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MEETING PLACE: EAST LANSING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL; RM. A-132

DATE: THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ROCK SACK

In the rush of the Christmas season let's all try to save this week Thursday for our rock club meeting. On the program schedule are talks by two of our own members, a Christmas party and our annual election of officers for next year. Elmer Eckhardt will talk on the Carbon family of compounds, and Pete Jameison will tell us of his rock collecting trip to Mexico.

For our Xmas party we plan a gift exchange (rocks, minerals, gems, crystals, lapidary, etc, if you please). Will each one coming bring a gift to exchange, something worth at least \$1.00, something you would be happy to receive, and have it gift wrapped with a card inside giving your name, the identification of the specimen and where the specimen is from. If you bring a guest you should bring a gift for them also, or have them bring one, because, as the prairie dog said to the gopher: "No bring-um rock, no get-um rock."

I am sure our nominating committee will have an appropriate slate of nominees for our officers for the coming year. All paid-up members of the club as of Dec. 1. may vote.

Our January meeting will be a planned Pot-Luck dinner meeting at 6:30 P.M. at the cafeteria of the C. W. Otto Junior High School corner Thomas and Larch Sts, in Lansing. Enter the school parking lot from Larch St. opposite the MacDonald Hamburg grill, and enter the cafeteria from the rear door. ~~This will be our regular Annual meeting, the new officers will be inaugurated, Plans are shaping up for a good program, and we plan door prizes super-duper.~~ Save the date, Jan. 15. 1959.

Don't forget that the swap-table is to be a regular feature of our meetings. If you have swapping material, bring it along.

OPEN HOUSE - May the Kreps' get in their first bid for open-house during the Xmas holidays. Tuesday Dec. 30, 1958. from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. and from 7:30 to ??? P.M. no special program, just coffee, punch, snacks and visit.

If any others of you plan such an open-house during the year-end it would be well to mention it at our Dec. meeting.

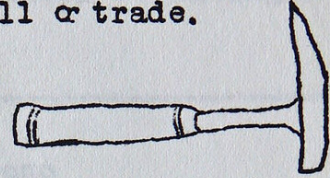
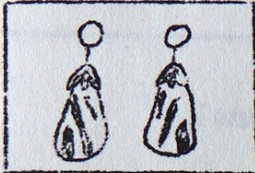
Dues are due in January, advance payments can be made to our Treasurer Mrs. Kreps at the December meeting if you care to. Any persons joining the club in December will be charged only the \$2.00 fee for the 1959 year.

For that Rock-Hound or Pebble-Pup, how about a nice rock, or hammer, or rock sack, or gift subscription to Earth Science, or Gems and Minerals, for their Xmas gift.?

Joe Kreps, Pres.

LOOKING FOR A ROCKHOUND CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Look around among our own members. Several have jewelry, mineral specimens, lapidary equipment and supplies. Some of the members have made long distance trips and brought back many specimens that they would be glad to sell or trade.



How True IT Is

By Roger Kirkby



DO A GOOD ROCKHOUND DEED

Lets shower a sick member with a season's greeting card--from every member. Clyde Henson was rushed to Texas in November because of his health. He is alone and among strangers while his wife is finishing up her year of teaching here in Lansing. His address is Clyde E. Henson, 227 Emparia, Apt. 2, San Antonio 9, Texas.

The co-editors of the Central Michigan Rockhound News humbly apologize to the Geological Survey Division of the Michigan Conservation Department for the mistake of not identifying the author of two articles published in our last bulletin; the articles were the "Outline of the Geologic History of Michigan" and "The Seas and What They Brought."

January Annual Meeting - Jan. 15, 1959

Pot luck supper at 6:30 PM
Place: C.W. Otto Junior High School

Bring a dish to pass if you have two in your family or bring two dishes to pass if you have more in your family. Bring your own rolls or bread and table service.

Coffee, cream, sugar, and napkins will be furnished by the Club, also milk for the children.

Bring a mineral specimen to brag about and place on the green strip in front of your place.

DOOR PRIZES

There will be a drawing for door prizes. Your membership number is your number for the door prizes.

January Annual Meeting - Jan, 15, 1959

Pot luck supper at C.W. Otto Junior High School

Please send this slip to Mrs. Clarence Kirkby 1415 Greenview, East Lansing if you will be present at the pot luck dinner.

How many adults _____

How many children _____

What kind of dish to pass _____

Name _____

**** 1959 OFFICERS ****

A fine slate of officers was presented by Sam Knox, chairman of the Nominating Committee, at our December meeting. They were elected unanimously and will assume their duties after Joe Kreps, the outgoing president, turns the "Rock of Authority" over to Leon North, incoming president, at our annual meeting January 15th. The new officers are as follows:

President	-----	Leon North
Vice President	-	Rev. Luke McMillian
Secretary	-----	Lila Ann Stevens
Treasurer	-----	Mary Coleman
Director	-----	Norman W. Kunkel

SPEAKER OF THE EVENING

John Mihelcic of The Michigan Mineralogical Society of Detroit will speak on mineralogy at our January Annual Meeting and will show kodachrome slides. He is well known for his knowledge of the lapidary hobby.

**** MINERALOGICAL GUIDE ****

A free Mineralogical Guide is available to anyone who writes to the Michigan Department of Conservation and asks for the bulletin called "Mineralogical Guide". This bulletin lists Michigan Mineralogical Societies, Michigan Museums exhibiting rocks, fossils and minerals, Mineralogical books and magazines, plus additional information. Every rock-hound should have this helpful bulletin.

**** CLUB DUES ****

It is again time to pay dues, \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students under eighteen. You can pay these dues to our new treasurer, Mary Coleman at our January 15 meeting. If you are not present to pay your dues, please send them to Mrs. Mary Coleman, 2419 Delta River Drive, Lansing.

**** JANUARY MEETING - Pot Luck Dinner ****

Place: C. W. Otto Junior High School

Date: Thursday, January 15, 1959

Time: 6:30 P.M.

This Pot-luck dinner meeting will be held in the Cafeteria of the C. W. Otto Junior High School, corner of Thomas and Larch Streets in Lansing. Enter the school parking lot from Larch Street, opposite the MacDonald Hamburger Grill, and enter the cafeteria from the rear door. Each family should bring a mineral specimen to place on the table in front of them as a centerpiece. If you have not already notified Gladys Kirkby of the dish which you plan to bring, please notify her by telephone. Her number is ED 2-0809.

Bring one dish to pass if there are two in your family. Bring two dishes if there are more than two in your family. Bring your own rolls or bread and table service. Coffee, cream, sugar and napkins will be furnished by the club. Milk for the children will also be furnished.

**** NEW EDITOR ****

Chlore Morris has been announced as the new editor of this bulletin. Anyone having news, or interesting material should send it to Mr. Morris, 223 E. Hillsdale, Lansing.

**** DOOR PRIZES ****

Several Super-duper door prizes have been purchased especially for the Pot Luck supper meeting on January 15. Your membership number will be used for the drawing. Only club members who are present will be eligible.

**** OPEN HOUSE ****

An Open House was held at the home of Joe Kreps, Club President on Tuesday, December 30. Fifty to sixty members were reported to have attended. In addition to seeing a fine collection of mineral specimens, the members saw the handiwork of Joe and Laura. Refreshments also were served.

**** CAR EMBLEMS ****

You may purchase an A.F.M.S. (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies) car emblem from our Treasurer, Mary Coleman, for only fifty cents. The emblem can easily be fastened to your car bumper or trunk lid. The A.F.M.S. emblem will enable other rock-hounds to identify you as a society member. Get one at the next club meeting!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ROCK CASK

It is with confidence and satisfaction that I hand over the Rock of Authority in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society to our new president Leon North. Leon was one of the early members of our club and has always been an active and a willing worker in the activities of the club. He has served us well during the past year as Vice president and as program chairman; I know he will do equally well as president. I want to ask that each of you volunteer with your time and your talents in working for the club and assisting in its activities. I know that the more you put into the club, the more you will get out of it.

I am also happy with your choice of the other officers and our new board member. Rev. Luke McMillian has ability, interest, energy and initiative, and I know, from the enthusiasm he has shown in his few months with us, that he will serve the club well as vice president and program chairman. Lila Stevens has already taken over her new job as secretary, with enthusiasm and competence. She is a rare find. She actually wanted the job. Bless you Lila. Mary Coleman can't help but be a good and conscientious treasurer with her background of Scout work and with her three eager pebble pups and a rockhound husband to give her constant encouragement. and Norman Kunkel, having just retired from the managership of the publications department at M.S.U. will bring us both ability and the time to apply it.

I want to thank all of the officers, the board members and the committee members who have assisted so ably and willingly with the work of the club this past year. Percy Gibbs, who has done so well with the difficult job as field trip chairman; Gladys Kirkby, who has been our social chairman and who has helped a lot behind the scenes with the club bulletin; Larry Kirkby, who has edited our Rockhound News and has made our bulletin one of the better bulletins in the State; Jeanette Sloane, who has had the unassuming but efficient charge of our club library; Harold Stonehouse, who is our authority on rock identification, who always has sound advice on club problems and who has willingly taken part in our club programs with his talks and pictures. Just because he is off the board of directors doesn't mean he is off the hook. We need him; Clarence Kirkby, the main-spring, or spark-plug, or guiding light of our club who probably has done more for the club than any other person; Grace Shappell and Mrs. Kreps, who have kept the business affairs of the club in such good shape; Merrill Payne, who organized and handled the club display at the Hobby Show; and our other board members, Fred Gasche and Elmer Eckhardt, both of them quiet and unassuming yet competent and dependable whenever called upon for help or advice. There are a great many others who have done their part and I am sure that they as well as we have been happier because of their work. Such co-operation has made my year as president a very pleasant one.

During the year our membership increased from 77 to 145, nearly doubling, but I do not count our success as a club so much in the number of members as in the seriousness of purpose and the dedication our members show toward collecting, understanding and appreciating the rocks and mineral,

Joe D. Kreps, Pres.