Grand Ledge on May 19. During the day some 200 youngsters heard about and saw many of the Randolph's collection as part of the school's Michigan Week observance. Margaret recently received two Friends of Education Awards. One was from the Portland PTA and one was from the Portland Teachers Association. Margaret told them Randy should share in those awards. Without his help she could never transport and set up those wonderful exhibits. Kudos to both of them.

Another of our star performers, Alice Turner, demonstrated wire wrapping at the Jackson Club May meeting, and is conducting two workshops there.

FIELD TRIPS - George Heaton

Field Trip to the Flamboro Quarry took place on Sunday, May 24th. Six of our members met with more than two dozen of our Canadian friends at Big John's Family Restaurant in Clappison's Corners near Flamborough, Ontario for our joint field trip with the Scarborough, Ontario Club to the Flamboro Quarry. At 9:00 A.M. we boarded our vehicles, formed a caravan and followed our trip leader, Percy Hornblow, east on Rt. 5 to the Flamboro Quarry. We arrived at the quarry at about 9:15 A.M. and waited until 9:30 when someone from the quarry was supposed to meet us and open the gate for us. 9:30 came and went and that person still had not shown up, so Percy drove off to look for the lady who was to open the gate for us. He returned at 10:00 A.M. without success and suggested we park outside the gate and walk into the quarry. If someone arrives to open the gate we then could retrieve our cars and drive into the quarry. About 11:00 A.M. the gate was opened and we were able to drive our cars into the quarry. The weather was cool and windy so we were able to work hard without getting hot and sweaty. The mineralized rock was a dark color and full of small vugs. The rock was tough, however, and difficult to break so good crystals were hard to extract. The variety of minerals I saw collected included clear colorless to pale yellow fluorite, dark red to yellow sphalerite, galena, and small marcasite and pyrite crystals. I did not see any of the micro barite crystals that are supposed to be there but my bifocals make it difficult to see anything small. The best fluorite crystal I saw collected was found by Manuel Pinto of the Scarborough Club. He also had some nice sphalerite crystals. After our time in the quarry we gathered at the nearby Christie Conservation Area for a Pot-luck picnic where our Scarborough Club friends stuffed us with a great quantity and variety of good food. Those people who stayed home to do yard work or whatever else they preferred doing over hunting minerals missed out on a good time.

June Field Trip - Bloomington, Indiana - June 19-21

The June field trip will include the Bedford Rock Swap, NOW HELD AT THE MONROE COUNTY 4H FAIRGROUNDS IN BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA and geode collecting at the road cut at Harrodsburg, Indiana Exit on Rt. 37, June 19-21. To get to the rock swap at the 4H Fairgrounds you go south on Rt. 37 to the intersection of Rt. 37 and Rt. 45 about 1 2/10 miles, then turn right and go 7/10 mile on Airport Road.

This is a very large and interesting rock swap which attracts swappers from surrounding states and Ontario, Canada. Camping is allowed on the Fairgrounds at \$8.00/night and motels are located in Bloomington. The geodes from Harrodsburg are beautiful and may contain several minerals including quartz, calcite, dolomite, millerite, barite, pyrite, and sphalerite. To get to Bloomington, go south on I-69 to Indianapolis, then on I-465 south to Rt. 37. Go south on Rt. 37 to Bloomington.

To collect the geodes at Harrodsburg road cut you should have at least a 2-3 lb. crack hammer, and several sharp chisels. Heavier hammers, pry bars, and more chisels are very useful. ~~The~~

The geodes are in limestone so it can be hard work to chisel them out and you can dull your supply of chisels very quickly.

Other Possible Field Trips This Summer

Besides the June field trip to Bloomington, Indiana, I hope to have two other field trips in July and August. I have not obtained permission for these trips yet so if anyone is interested in going on these trips THEY SHOULD CALL ME PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED DATES TO BE SURE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CANCELED OR CHANGED.

Possible July Field Trip - Saturday July 18th.

I hope to obtain permission for us to visit the Stoneco Quarry at Lime City, Ohio on Saturday, July 18th. If they give permission to collect, they only allow collecting on Saturday mornings from 7:30 AM to noon. This means that we must meet at the quarry gate before 7:30 AM. It is about 130 miles

from Lansing to Lime City, Ohio, so you should allow at least 2 1/2 hours driving time to get to the quarry. If you travel on Saturday morning you should leave the house before 5:00 AM to get to the quarry by 7:30 AM.

To get to the quarry from Lansing, take I-96 east to Rt. 23. Go south on Rt. 23 to Ohio where you pick up I-475 by-pass around Toledo. You take I-475 south to where it meets I-75 and you go north on I-75 to the first exit beyond the intersection of I-475 and I-75. This is the Rts. 20 and 23 exit to Perrysburg. From here you go east about 2 miles to Lime City. The quarry entrance is on the left about one or two blocks after you cross the railroad tracks in Lime City.

The material to collect includes celestite, fluorite, dolomite, aragonite, barite, sphalerite, gypsum, galena, marcasite, pyrite and sulphur. The usual tools, including hammers of various sizes and an assortment of various chisels are needed. Also bring wrapping paper and boxes for specimens. You must have hard hat, hard-toed boots and safety glasses or goggles.

Don't forget to call me prior to the above date to be sure this field trip is still on.

Possible August Field Trip - Saturday, August 29th

I hope to obtain permission for us to visit the Irving Materials Quarry at Anderson, Indiana on Saturday, August 29th. We will plan to meet at the quarry at 10:00 AM Indiana time (11:00 our time). Most of Indiana stays on Eastern time when we switch to Daylight Saving Time.

The quarry is noted for its iridescent calcites and its honey colored twin calcites. Also, in its deeper workings fossils have been found.

Possible August Field trip cont.

The quarry can be reached by taking I-69 south from Lansing to Anderson, Indiana. Take the Greenfield Exit (#22) to Rt. 9 South. The quarry gate is on the left on Rt. 9, just south of the I-69 Expressway. Driving time from Lansing to Anderson, Indiana is about 5 hours.

The usual assortment of tools and safety equipment, as mentioned under the Lime City field trip, apply here as well as for any quarry field trip. Don't forget to call me prior to the above date to be sure there has not been a change of plans.

August Pot-luck Picnic at Morrison Lake, Saturday, August 15th

There will be a pot-luck picnic hosted by Richard and Lila Stevens on Saturday, August 15th at their summer place on Morrison Lake 291 Elm Road. The picnic will begin at 1:00 PM. Bring lawn chairs, folding tables, FOOD and eating equipment.

Directions: Take I-96 West toward Grand Rapids to the Lake Odessa exit. Go south 1/2 mile to Portland Rd., West to Jackson Rd. (about 3 miles) South (along side of the golf course) about 1/2 mile to Elm Rd. which is a private drive in the pine trees. Follow around the lake, until you reach 291 Elm Road.

Two Children's Table Work Parties Scheduled - Saturday July 11 & Saturday Aug. 22

George Heaton, Children's Table Chairman has scheduled two Children's Table Parties to be at Grit and Alice Turners' place at 2667 Pine Tree Road, Holt, MI. This is where we store our children's table material and we will have a lot of stuff that will need sorting, identification, labeling, pricing and packing to be ready for our show in October. He plans to be at Grit's place at 9:00 AM on both Saturdays, July 11 and August 22 to start the process. Anyone who would like to help with this project is very welcome. We hope to have some food and other refreshments available to make the job more pleasant and help stave off hunger pangs.

EDUCATION - Florence Hill

At the June meeting, David Piotrowski will continue with his discussion of a basic rock type, the various rocks in that class, and the environment where they are formed.

Hand-polishing - This may be one of the activities at a summer pot-luck. If you are not at the June meeting but want this training, please call Florence Hill or Lila Stevens so you will be notified of the date.

SHOW TIME IS COMING!

Don't forget to bring home some extras from your collecting trips for the Children's Table. We need lots more STUFF. Not much was left last year. How about high grading what you have stashed away in the garage or basement? Put extras to good use.

And be sure to gather up plenty of pretty pebbles for the Pebble Pond during School Tours. The kids love 'em.

Anyone going to magnetic sand localities? That is always in demand.

And where are those egg cartons? We need them this summer to get them ready. Last year they came without asking. I'm ASKING now. Florence Hill

LIBRARY - Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

At the April meeting, someone asked how they might go about ordering their own copy of MINERALS OF OHIO by Ernest Carlson (There is a copy in the Club library).

To do so, send \$8.00 + \$1.75 shipping to:
 Division of Geological Survey
 Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources
 4383 Fountain Square Drive
 Building B
 Columbus, Ohio 43224-1362

THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO GO

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| June 19-21 | Bedford Swap, Bloomington, Indiana |
| June 27-28 | Seminar, MGAGS Rockhound Seminar
Mott Community College, Flint
see attached program |
| July 1-4 | Special 5th Annual Red Metal Retreat
Seaman Museum & Red Metal Minerals
Reg. \$20 single, \$35 couple |
| July 23-26 | Show Combined MWF/AFMS Show and Convention
Brunswick, Ohio |
| August 8-9 ¹⁻² | Ishpeming Swap |
| Sept. 11-12 | Show Tulip City Show, Holland Civic Cntr. |
| Oct. 23-25 | OUR SHOW Marshall Street Armory, Lansing |

NEWS FROM LILA STEVENS - Banquet and Grab Bag Chairman

Thanks to everyone for a successful banquet. I couldn't have done it without you.

Once again I will need materials for our show grab bags. We can use small pieces of minerals, tail ends of slabbed materials and small fossils. Even just a few pieces are welcome. You may bring your goodies to the June meeting or one of the summer work bees. Thanks again.

CLUB CALENDER

- June 18 Regular meeting Meridian Service Center
Turn east on Gaylorrd Smith Dr. off Okemos Rd. just south of the railroad tracks between Grand River Ave. and Haslett Rd.
- June 19-21 Field Trip Bedford, Rock Swap
Pot luck 3-dinner Farmus Openos - actors from Municipal Bldg
- July 11 Work Party for Children's Table at Grit's
- July 18 Possible Field Trip Lime City, Ohio
- August 15 Pot-luck Picnic and work party Steven's Place on Morrison Lake
- August 22 Work Party for Children's Table at Grit's
- August 29 Possible Field Trip Irving Materials Quarry at Anderson, Indiana
- Sept. 3 Board Meeting Bettie Patterson's
- Sept. 17 Regular meeting North School
- Oct. 23-25 OUR SHOW Marshall Street Armory

Mary Gowan's message cont.

I'm happy to report that Bill Rogers is out of the hospital. Congratulations to Margaret Randolph for the Awards she received from the Portland Schools for her programs and displays on Indian Artifacts.

Be sure to note that the June 18th meeting will be at the Okemos Service Center off Okemos Road on Gaylord Smith Drive.

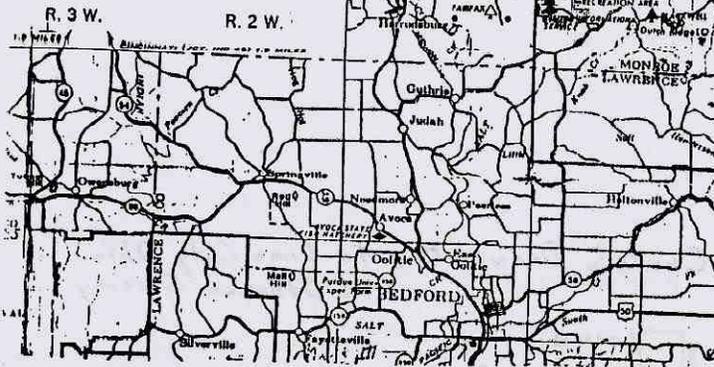
Now 'til September, have a safe, happy summer collecting, sunning and picnicking. Mary Gowans, President

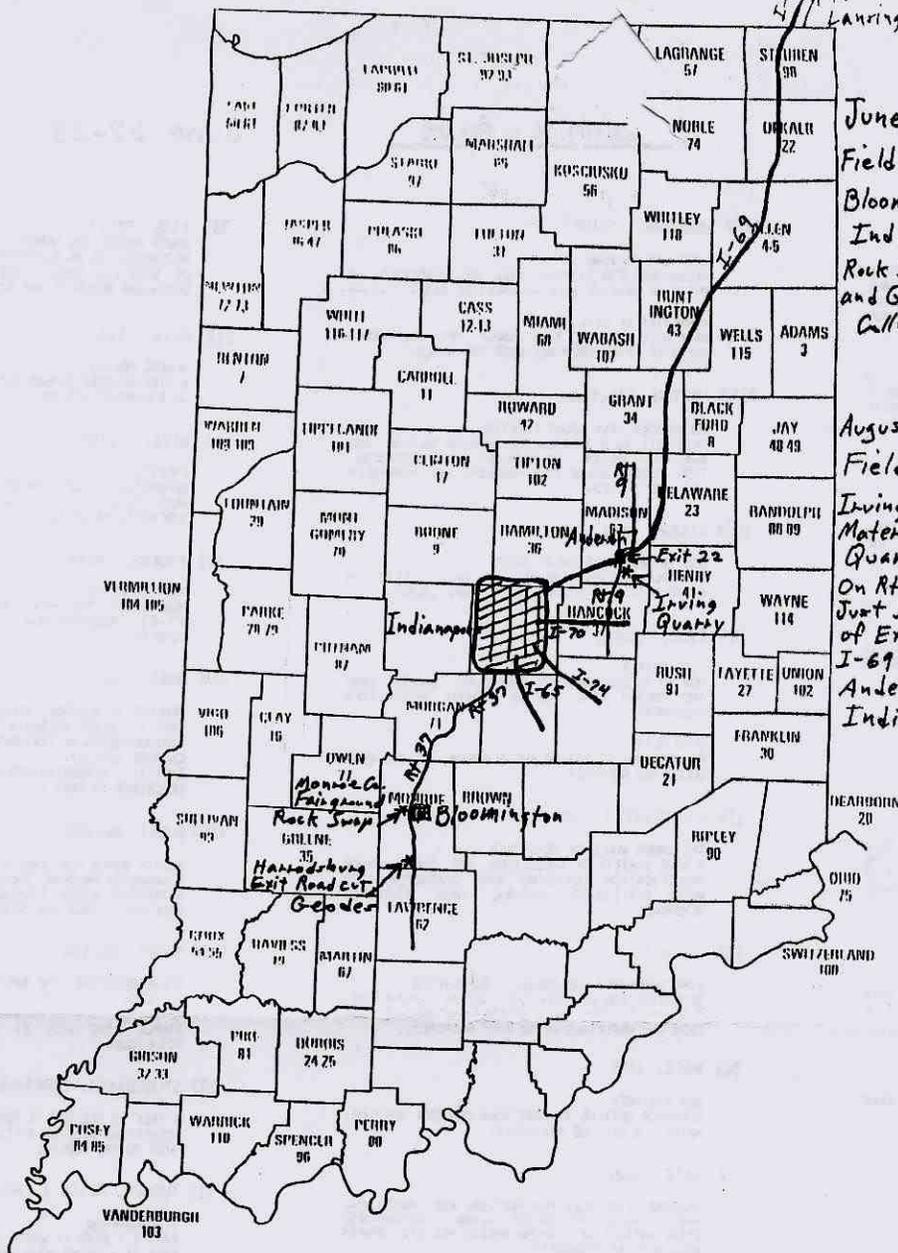
We are sorry to here about the death of Don Lohrer. He will be dearly missed.

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and Rock Swap
Located about here

Road Cut
(Geode)





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