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* * * OUR GENIAL PAST-PRESIDENT REPORTS * * *

Clarence and Gladys Kirkby, Joe and Laura Kreps were guests of the Tri-County Rocks and Minerals Society of Saginaw on our March meeting night. Their guest speaker was Bob Markert, President of the Ishpeming Club. Mr. Markert gave a most inspiring slide lecture on collecting areas in the Upeeer Peninsula. After the meeting we were invited to the home of Dr. Oliver Lohr' to see his extensive collection. Harry Sprague was the member exhibitor for the March meeting, with a wonderful collection of Michigan minerals.

A characteristic of a good Rock Hound is his willingness to share with others any information or knowledge he may acquire.....A club "tumbler" discovered the hard way that rose quartz, obsidian, apache tears and rhodonite like their own company when being tumbled. Saratoga opalized wood and Wyoming sweet water agates get along very well tumbled together.....

Here is another tried and true tip.....Try cutting a solid white rubber heel (not the sponge rubber kind) into small cubes. Thoroughly clean the cubes by tumbling in soapy water. Add these cubes to stones when tumbling to cushion the fall.....Chicago Lapidary Society tells us in the April 1958 "Lapidary Journal" to add a few drops of liquid soap to the water you use for mixing polish. It facilitates polishing as the soap tends to hold the polish to the wheel longer.

Harry Sprague, mentioned above, is the President of the Tri-County Rocks and Minerals Club. Joe and Laura Kreps had met Doris and Harry Sprague at the Markert's home in Ishpeming last summer.

* * * THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE * * *

Clarence Kirkby, Chairman
Merrill Payne

Harold Stuck
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Jim Patterson, Welcoming Committee.

We wish to welcome the following new members to the Central Michigan Mineral and Lapidary Society:

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The Membership list on the following pages will be very useful thruout the year. Detach it and place it near your rock collection as a reminder of your many rock hound friends. Make an effort to visit each one and get better acquainted this year. You will find by doing so your mineral collection will grow and your knowledge of the lapidary hobby will improve.

The names of new members will be added each month. Attach them to your membership list and keep it current. Please review your own name, address, and phone number to see that they are correct. If corrections are required, advise the membership committee.

* * * PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT MEETING * * *

A Movie on The Growing of Crystals, furnished by the Bell Telephone Co. will be shown. Specimens of Crystals grown by club members will be on display. Instructions on "Growing Minerals" will be passed out - be sure to come and get your copy.

* * * PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE * * *

Probably most of you - like myself - are getting the urge to follow springtime out into the fields, quarries, gravel pits, beeches, mines, etc. for the next "find" which you hope will be just a little nicer than the last one. I have been wondering if we shouldn't set up a department in our bulletin where we could tell each other the spots where we like to look, (except of course that choice secret location you are saving). Probably a lot of us have missed good spots you might tell us about. We'd also like to have you bring along that choice piece you just found - to show off before or after the next meeting.

Another column I'd like to see in the Rockhound News is one listing members who have collections that they'd invite members to "come up and see us sometime". We could also list members who have swapping material.

Rock hunting is like many other hobbies. It's fun to share our experiences and show off our finds to any and all who appreciate them.

Leon North - President.

* * * A REQUEST FROM THE SECRETARY * * *

The secretary and treasurer would appreciate it very much if members who have not paid their dues for this year would do so as soon as possible. We would like to bring our books up to date.

All members who did not get their Midwest Federation Membership Cards can get them from the secretary at the next meeting.

I still have a spoon of stainless steel from the dinner in January. It does not belong to me and I wish the owner would claim it.

We have received our Midwest Federation official emblems - pins for the ladies and lapel buttons for the men. The price is 50¢ each. Get yours at the next meeting.

Lila Stevens - Secretary.

* * * FROM THE LIBRARIAN * * *

Much useful information can be found in our library. We encourage all members to make use of it. The April issue of GEMS AND MINERALS has an article entitled, "A Method of Etching Rock" by Ruth A. Kirkby of California. Some of our members will remember her as she spoke here during the early days of our own club. The Librarian is always happy to check out material to you.

Mrs. Grace Rita Wilcox - Librarian.

* * * NOTICE RE. "ROCKHOUND NEWS"

If any paid up member isn't getting the Rock Hound News, please advise the editor.

* * * MIDWEST FEDERATION 1960 CONVENTION * * *

The Ishpeming, Michigan Club will be hosts. Mr. Markert is already at work arranging field trips to various mines and collecting areas around Ishpeming. Better plan now and take a long look ahead to 1960.

The first outdoor field trip of the year is coming up, fellow Rockhounds so plan and prepare. Weather permitting, this could be the best field trip of the year. Our destination, the quarry at Clay Center, Ohio is probably the best known source of excellent quality celestite in the U.S.A.

For those members who need transportation to and from Clay Center, call any of the following members and they will assist in lining up a ride for you. Cliff Prevey-Ph# IV44964; Raymond Brown-PH#IV26728; Harold Paulson-Ph#IV90336. Anyone having room in your car for more riders, if you would call any of the three transportation men, leaving your name and the number of riders you can accommodate, it certainly would be a great help -- I'm hoping for a large turnout and don't want any member to miss the trip for lack of a ride.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Place -- Clay Center, Ohio -- southeast of Toledo.

Time --- Sunday, April 19 9:30 A.M. or as soon after as you can make it.

Distance-- about 135 miles one way.

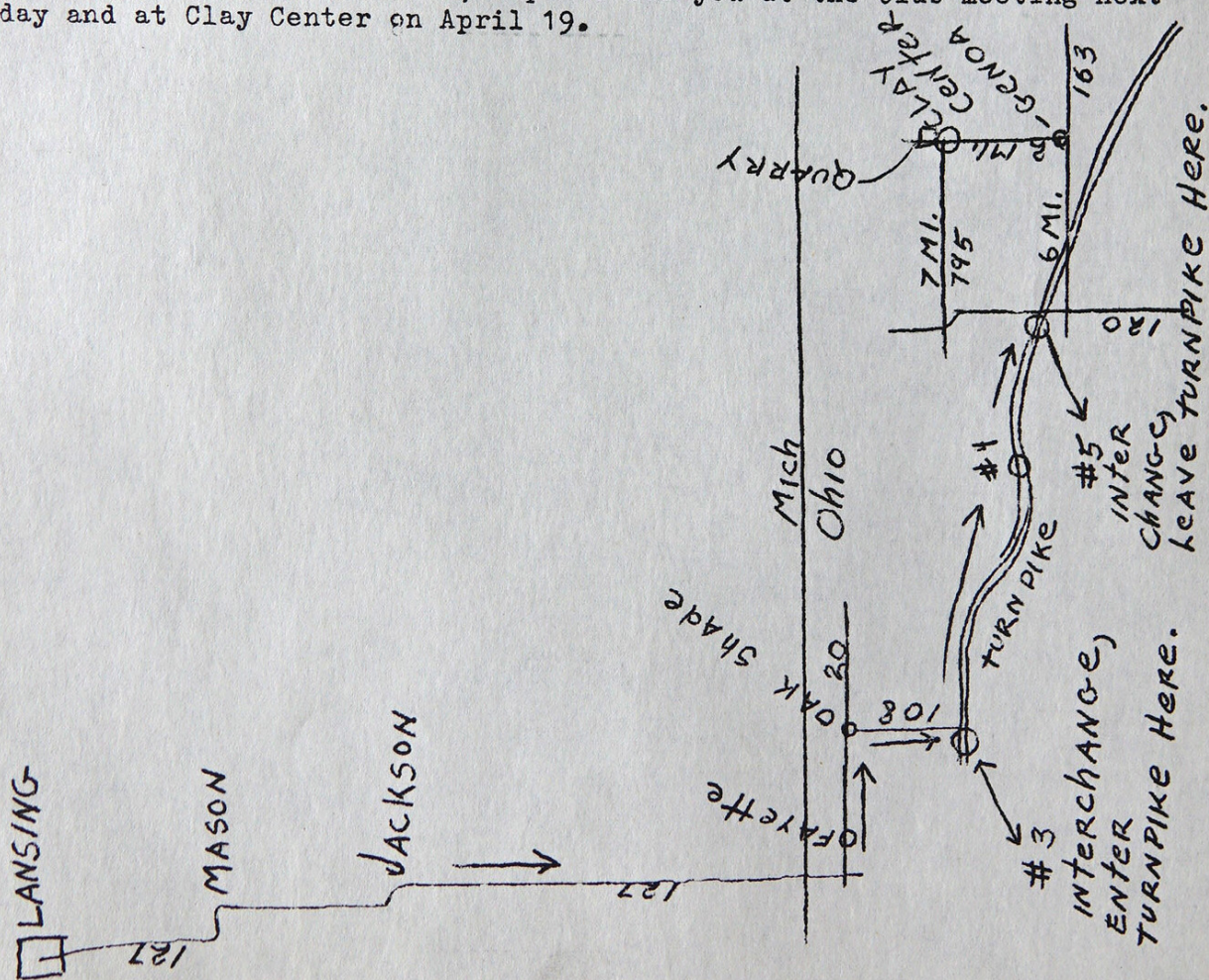
Toll road expense -- about 85¢.

Minerals to look for -- celestite, fluorite, calcite. Specimens will be on display at Club meeting next Thursday and at quarry on day of field trip so you will know what to look for.

Hungry Rockhounds -- bring a basket lunch for yourself and family, also water.

Tools -- bring rock hammers, chisels, sledges. Also, cartons and packing paper to carry your loot in.

That all, fellow Rockhounds, hope to see you at the Club meeting next Thursday and at Clay Center on April 19.



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