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* * * * PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE * * * *

The meeting this month is the last until September. Lets make it a B-I-G Success! I'm sure you'll enjoy the program that Rev. McMillian has planned for you.

We're sorry that he and several others won't be with us, but we know they'll enjoy the Midwest Convention in Springfield. Most of you will be taking Rock Hunting vacations - Good Hunting! Bring some of the best to the fall meeting to brag about - or to swap.

Some of you have wondered where to go for a half day or a full day of rock hunting. I would be glad to suggest any places I know of - if you will phone me. I'm sure that any of the other old timers like the Kirkbys - the Gasches - the Kreps - Kelford and others would be glad to give you any information they have gathered. And if you find a new - good - place, tip off the rest of us.

See you at the meeting and again next fall. In the meantime - GOOD HUNTING!

Leon North, President.

* * * * MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT * * *

The Kreps - ever since Mr. Kreps was appointed field trip chairman - have been on the road nearly every week end having fun for themselves and scouting for possible places for field trips for all of us.

Three weeks ago they went to Junction, Ohio with friends from Jackson. They visited a limestone quarry there and collected fossils, brachiopods and some trilobites. We hope to schedule a trip down there possibly next fall. Also there is a large cement plant and quarry about 10 miles west of Junction which we will try to visit sometime, if we can get permission.

On Memorial Day Week End, we made a pleasant and profitable trip to Petoskey, then to Norwood, to Atwood, and to Eastport. Petoskey has a beautiful little tourist park next to the lake where you can collect Petoskey stones. We were fortunate in being able to get into the quarry of the Penn-Dixie Cement Co in Petoskey, where we found just lots of brachiopods. Also, you can get to the lake again from this quarry for better hunting of Petoskey stones.

Then we went to Norwood and found and collected bonded chert and anthraconite. I also got samples of the Ellsworth blue shale which is used in making cement. Samples, also, of the Antrim shale to use in my science classes.

From there we moved to Eastport and turned west one half mile to cozy Barnes Park on Grand Traverse Bay. It is a County Park with a nice bathing beach and another collecting area for chert and Petoskey stones. ... Why don't you plan a two or three day vacation trip sometime this summer, and investigate this area?

Let us recommend to you who travel in Michigan and camp out, that you get yourself a book of county maps from the Conversation Department. These maps list many County Parks and quarries not listed on the usual road maps. Also get yourself a copy of Miss Martin's booklet - "Rocks and Minerals of Michigan".

The following week end we went to the Maumee, Ohio quarry to see what is available there. The Maumee quarry is usually ~~not open to rock clubs~~. I hope we can arrange a trip ~~there~~ but I can't promise.

There are also some prospects at Woodville, Ohio which we want to investigate when we go to Springfield to the Midwest Convention. We ought to be heading that way about the time you get this bulletin. We will have to miss our June meeting so this will have to be my report.

Hope you all have a pleasant summer - and good Rock Hunting!!!

Joe and Laura Kreps.

* * * REPORT FROM "THE DO-IT-YOURSELF" DEPARTMENT * * *

Are you tired of spoiling and making leakers of your tumbling can lids/

Then take that heavy old kitchen knife that would never hold an edge - or a stiff putty knife - or any similar metal - and grind it to something like my very artful sketch.

Now, with a gas vent in the lid (if you don't have a soldering iron, fetch your lids and a few old tire valve stems over to the house and we'll fix 'em for you) your cans should give a lot longer and more convenient service.

Fred Gasche

