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THE PROGRAM for the February 19th meeting will "Fire in the Sky," given at the Abrams Planetarium by Mr. Von Del Chamberlain. It deals with fiery sky spectacles. Apollo 11 moon rocks are on display in connection with this presentation. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. A short business meeting will follow the program.

The Planetarium is on the MFU campus just east of Farm Lane at Shaw Lane. Parking space may be found in nearby lots and in the ramp on Shaw Lane.

EDUCATION -- George Mitchell has arranged a varied display at the Sycamore School, Holt, to be on view for the month of February. It shows Michigan rocks and minerals, the method of making cabochons, and a nice display of tumbled Superior agates and other stones.

Ray Walker met with the leaders of the Office of Equal Opportunity at Woldumar to discuss the possibility of making lapidary work a part of their craft program. The three leaders and fifteen girls present were given a quick rundown on the machines that would be needed, and their operation, including the tumbler.

A geology study group is meeting every second Friday evening at the Delashmatt's. Wayne Henderson is in charge, and has secured Miss Helen Martin as teacher-consultant.

The advanced silversmithing will resume meeting at the Stevens'.

George Mitchell is giving instruction in beginning lapidary work as he offered. Call him if you are interested.

A series of four short meetings, presenting rocks and minerals in all their beauty, was given to youth group of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in January by Gladys Kirkby. The programs presented were:

- "The Foundation Stones of Our Earth"
- "Minerals and Their Commercial Uses"
- "Crystals and Minerals in All Their Beauty"
- "The Foundation Stones of the New Jerusalem"

DISPLAY - The display in the Capitol showcase has been changed. Our thanks go to John and Annie Passaneau and Berta McFarland for a very neat and attractive new display. For new members who wish to start learning about displaying their rocks this would be a good case to see. For old members who know about display, this would be a good thing to see and let these people know that their time and effort are appreciated.

DISPLAY - We had a very nice showing of display cases at the YWCA's World Arts and Crafts Festival.

- Bettie Hodgson, a case of fossils.
- John and Wilma Hopkins, a miscellaneous case.
- John Passaneau, a case of crystals.
- Lila Stevens, a case of fossils, agates and crystals.
- Jim Patterson, a miscellaneous case.
- The Howard Randolph's, a case of crystals and a case of mixed specimens.
- The Lloyd Conklins, a case of their miniature furniture made of cans, and a case of stones embedded in plastic.
- Bessie Rogers, a case of petrified corals, a case of fossils, and one of cabochons. Bessie also had a tumbler going and was hand-polishing Petoskey stones with an assist from Frank Rickard.
- Lila Stevens and Wilma Hopkins set up shop and had stones to sell to the children.

I want to thank the above people for their time and effort in putting in these nice displays. I also want to thank the following people for their time spent with the children as they visited the displays:

Wilma Hopkins
Lila Stevens

Sally Barber
Bessie Rogers

Fred Gasche
Frank Rickard