

Hi---

Brrrr! It is supposed to warm up soon and I hope so, we needed some ice for fishing and this should do it, but enough is enough!

Plan to attend the January 21 meeting. Mr. Robert Beauvais will be presenting the program, weather permitting his travel here. It should be a good one.

Jim Moses will be doing this column next month, so look forward to that.

Alan Hukill

Corresponding Secretary - Donald Lohrer

The Society sent get well wishes to John Hopkins, who is now recovering at home from a stroke; to Sally Barber who injured her hand in a snowblower accident; to Bettis Patterson who had surgery on Jan. 7 at Sparrow Hospital; and to Bruce Brockway who had surgery on Jan. 11. We pray that all these members will have a satisfactory and speedy recovery.

DUES ARE DUE

I fell asleep the other night
and while I had my snooze,
I dreamed each member stepped right up
and promptly paid his dues.

And then I found it was a dream.
I nearly had a fit.

It's up to you to make it true
So won't you please remit?

Via Pegmatite, Exchangeite

Bessie Rogers is still collecting dues. See her at the meeting or mail them to her.

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Community Service - Florence Hill

If you have performed some community service in 1987 that has not been reported in the Rockhound News, please call or write me immediately so that you may be given credit for it, and it may be included in the club report for the All-American Club Contest. Have you give a talk on minerals, geology, archaeology, or some form of rock craft to a group? Have you shown your collection or your workshop to anyone? Have you helped someone get started in any of the lapidary crafts? Have you taken a display to another club's show? Or helped them in any way? Those all count.

In 1988 please continue to report your service activities as soon as you do them. Perhaps you will give another member an idea for something he or she can do.

Education - Florence Hill

The January mineral of the month will be chalcopyrite, a copper-iron sulphide with a distinctive crystal habit. Richard Miller will give the five minute talk on it.

Richard M. Pearl, the noted mineralogist, has stated that "sulphides are an important class of minerals composed of sulphur combined with a metal or semi-metal," and include most of the ore minerals. That explains the placing of sulphides second only to native elements in mineral studies.

WANT TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW?

A series of special-interest open houses is planned for this winter. These are designed to help satisfy the desire for knowledge our members have expressed. We hope new members in particular will take advantage of these sessions, but long-time members who want to broaden their understanding should find them equally stimulating. Please call or write the hosts or hostesses in advance so they will have some idea of how many to expect----but don't stay home if you find at the last minute you can go. You will be welcome anyway.

Here are the first three sessions:

FOSSILS

Larry and Lorna Tripp have a large collection of fossils and have become well informed on them. They can get you started on the study of that fascinating subject.

Date: SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1-4 p.m.

Place: 5559 Curtice Road, Mason. Call 628-2767 or 339-8914.

Driving Directions: West of Holt on Holt Road about 2 miles to Onondaga Road, South 5 miles to Curtice Road, West a short distance, south side of road.

Don't miss this, even though this is short notice for you.

WIRE WRAP JEWELRY - Alice Turner

CUTTING AND POLISHING, Workshop and Methods - Grit Turner

This doubleheader will lead you right into two different forms of lapidary work, given by two experts in their fields.

Date: SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1-3 p.m.

Place: 2667 Pine Tree Road, Holt Call 694-9596.

Driving Directions: Take Dell Road (which is between College and Aurelius Roads south of Jolly Road) to Pine Tree Road (blinker light) turn South about 1/4 mile. (Brick house on West side of road)

BEAD STRINGING - Sandy Hukill

Techniques and materials. Questions answered. Creative combinations and secure construction.

Date: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 641-6125.

Place: 15785 Park Lake Road

Driving Directions: Go North on Park Lake Road (which begins on Grand River between E. Lansing and Okemos) crossing Haslett Road, Saginaw, and Lake Lansing

Road, to the south side of Park Lake community.
East side of street.

Items from the January 7, 1988 Board Meeting: Neil Snapp, Recording Secretary
Alan Hukill, Richard Saxman and Grit Turner will prepare budget for 1988.
Dave Gibbs will be moving either to Pontiac or Florida and he will be
resigning as librarian.

Having name tags on hand for new members was discussed. Cost will be
investigated and reported upon.

Demonstration Hall is reserved for our 1988 Show.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on Hand Nov. 30, 1987 Checking Acct. \$1,324.05

Receipts:

1988 Dues \$65.00 65.00

Disbursements:

Rent	15.00	
Publications	44.00	
Roster Secretary	8.00	
Other	2.00	
1987 Show	30.00	
1988 Show	40.64	140.44

Balance on Hand December 31, 1987 Checking \$1,248.61

Membership - Walter and Doris Avon

A special welcome to the following new members:

Robert John Williams II	Margaret L. Balt-Williams
334 Evergreen Avenue, Rm. 7	200 Friendship Circle
East Lansing, Michigan 48823	Lansing, Michigan 48912

Field Trips - George Heston

We will be having a pot-luck at the Alaiadon Township Hall on SUNDAY, Jan. 31
at 1:30 sharp. Please bring a dish to pass and your own plates, cups, and silver-
ware. Beverages will be available there.

'Rocko' will be played and slides shown. Donations for prizes will be appreciated.
Many of you may recall the fun times we have had there in the past. So, mark
your calendar for JANUARY 31, bring the whole family, and enjoy a Sunday afternoon
of fun, fellowship and good food!

Alaiadon Township Hall is located at 2021 W. Holt Road, 1/2 mile East of Okomas Rd.
See you all there!

Items from the December 17, 1987 Meeting - Florence Hill

President Alan Hukill called the meeting to order at North School. Present were 53 members and 3 guests - Linda Higelmire and Ray and Jo Lee Hilton.

Treasurer's annual report showed a gain in total cash of \$976.05.

President Alan Hukill's annual report summed up events and accomplishments of the year. He thanked the officers, committee chairpersons and all members who have helped to make the year worthwhile. He was presented with a plaque in recognition of his services as 1987 president.

Assistant State Director, William Rogers, installed the 1988 officers as follows:

President (for the month of January only)-Alan Hukill
 Vice President (in absentia) - James Moses
 Treasurer - Richard Saxman
 Recording Secretary - Neil Snapp
 Corresponding Secretary - Donald Lehrer
 Roster Secretary - Bessie Rogers
 3-Year Director - Richard Miller
 2-Year Director - George Olds

Alan Hukill read the committee chairman appointments to date as below:

Membership - Walter and Doris Avon
 Library - Dave Gibbs
 Finance - Irwin Turner
 Field Trip - George Hanton
 Display - Nancy Collins
 Education - Florence Hill

Jim Moses will assume the presidency February 1, 1988. Vacancies will be filled as soon as possible.

Door prizes of a Mexican goods and a calcite specimen were donated by Bettie Patterson and won by Jeff Hukill and Linda Higelmire.

Sphalerite specimens were on display, with brief comments by Alan Hukill.

The lovely Christmas program was a reading by Bettie Patterson combined with music by Martin Setala and Ray and Jo Lee Hilton.

A pretty Christmas table was arranged by Lucille Raggow to make an appropriate setting for the Christmas goodies presided over by Ernest Oliver.

.....HAPPY NEW YEAR.....

Resolve to get your dues paid by February 28. Then.....your name will appear in the 1988 Membership Directory.

Children's Table - Florence Hill - George Heaton.

Help!!!! Our successful 1987 Show really stripped the stack of the Children's Table. We need to start from scratch this year. All kinds of rocks and minerals will be most welcome. So get at that sorting of field trip goodies you've been putting off doing this long while and bring it to a meeting -- or call George (339-8914) and arrange to get it to him.

It helps a lot to label your bags and boxes with the location and names of the contents. And just think what a lift you will be giving some rockhound-in-the-making at our Show next fall!

From the Exchange, Jan-Feb., 1988:

Legislation Committee Report

John Boland, Chairman

Midwest Federation Newsletter, December, 1987

(This report abbreviated by Margo Collins)

The Committee on Guidelines for Paleontological Collecting created by the National Academy of Science met early in August to approve their final recommendations to the BLM, U.S. Forest Service and Congress, following a three year indepth study. Their study covered the viewpoints of professionals, commercial and hobby collectors... (among others). Advice was sought in Great Britain, Canada and Germany on their procedures.

After much soul-searching, the committee adopted a statement of principle as a basis of its detailed recommendations which is: the science of paleontology is best served by unimpeded access to fossils and fossil-bearing rocks in the field. (Based on this) the Committee formulated 18 recommendations which include the need for a uniform policy for state and federal agencies, permits for querries and commercial collectors only, depositing fossils of scientific significance in institutions for research and education and the need for ...programs to inform... of the research needs of professional paleontologists.

The Cranston S-7 Bill proposes to remove 7.5 million acres of BLM land in California and place it into national park and wilderness. This designation effectively eliminates multiple uses on vast areas of the California desert. Currently under BLM guidelines, rockhounding is acceptable in designated wilderness areas as long as it does not degrade the wilderness values. The National Park Service, in contrast, does not allow rockhounding whatsoever in wilderness areas and Parks....The areas designated in Cranston S-7 Bill are among the most highly mineralized areas in the world....Shirley Lesson, CFMS (Calif. Fed.) President urges all rockhounds to write to their congressmen and senators since they will vote on the bill and determine the fate of all rockhound collecting in these designated areas.

CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- (Sat.) January 16, 1988 Open House - Larry and Leona Tripp residence.
Fossil.
- .. January 21, 1988 Regular Meeting - North School - 7:30 p.m.
- (Sat.) January 30, 1988 Open House - Grit and Alice Turner residence.
Cutting and Polishing - Mike Vero Jewelry
- (Sun.) January 31, 1988 Pot-luck - Mission Township Hall - 1:30 p.m. Sharp.
February 4, 1988 Board Meeting - To be announced.
- (Sun.) February 7, 1988 Open House - Sandy Hill residence.
Wood Stringing.
- February 10, 1988 Regular Meeting, North School, 7:30 p.m.
