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This corporation is organized for the purpose of studying the earth sciences of mineralogy, geology, and the arts of lapidary and Gemology. We were organized on June 12, 1951, incorporated on June 21, 1956, as a non-profit organization.

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CLUB MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of each month except June, July & August (we have picnics at parks) and December (2nd Saturday night is our Christmas Potluck and Party).  
7:30 PM at Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative Building at 999 - 35th St., Marion, Iowa.

BOARD MEETINGS: Fourth Wednesday of each month except June, July & August.  
At place announced by the President. 7:30 PM.

CLUB DUES: Due and payable January 1 of each year. Deadline if March 1.  
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - \$6.00 per adult couple; \$4.00 per single adult;  
\$6.00 per family membership

JUNIOR or PEBBLE PUP - \$3.00 (a member under 18 years of age)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$4.00 per family (associate members will receive the club bulletins but may not vote or hold office).

Persons joining during the year will pay dues to the nearest quarter.

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This will be the last newsletter til Sept. so hang onto it!

JUNE PICNIC (potluck)

Wed. June 20, 6:30 pm

THOMAS PARK in Marion

BROWN pavilion



Bring a covered dish, (meat or casserole type dish) plus a dessert or salad. Bring table service and a table cloth for your family. Coffee will be furnished or bring your own beverages. Bring ALL your family and ALL guests are welcome. Bring some show & tell rocks and be prepared to tell about your latest field trips. Roger D. should have the latest news on the S.D field trip. So be There!

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 FIELD TRIP!!!!!! FIELD TRIP!!!!!! June 23 to Vinton quarry, this will be on Saturday morning as this is the only time we can go there. Sign up at the June 20 picnic and talk to Field Trip Chairman Rick Austin.

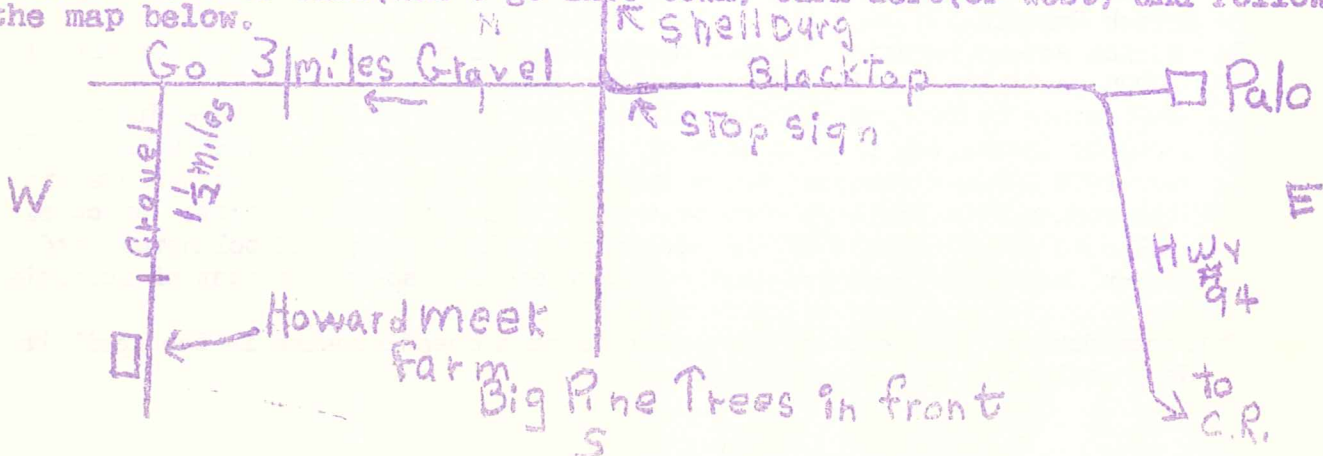
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FIELD TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA -June 30 thro July 8- see P.7 for details

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JULY PICNIC - Wed. July 18, 6:30 pm, THOMAS PARK in Marion, GREEN pavilion

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AUGUST PICNIC - Wed. Aug 15, 6:30 pm is the tentative date (subject to change) Howard Meek farm west of Palo. (see Map) Howard has invited us to his farm for a corn-on-the-cob picnic whenever the corn is ready. The phone committee will call you as soon as she hears from Howard. If you don't get a call by the 15th please call Phone Com. Ch. Jackie Steiner or Pres. Bevauns to see where & when the picnic will be (the Blue pavilion in Thomas park has been reserved in case we need it for the picnic) Bring the same as for the other picnics PLUS folding tables and chairs. To



get to the Howard Meek farm take hiway 94 out of Cedar Rapids to the corner west of Palo (don't go into town) turn left (or west) and follow the map below.



APRIL MEETING - SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society met at 7:30 p.m. on April 18, 1979 at the Marion REC Building. Wilma Ransell introduced Truman's cousin, Wilma Darling as a guest to a large number of persons in attendance. The secretary's report was approved as written. The treasurer's report will be presented in the May bulletin.

CORRESPONDENCE - Leslie told the club about the many shows for which she had been sent bulletins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Don Bates thanked everyone for the help and cooperation he received as Show Chairman. He stated that he had two outstanding bills: the Fair Board for \$722.80 and WMT for \$125.00. He asked if we should maybe have a post-show meeting to air suggestions, and it was decided that this would be held after the board meeting on April 25th at the Bevaun's home.

Helen Shedenhelm stated compliments were given at the hostess desk from people who really enjoyed this show more than the "hubbub" of the Midwest Federation Show. She also stated that 21 groups signed in at the show.

President Bevauns brought to the body the fact that the board had suggested the entire body vote on a \$200.00 scholarship fund to a Cornell student. The members approved.

Rick Austin said he would like to go agate hunting instead of sticking strictly to fossil hunting on our field trips.

Roger Dabler said the trip to South Dakota is still being anticipated. Uncle Tom has lined up a trip into Tepee Canyon for the members at a cost of one dollar.

Leslie Elin mentioned that resource materials on each of the states were available to members to sign out.

Leslie would also like to see the club order seven AFMS Lapidary Materials Books at a cost of \$5.75. She made a motion stating such, and it was approved by the body.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Connie Bevauns  
Secretary Pro-Tem

Fran Bates has April 25th Board and Show Minutes.

BOARD MEETING - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1979

The board meeting was held at the home of Jack and Connie Bevauns. Attending were Jack Bevauns, Larry DeSotel, Don Bates, Fran Bates, Helen Shedenhelm, Marion Peters, Pat Dabler, Roger Dabler, Leslie Elin, Jeff Nikola, Betty DeSotel, Craig Simmons, Cliff Steiner, Gladys Zebac, Bob Elin. President Jim Bevauns called the meeting to order at 7:15.

- Treasurer's Report:
1. There is no final tally on show profits or losses as all bills are not in yet. Large outstanding are: WMT for spot advertising, and Buresh Rentals.
  2. Marion Peters reported acknowledgement and receipt of a trophy for our club's 1000% participation in the scholarship fund.
  3. Marion has heard from the accountant. The Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society income tax form is made out, and the accountant's bill will be \$288.00. Our 1977 990-tax form had to be amended because the treasurer was unaware of the monies from the 1978 show that were in a different account. Discussion followed about payment of the accountant bill. Larry DeSotel moved, and Helen Shedenhelm seconded that our club and MWF split the cost of accountant.

Correspondence: 1. Feedback is coming in on a questionnaire in the April bulletin. Jack would appreciate more replies.

Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 26, 1979 (Continued)

2. The MWF show is in Columbus, Ohio, this year on August 2, 3, 4 & 5. Betty DeSotel will represent the club at the Editor's Breakfast. The club needs to choose someone to be a delegate at the delegate's meeting. It was the consensus of opinion of the Board that meal fees for these people be paid out of the treasury.
3. The Iowa City show and swap will be June 16 & 17. Don Bates urged members to take cases for this club which has done so much for our club in August 1978 and April 1979.

Old Business:

1. Larry stated that he will get 20 MWF Directories on consignment for club members to buy.
2. Gen List pamphlet was sent for by the Liaison Officer to come to Larry's house — seven books for \$5.75.
3. Roger Dabler reported Professor Garvin of Cornell College is delighted that our club will be offering a scholarship to one of the geology majors. The geology trip, a requirement for graduation, now costs each student around \$700.00. Trip costs are proving to be prohibitive for some students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Almost-too-lately submitted  
Fran Bates, Secretary Pro-Tem

SHOW MEETING - APRIL 26, 1979

1978 Show Chairman Don Bates called the Show Meeting to order after the Board Meeting. General suggestions and comments about this year's show:

1. That we have a "floor chairman" who will arrange in advance the placement of displays. This chairman will get dimensions of displays and special requirements — floor or wall space.
2. That we have official greeters for displayers.
3. Most liked the layout this year with dealers mixed in with displays instead of putting dealers all in one aisle.
4. Dealers like table skirting, but do not like paper on top of the table.
5. We need someone to help place and set up displays as they arrive prior to the show. How about the club president?
6. That we have two aisles instead of three.
7. Dealer feedback was that they liked the openness this year as well as the scattering of dealers.
8. We waited too long to decide on a show date this year and lost free publicity.
9. Could we avoid future conflicts of events by listing our show with the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin.
10. Publicity Chairman is a crucial job to the show's success.
11. Poor attendance due to: Late publicity Weather (cold)  
The Antique Show Palm Sunday
12. Could we have this at the Civic Center next year? Plus: we get free publicity, free security. Minus: Rent is \$920 per day, camping is limited, sale of beer would be a "turn-off" for dealers.
13. We need runners for the hostess table.
14. There was lack of member participation. People would sign up to work and never show up for their turn.
15. The table demonstration was excellent, but better ventilation is a must.
16. Make sure there is heat if necessary, despite the date.
17. Should we have a show next year? A letter written by Norm and Alice urged

Show meeting - April 26, 1979 (Continued)

the club to have an annual show. A vote taken was in favor of continuing the annual show. 8 in favor, 5 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Submitted by  
Fran Bates, Secretary Pro-Tem

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT - MAY MEETING

The Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society met May 16, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the REC Building in Marion. There were thirty-two members and three guests in attendance with Vice-President Roger Dabler presiding.

Vice President Dabler introduced guest speaker Ray Anderson of the Iowa Geological Survey. Mr. Anderson gave a slide-lecture presentation on the Geological History of Iowa, which included excerpts of the book, "Iowa Landforms." This was a very interesting and informative program that covered the formation of rocks & minerals in Iowa from the beginning of the Earth to present day, and the uses of the rocks by man.

The minutes of the April regular meeting were read by Secretary Pro Tem LaVonne Grove. Leslie Elin asked that the minutes be amended to read "Leslie Elin moved that we order seven copies of the AFMS Book Lapidary Materials" instead of AFMS Resource Book as was stated. Roger Dabler asked that the minutes be amended to read "Uncle Tom has lined up a trip into Teepee Canyon for the members at a cost of one dollar per pound" instead of one dollar per person as stated. The minutes of the meeting were approved as amended.

The Treasurer reported the checking account balance is \$1,945.61. Marian Peters also reported that there are still outstanding bills from the 1979 show and so a final report on the Show cannot be made at this time. The Treasurer's report was approved as read. Mrs. Peters read information from membership application forms for new members Terry Wallace, Nancy Auffet, and Walter and Catherine Birdsell.

Field Trip Chairman Rick Austin reported that the field trip last week-end to Shefflers was a success. Members attended found lots of geodes. Mr. Austin asked for members suggestions for future trips. Leslie Elin suggested Vinton Quarry and gravel pit, and the Miscatine gravel pits.

LaVonne Grove read a letter from Prof. Richard Hoppin stating that the SUI Geology students chosen to receive the 1979 Cedar Valley Scholarship Awards are Steven G. Pearson and Timothy N. Furdik. Dr. Hoppin thanked the Society members for the Awards and stated that the students will contact the Society later and make arrangements to meet with the Society.

Roger Dabler announced that there will be a program given on Gemology by Professor Garvin of Cornell in the fall.

Marian Peters read letters from: the Old Capitol Geological Club thanking the Society for the gift of \$300.00; and from Mr. Fred Marek and Mr. Ed Wilder for the checks they received for their expenses at our Show.

Marian Peters read a letter from AFMS Scholarship Chairman Katherine Steinbrenner congratulating the Society for their 1000% participation in the AFMS Scholarship fund, and presented the plaque we received for the achievement.

LaVonne Grove read a letter from MMF Secretary Jean Reynolds, stating a proposed change in the MMF By-laws. This change would give the MMF Executive Committee the right to replace MMF Permanent Committee Chairmen who were not performing their duties. Mrs. Reynolds enclosed a form for us to fill out to register our delegate for the 1979 MMF Convention.

Mr. Dabler asked if anyone is going to the Convention. No answer. Mr. Dabler

\*(Minutes of the April Executive Board Meeting were not available).

Secretary's report - May Meeting (continued).

said he would give the information to Pres. Bevauns.

Mr. Gilbert Jurgmeyer, a guest from Keystone, asked if any member of our Society would be willing to give lapidary demonstrations during the Keystone Centennial Celebration, the 2nd week in June, 1980. Mr. Dabler said that probably several members would work in shifts for this event.

Leslie Elin read an item from an exchange Bulletin stating that the Northeast Iowa Clubs are going to present a bid for the 1989 MAF Show with the assistance of Lyle Waterman and Norman Brown.

Lumir Dlak said that he has room in his van for another man to accompany him on the S. Dakota field trip being planned. Anyone interested may contact him.

Leslie Elin stated that the Show meeting immediately following the April 25th Board Meeting a vote was taken to decide whether our Club would hold a Show in 1980. Mrs. Elin stated that since the members were not told that a vote would be taken at that meeting, that the results of that vote was illegal.

Gladys Zobac stated that a notice in the March Newsletter stated that a vote would be taken at the March regular meeting, and that it was not taken at that time. Members were told at that meeting that a show "re-hash" meeting would be held after the April Board meeting, but not that a vote would be taken for the 1980 Show, and Mrs. Zobac further stated that the vote taken at the Board meeting counted two absentee ballots which is also illegal.

Mr. Dabler said we must make a decision soon on whether we will hold a Show so that arrangements may be made to rent Hawkeye Downs. Mrs. Elin suggested that first it should be determined if members will work on the show. Mr. Dabler asked for a show of hands on how many members were willing to work. Twenty members so indicated. Mel Abernathy suggested that we rent only one building and that the programs be held in the same building as the rest of the Show. Alberta Gray suggested that the Show plans be printed in the Newsletter much earlier next year so that members would have some idea of what those plans are.

Bill Myers suggested that in the future we have some real Show meetings and enough notice be given so that members can attend those meetings.

Mr. Dabler said he would pass those suggestions on to the 1979 Show Chairman.

Skinny Lutz moved that we hold a Show in 1980. Helen Lutz seconded the motion. Mr. Dabler asked for a show of hands for or against. Twenty members voted yes, five members voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Dabler said that a Show meeting will be held in September to plan the Show.

Bud Gray moved for adjournment. Skinny Lutz seconded the motion. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Pro Tem, LaVonne Grove

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The May Board Meeting of the Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society was held May 23, 1979, at the home of Fran and Don Bates. The minutes of the last board meeting were read by Secretary Pro-Tem. Approved. LaVonne Grove read the minutes of the May meeting as Secretary Pro-Tem of that meeting. Approved. No treasurer's report was read in the absence of the treasurer.

The following correspondence was read: Des Moines auction on June 2; Buffalo auction on June 2; All-Illinois Show; Illinois Adult Archeology Field School for 1979. Also a letter from Iowa City's Old Capitol Club thanking our group for the check in appreciation of their help on the Midwest Show was read with the announcement that they would use the money in their scholarship fund.

Don Bates reported that the fall swap is still an item of controversy---that some of the club members are objecting the amount of work associated with both a Show and a Swap each year. A complicated discussion followed, including the

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problem of finding an adequate location, number of people who will work on it, etc. Larry DeSotel suggested that the Swap be cancelled this year; Jack Bevauns ruled later that the general membership will be forewarned of the decision to be made, and will vote on the issue in June.

Larry DeSotel announced his new address and phone: 3412 - 1st Ave. N.E.  
365-6842

A complaint from the REC Building that not all tables were removed after the last meeting was acknowledged. The need for, and duties of, "host" and "hostess" for the meetings was explained. Jack suggested that the names of those selected be published in the Newsletter, along with updated explanation of their responsibilities, and state the fact that we are able to hold our meetings at REC for free and everyone should do their part in seeing it's well taken care of.

A discussion about the accountant's bill involved the issue of whether it included the bill for the revised tax statement. Tabled until treasurer is present.

The September Board Meeting will be held at Dabler's. At 8:30 Larry moved for adjournment, seconded by Roger Dabler, Passed.

Submitted by  
Helen Troxel, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORTDisbursements

Science Fair	\$ 50.00
Cash	200.00
Marion Hardware (box)	8.63
Penny Saver	103.00
R. Thompson	60.96
R. Anderson (mastodon skull)	200.00
A. Brown (meat)	14.17
Phetteplace	100.00
C. Shoemaker	37.50
B. Myers (keys)	12.16
State tax	43.44
F. Bates (food, etc.)	22.64
R. Richardson (food)	11.75
G. R. Gazette (ads)	26.60
H. Shedehelm (food & calls)	6.73
L. Blin-stamps \$26.00	92.85
masters	10.30
cash box	12.46
s signs	17.90
film	7.13
develop film	15.16
Hawkeye Downs	722.80
Cornell College	200.00
Postmaster (stamps)	15.00
Midwest Federation	5.75
G. Zobac (postage-letters to schools)	19.50
F. Marek (exhibit)	25.00
E. Wilder (exhibit)	25.00
Total	<u>\$2,008.48</u>

Receipts

Dues	\$ 36.00
10% of Sales	
M. Dickens	.60
A. Woolf	5.50
P. Blin	2.90
Stamp	10.00
Tickets	1,369.50
Swap (rent)	18.40
Pebble Pit	78.47
Penny Saver Refund	36.00
Directory	.25
Cash	200.00
Total	<u>\$1,757.62</u>

Receipts	\$1,757.62
Check balance	2,196.67
	<u>\$3,954.29</u>
Minus disbursements	2,008.48
	<u>\$1,945.81</u>



SOUTH DAKOTA FIELD TRIP .....by Roger Dabler

The following tentative schedule is contemplated for our week trip. The schedule will be adjusted according to availability of collecting areas.

Saturday & Sunday, June 30 & July 1 -Travel to Rapid City and be ready to start hunting Monday morning. Distance to Rapid City - 810 miles.

MONDAY, July 2 - Custer for Teepee Canyon and then about 7 miles west of Custer for garnets.

Tuesday, July 3 - Wasta Sand & Gravel Plant for Fairburn agates, prairie agates and fossils. Then up on the Cheyenne River for some more of the same.

Wednesday, July 4-5-6 -Go out on the ranch. Approximately 17,000 acres for us to hunt on. It is just north of the Fairburn Agate Beds. Should be lots of things there.

(On the 4th of July there is a large celebration at Deadwood, So.Dakota) Also in the area is Mount Rushmore,

South Dakota School of Mines

and a number of nice rock shops.

There is a number of different materials to be found in that area.

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| Fairburn agates | Black & Gray fortification agates |
| Rose Quartz     | Teepee Canyon Agate               |
| Agate Nodules   | Selenite Crystals                 |
| Golden Barite   | Sharks Teeth                      |
| Amethyst Geodes | Colorful Jaspers                  |
| Garnets         | Chalcedony                        |
| Petrified Wood  |                                   |

HOPE THE GAS SITUATION IS GOOD! see you at the June Potluck. Will have more details regarding trip.

A GOOD NUMBER OF MEMBERS ARE GOING ON THIS FIELD TRIP.

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A LETTER FROM THE MWF ALL AMERICAN MERIT AWARDS CHAIRMAN

May 22, 1979

Dear Friends,

I am proud and delighted to tell you the good news that your great club has won another award. Thanks for your participation and best of luck to all of you. The Midwest is pleased to have a consistently excellent club like yours. Congratulations.

Be sure that one of your delegates or officers attends the awards banquet at Columbus in August to accept the trophy, your trophy.

Sincerely,  
June Zeitner

MWF All American Merit Awards Ch.

(Editor's note--This trophy is the result of Fran Bates nagging..... remember? She ask everyone to turn into her things you had done for the year. I know she didn't have time to call everyone but she compiled a good

*report with what she had.*

Are we an EDUCATIONAL Club????? by Marian Peters

Some of our Club members have voted to have another Show in 1980---It is becoming more and more apparent that many of our club members are using the Club for personal gains. With more and more dealers in the club there are fewer people to man the tasks of hosting an educational Show. Some of our members are becoming too old to be taxed for a 16 hour day and others are in poor health and unable to help.

Since some dealers are so anxious to have a Show each year, why can't we all be dealers? All it takes to become a dealer is to apply for a sales permit, which costs about a \$1.00, think up a catchy name, print up a few business cards and stationary and began to order from some wholesalers. You might have to spend an evening or two a week to make up a few saleable items, but never-the-less you're in business. Oh, yes, you must be a dealer in "good standing". I don't really understand this catchy phrase, but it must mean that you have no derogatories. So what do you say, lets all be dealers at our next Show? We'll man the tasks when we're not busy with our personal gains.

Of course this may present another little problem. Our Club is a tax-exempt organization under regulations 501.3.....No where in those regulations do I find that we can use the club for personal gains! We are tax exempt for educational purposes. I have a copy of the regulations as well as do several others members. I called the IRS office in Des Moines to confirm my opinion of Sec. 501.3(e). I want you to read it.

(e) Organizations carrying on trade or business --(1) In general. An organization may meet the requirements of section 501(c)(3) although it operates a trade or business as a substantial part of its activities, if the operation of such trade or business is in furtherance of the organization's exempt purpose or purposes and if the organization is not organized or operated for the primary purpose of carrying on an unrelated trade or business, as defined in section 513. In determining the existence of such primary purpose, all the circumstances must be considered, including the size and extent of the trade or business and the size and extent of the activities which are in furtherance of one or more exempt purposes. An organization which is organized and operated for the primary purpose of carrying on an unrelated trade or business is not exempt under section 501(c)(3) even though it has certain religious purposes, its property is held in common, and its profits do not inure to the benefit of individual members of the organization.

Lets use the club for the purpose that it was established. We are an EDUCATIONAL Club, it seems somewhere along the way we forgot about that.  
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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! : The REC called with a complaint that a table had not been put away after the last meeting. This is the first complaint I've recieved or can remember we ever have got, but we must see that it doesn't happen again. Do you realize that we get the use of the room RENT FREE? We must see that it is left in proper order after our meetings, all tables put away and chairs too. And the floor swept. Starting in Sept. we will be calling the people who bring cookies "hosts" it will be their responsibility to come early & set up, make drinks, stay & clean up after the meeting, put chairs & tables away & sweep the floor & lock up. The Hospitality Ch. will be making a list for this. If you cannot be host that month it is your job to find someone to take your place or swap months with someone else. I might add that this is in the by-laws and something we have always just took as a matter of courtesy in the past but somehow we have gotten away from it.

FLINT - OHIO'S OFFICIAL GEM STONE

In 1965, when the 106th General Assembly designated an official gem stone for Ohio, they chose flint, a rock that has been of long and valuable service to man. Flint is a form of silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and is therefore an enduring material. As a result, many of the flint tools and weapons of early man have survived from prehistoric times. They serve as a record of his life and habits and tell us much of what we know about his growing civilization.

Flint in some forms is also a prized semi-precious gem stone, probably the one most representative of Ohio and a particularly appropriate symbol.

The most outstanding occurrence of flint in Ohio is at Flint Ridge, which extends from east of Newark almost to Zanesville in Southeastern Licking County and the adjacent area of Muskingum County. Here may be found striking examples of flint in a wide variety of colors: red, green, blue yellow, white, and black, and many combinations of these shades. These rocks are valued highly by the collector and, when shaped and polished, make exceptionally beautiful pieces of jewelry. There are numerous other occurrences of flint in Ohio where the mineral is generally white or black, but still attractive when polished.

From CHIP AND LICK - By Dale Poorman

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GERMAN FOR ROCKHOUNDS - der meeting

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From Chip & Lick, via G&M Soc of Palm Beaches

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK-For me the world is weird because it is stupendous, awesome, mysterious, unfathomable; my interest has been to convince you that you must assume responsibility for being here, in this marvelous time. I wanted to convince you that you must learn to make every act count, since you are going to be here for only a short while; in fact too short for witnessing all the marvels of it.

from the teachings of Don Juan, via the U. of Ia. Geology newsletter contributed by Helen Troxel

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Failures are divided into two groups---Those who thought and never did, and those who did and never thought. from PIKE COUNTY ROCK HOUND NEWS

FROM THE AFMS NEWSLETTER MAY 1979

Tennessee now has LIMESTONE as official State rock as signed into law by Governor Lamar Alexander March 13th. Limestone resulted from a two year lobbying effort by sixth grade students at Martin Junior High in Northwest Tennessee. Traditional backers of laws received the pens which the bill is signed. Reported: "Miss Genny", Governor Alexander asked "how many students in your class?" "157", she replied. Governor Alexander whistled quietly, asking if three pens would do. Mrs. Vaughn said "we'll frame them". The students presented the Governor a mounted "chunk" of limestone which he is using on his desk. (Chattanooga News-Free Press)

SHOWS: THEY'RE BIG BUSINESS

There are 1300 shows a year. The big show months are October and April. Several dealers groups also sponsor wholesale trade shows in many cities. There are about 200 of these in a year. Numerous trade shows coincide with big shows like Tucson and Detroit.

Shows range from modest free shows, planned by a club for its members and friends and neighbors, to big nationally known highly publicized shows. Some shows are purely educational. Some are purely commercial. Some specialize in minerals, or lapidary, and some are even more exclusive like the Faceters Fair, the Opal Show, or the American Fossil Show.

Attendance can be from 1000 to 40,000. This probably averages out to about 3500 per show. So there could be over 4 million people a year attending our shows. Are we using this opportunity well? Are we educating them? And how about us? Are we participating fully in our shows? Are we learning from them? Are we attending the Federation Shows as we should?

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POLISHING TIP OR WARNING -from ACHATES, via TEMPLATE

A word of warning for those who use diamond powder embedded in canvas discs for polishing. Since some craftsman run these discs dry, and the person working on such a disc usually stands directly over the unit, quite a bit of the flying dust will be inhaled. This can lead to a first class case of a condition like silicosis. Many cheap but effective dust masks are available at safety supply stores and they will cut dust inhalation. After using one of these masks, take a look at the filter - you'll be amazed at what you could have inhaled!

REGARDING RUTILATED QUARTZ -from the GEODE, via BACK BENDERS GAZETTE

Be careful when grinding rutilated quartz/ The acicular needles or rutile may not be as firmly locked in the silica as you might think. When silica gel solidifies, it shrinks and can draw away from inclusions. In grinding, the needles can dislodge and puncture your fingers.

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To get a gloss finish on tiger eye, polish once, dry the stone, then put a drop of vinegar on it. Leave a couple of minutes and then give it a second polish. Result should be the deep gloss finish you want.

from PICK & CHISEL, via theSTONE TABLET

Johnny was a chemist, but Johnny is no more

For what he thought was  $H_2O$  was  $H_2SO_4$

from FULTON COUNTY  
ROCKHOUNDERS, via THESPHERE

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## Midwest Convention: 'Wonderful World of Gems'

The Midwest Show and Convention at Columbus, Ohio, August 2-5 will be exceptional in many ways. The special displays from major museums will include award winning jewelry, superb crystals, regional fossils, rare artifacts gem cravings, dazzling gems, and much, much more. Show visitors will have the chance to meet and talk with curators of important museums, to hear well known authors and get their autographs, and to see inspiring and educational programs and demonstrations on all phases of the earth sciences and lapidary arts.

Actions, door prizes, swapping and other features will add to the excitement. Another popular attraction of recent years, the Hall of States, will occupy some of the spacious, air-conditioned show building.

New plans for judging and new categories for distinctive trophies have been announced. An exhibitors and judges seminar will be held for competitors and those interested in competition. Retailers and wholesalers will represent many areas. Bulletin Awards, All American Awards, and display awards will be presented. Luncheons, breakfasts and the Awards Banquet are being planned, with surprise details for each event. Even the program will be an unusual souvenir of a big event.

Show Chairman Carlton Davis says packets have been mailed, and a large crowd is anticipated. For details write him at 2453 Buckley Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43220.

### GEMS AND MINERALS WANTS YOUR SHOW DATES

After great success with the first Directory Issue, GEMS AND MINERALS is planning for an even bigger and better one for this September. Called the 1980 Directory" this issue will include many categories of interest and value throughout the end of this and all the next year.

To make the Coming Events section as complete as possible, please send us your show dates. The "1980 Directory" issue will include show dates from September 1979 through December 1980.

Please send your show dates to GEMS AND MINERALS, P. O. Box 687, Mentone, California 92359.

Deadline is July 15, 1979.

### OP MANUAL BEING PRINTED

Printing of the newly revised Operation Manual has been authorized and will be sent to the printer very shortly. When copies are available it will be announced in this Newsletter.

### LAST ISSUE UNTIL SEPTEMBER

This June issue of the Newsletter will be the final one until September. We publish ten times a year, September through June. The September issue will be mailed about the middle of August and copy for the issue should be sent to the editor as soon as available so that space may be allotted for it.

### SCHOLARSHIP GAINS

by Katharine Steinbrenner

Since the last Scholarship report was published in the Midwest NEWSLETTER seventeen clubs and individuals have sent in contributions that total over \$1336.00. As a result the following ten clubs have advanced their Scholarship status as follows:

Copper Country Rocks and Mineral Society	1100%
Great Lakes Rock Club	800%
Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society	1000%
Hawkeye Gem & Mineral Club	1200%
Blackhawk Rock Club	1100%
Driftless Area Gem & Mineral Club	100%
Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Society	100%
Central Illinois Gem and Mineral Society	700%
Miami Valley Mineral & Gem Club	300%
Michigan Mineralogical Society	1400%

Our sincere appreciation to all of you for your generous gifts.

Please would you all do something that would really help in answering your letters --- that is put your name and address and the name of your club on the inside of the envelope. Do not know what kind of ink the Post office is using today but it is sometimes very messy and when the only return address and name is on the outside it is sometimes almost impossible to read. So -- please do type or print your name, address and name of your club and put inside the envelope. It would also help if you would tell me how many members you have.

Thank you again for your generous gifts.

## Russell Kemp appointed to fill term of Ellis Courter as AFMS President

Russell Kemp, South Holland, Illinois, has been appointed to fill out the term of Ellis Courter, the late AFMS President from Southfield, Mich. Russell is a past President of the Midwest Federation and has held various committee positions for the Midwest since 1957. He was the second President of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, a position he held for two years. He is currently boundaries chairman for AFMS.

Russ and his wife Doris have probably given more programs for clubs, and taken more displays to shows than anyone

else. They have also given several slide programs to the Federation. Their two older sons have become professional geologists. Russ has been contributing Editor of Earth Science and is now Editor of the Lizzadro Quarterly. He is Chairman of the board of the Lizzadro Museum in Elhurst.

The Kems are widely traveled, and have attended many regional and AFMS shows. They have also been show committee officers of shows in the Chicago area.

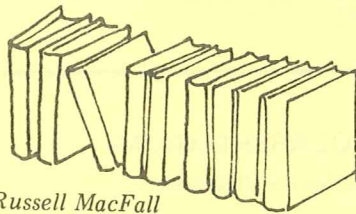
Russell says that he will try to attend as many Federation



*Russell Kemp  
AFMS President*

Shows this summer as possible, and that he expects to carry out some of Mr. Courter's excellent plans and ideas.

## BOOKS



*By Russell MacFall*

Mineral guides for the collector continue to come to our attention. Among them is A FIELD GUIDE TO TOPAZ AND ASSOCIATED MINERALS OF TOPAZ MOUNTAIN, UTAH, by John Holfert, in a revised edition. Holfert, whom we met at the Tucson, Ariz., show, lives in Bountiful, Utah, and had some of his prize specimens along at the show. Topaz Mountain has long been a mecca for collectors interested in digging from its rhyolite cliffs, the topaz, bixbyite, red beryl, pseudobrookite, garnets and other minerals found in vugs there. Holfert describes the precise locations he has found rewarding, illustrating them with hand-drawn maps and 36 excellent illustrations as well as crystals drawings and descriptions. The booklet of 66 pages is copyrighted 1978. The price is \$5.95.

Mineral and Gem Localities in Arizona by Lee Hammons is published by Arizona Maps and Books, P. O. Box 1133, S Sedon, Ariz. After a preliminary discussion of identifying, cleaning and discovering minerals, Hammons presents a set of guide maps and then 30 maps in color which identify by color the major rock types in each area as well as more precise mineral localities by circles and crossed lines within them which express degree and precision of the location. Some locations are identified with a single mineral, others with general families of minerals or metals. Hammons' guide is loose leaf with a decorated stiff cover. It is copyrighted 1977 and has 112 pages.

Readers of the Newsletter who know of other mineral or fossil locality guides that have not been described in this series of reviews are urged to let the reviewer know about them.

## NATIONAL GEM PROPOSAL: SOME RESULTS

*by June Zeitner*

Although ballots are still coming in on the National Gem proposal, there have been many clubs asking for a progress report.

Here is the way things stand now.

77 clubs voted, representing 4316 members.

### GEM

Quartz, 44  
Agate, 5  
Tourmaline, 5  
Sapphire, 5

### ROCK

Granite, 43  
Limestone, 7  
Marble, 3  
Sandstone, 4

### MINERAL

Gold, 35  
Copper, 9  
Silver, 4  
Iron, 5

### FOSSIL

Trilobites, 18  
Dinosaurs, 18  
Petrieved wood, 18  
Brachiopod, 7

All clubs did not vote for all four. 3 clubs voted that they didn't think now was a good time to try for a National Stone bill. Several clubs voted only for local material such as Fairburn agate, or benitoite, or Ohio Flint, or Petrified palmwood. Several clubs had rocks and minerals confused. It was interesting to note that with only two or three exceptions all the minerals voted for were metals.

Other votes may come in during the summer vacation (?) of your editors, but if there are not at least 300 clubs voting, we will probably do nothing further about a National Gem at this time.

FIELD TRIP - JUNE 23, Saturday morning

Field Trip Ch. , Rick Austin has set up a field trip to the quarry at Vinton. For times and more details come to the June picnic. Materials found there are selenite crystals, fossils galore, and a gravel pile with agates and various tumbling material plus occasionally a coldwater agate geode is found. Need hard hats and goggles for the quarry. Call Rick if you plan to go so he will have an idea of how many are going. Or sign up at the picnic.

WITH OUR MEMBERS

CONNIE BEVAUNS had surgery, came home on the 5th. She was there 8 days. Jack should be getting good with the housework by now!! Hope you're up to going on a field trip by now, Connie.

I just heard ANNE GRISHAM is in Mercy Hospital for surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery Anne.

NEVA ABERNATHY was in the hospital for a while with shoulder problems. Was better and they attended the Rocky Mts. Fed. Show so I hope it didn't bother her.

If you tried to call Don Or Fran Bates a couple weeks ago you soon learned that Fran was in Minn. and Don in Wisc. Separate vacations???? Understandable with I learned that Don was FISHING, Fran was visiting her daughter. They both had a good time .

DON SHAW is home from the hospital but goes back for treatments. Neva said they were happy to have their daughter from out west home for the weekend along with a housefull of relatives.

LARRY AND BETTY DESOTEL have moved into their new home. You can change their address in your directory to: 3412 1st Ave. N.E. CedarRapids, Iowa  
New phone- 365 6842

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Allen and Marie Johnson, Gary & Allen  
1129 Belmont PKY N.W  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

WELCOME BACK RENEWING MEMBERS: Robert & Kathleen Stark  
114 S. Locust  
Monticello 52310

ALEDO SWAP: July 14-15. A change has been made in the schedule on the flyer...The 1:00 silent auction has been dropped and there will be a 2:00 large consignment sale of rocks and machinery of Lloyd Rose and anyone else who wishes to sell. 10% to the club. Also see they'll be going to have a country store. Please consult your May newsletter for all the Shows & Swaps this summer.

WHERE HAS HE BEEN? : From the Collector's Journal a small item caught Gladys keen eye. This person commented "You Learn Something Everyday". He was just made aware that there are many collectors of Petrified Wood. He tells about prices and then says he supposes NEXT they'll form a society or club and print a newsletter, have swap meets and such. Gladys wrote him a letter and set him straight!

*Have a Razzzy Rock hunting Summer  
Don't forget the Picnic!  
Leslie, Gladys Robert, Pat*

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