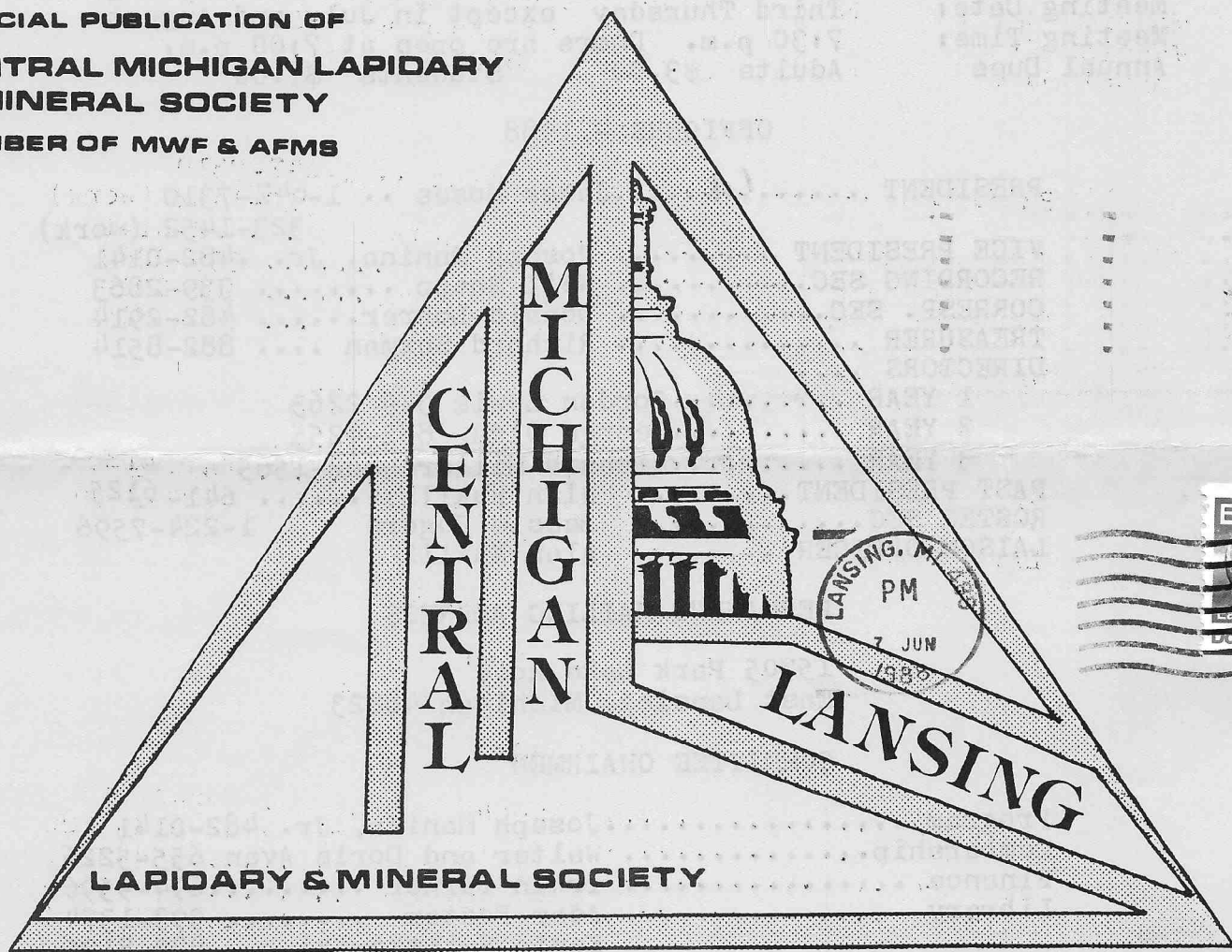


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A note from Jim

I hope that you all enjoyed the banquet. Mrs Buehler gave a nice talk, which almost one hundred of us were able to listen to. The food was also very good. I would like to thank Florence Hill, Marie Lewis, Mary Crosby, Irwin Turner, Nancy Collins, Bettie Patterson, Alice Turner, Sandy Hukill, Richard Saxman, Bessie Rogers, George Heaton, and everyone else who made the banquet a success,

While you are travelling this summer please remember that the children's table is looking for interesting specimens and many of them have never been collecting before, so bring us a few pieces. There is always a lot of excitement at the children's table, and it is because you donate things for sale.

Check the calendar of events for a different place for the June meeting. We do not have the school in June because the school year is finished, but we still have a meeting. In addition to the regular activities, we are still planning a silent auction at the June 16th meeting - for the benefit of the Midwest Endowment Fund. Bring in a couple of things and make the auction more fun.

We have had some response for "The Swap Corner" so you will see this column in the Newsletter.

I will have the raffle tickets at the regular meeting, so be sure to pick up a few to sell. We really need to sell these tickets to be able to fund our other projects during the year - such as our scholarships, our County Fair prizes and other projects.

Have a great summer - see you in September, or sooner.

Jim Moses

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Program for June 16 - Mr. Steven E. Wilson, Geological Survey Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be the speaker. His topic will be "Minerals in Industry". This is a slide program.

Joe Manina  
Vice President

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Once again I have nothing to report. Outwardly, at least, we are faring much better than earlier this spring. As we take our summer break, let's remember the children's table at the annual show. Gather a few extra rocks and crystals for the kids. Attractive, smooth beach stones are great. Who knows, your donation might spark some child's interest in a Life Long hobby!! I want to wish everyone good Luck and good Searching. Take care, have fun and we'll see you in September.

Don Lohrer  
Corresponding  
Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand April 30, 1988

Certificates of Deposit	\$7,000.00	
Manufacturers Bank Savings	8,024.44	
Manufacturers Bank Checking	441.84	\$15,506.28

## Receipts

Dues 1988	9.00	
Show 1988-Dealers	80.00	
Banquet	377.00	466.00

## Disbursements

Banquet	672.00	
Publications	50.00	
Membership-Hospitality	5.00	
Roster Secretary	40.50	
State Director	100.00	867.50

Balance on hand May 31, 1988

Certificates of Deposit	7000.00	
Manufacturers Bank Savings	* 7,824.44	
Manufacturers Bank Checking	* 280.34	15,104.78

\*Includes \$200.00 transferred from savings to checking

Richard E. Saxman  
Treasurer

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Milton and Sher Gere have moved and have a new telephone number (905) 942-7501 - same address as in directroy.

We had two people who made Life Membership this year:

Annie Passaneau and Lola Pearson

They sure earned it too.

Bessie Rogers  
Roster Secretary

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Florence Hill, Neil Snapp and I met with Dr. Stonehouse and Michael Velbel of the MSU Geology Department on June 2nd and interviewed three students for the scholarship. We selected Patrick Conway of Livonia as recipient of the scholarship.

Irwin Turner  
Finance Chairman

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Field Trips

Only George Heaton showed up for the May 21st field trip to the Wallace Quarry near Bayport, Michigan. The weather was warm but nice, and George had the millerite geode spot all to himself. He dug a small bucketful of them and took them home to crack a few at a time at his leisure. To date

he has cracked a few and already has 3 very nice millerite specimens and 3 or 4 mediocre ones. It will be quite a while before he gets all of his little nodules opened, and he expects to find several more good millerite specimens before he is through. All those people who stayed home to cut grass or whatever else people prefer doing other than rock hunting didn't get anything.

The May 29th field trip to the St. Mary's Cement Co. Quarry at Bowmanville, Ontario was attended by 5 members of our club and 5 members of the Scarborough club from near Toronto. The weather was nearly perfect, being dry and sunny, but cooled by a breeze off of Lake Ontario.

Nice trilobite specimens were found by Connie Snepp, Dave Piotrowski, and even George Heaton found a nice but imperfect trilobite. Blair and Jennifer Campbell and Ed Montgomery of the Scarborough club found some nice tails and other trilobite body parts but no complete or near complete specimens. Jennifer showed us a beautiful trilobite that she and Blair collected several years ago from the black shale of the upper level. Unfortunately this level is no longer being worked. We did not find a large number of specimens but we collected more and had more fun than those people who stayed home to cut grass or whatever else they thought they would rather do that week end.

The field trip for August will be another trip to the Michigan Natural Storage Co. at Grand Rapids, Michigan on Saturday, August 20th. This will be a second chance for those who missed the February trip. August is a hot month and this is a cool place to collect. The temperature is a constant 50 degrees F. year round.

We will meet at the Michigan Natural Storage Co. office at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 20th. Bring flashlights, lanterns, spare batteries etc. since the mine tunnels are dark. You will need hammers, chisels, and buckets or boxes to carry rocks or tools. If you collect selenite crystals you will also need tissue paper to wrap them in. Material to be collected includes massive gypsum in the form of "pencil ore" or alabaster for carving material, and the gypsum crystals called selenite.

To get there take I96 to the 28th St. exit at Grand Rapids. Go West on 28th St. to Clyde Park Ave. Turn right (North) on Clyde Park to Grandville Ave. and turn left (West). Grandville Ave. becomes Chicago Drive just west of Clyde Park. Take Chicago Drive to Judd Ave. and turn right (North). Take Judd Ave. to the Michigan Natural Storage Co., on the right just before the RR tracks.

There will be a pot-luck picnic hosted by Richard and Lila Stevens on Saturday, August 13th at their summer place on Morrison Lake. The picnic will begin about 1:00 PM. Bring lawn chairs, folding tables, food, eating equipment etc.

Directions: Take I96 towards Grand Rapids to the Lake Odessa exit. Go South about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to Portland Road, West to Jackson Road (about 3 miles), South (along side of the golf course) about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to Elm Road, which is a private drive in the pine trees. Follow the road around the lake to the left until you reach 291 Elm Road.

The June 16th meeting will be held at the Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road. This is just south of Meijers. The parking lot is behind the church (entrance on Okemos Road and also on Church st.) Enter the north door and take the elevator to the social hall downstairs.

Education - Florence Hill - Mineral of the month will be millerite, a nickel sulphide. George Heaton will give the 5 minute talk. If you give any talks, please let me know.

John and Wilma Hopkins opened their home to 9 Webelow Scouts and their leaders in February. They introduced the Scouts to different phases of the lapidary arts - cutting, shaping, polishing, carving and tumbling. They gave each Scout a Petoskey stone to polish and showed them other fossils. Their son told them about the uses of minerals in industry and medicine.

Library Adam Foster and Kevin Swiatkowski

Please bring your library books to this meeting. We will take care of them.

Children's Table - George Heaton and Florence Hill - Keep bringing in those minerals of all sizes and all kinds! Remember to pick up pretty pebbles for the Pebble Pond. What catches your eye will also appeal to a child. We can use GALLONS of them!

Banquet - Florence Hill

Ninety-six club members and friends attended our annual banquet at the First Christian Church, Lansing, on May 19th. The tables were most attractive with centerpieces of large specimens draped with rock jewelry. A delicious meal was followed by introduction of guests, announcements of new Life Members and door prize drawings. Then we enjoyed an illustrated presentation on "Our Fossil Heritage in Michigan", by Arline Buehler, noted for her knowledge of the fossil kingdom.

Guests from neighboring clubs were Bob and Ruth Beauvais, Clarence and Thelka Berndt, Ted and Marie Duprey, Dale and Louanne Harvey, Lorren Emerson, Gordon Woessner, Art and Dorothy Ferguson, Joe and Dawn Hudecek, Jim and Audrey Quisenberry, Doris Wood and Harlan Waters.

Other guests were Don Collins, Becky Henderson, Margaret Lohrer, Alix Takis and our speaker Arline Buehler.

Our new Life Members are Annie Passeneau and Lola Pearson, both enthusiastic club members.

Displays were brought for our looking pleasure by Oleta Brockway, Frank Card, Nancy Collins (Club trophies and minerals), George Heaton, Joe Manina, Lorraine Rockwood and Alice Turner. Heartfelt thanks go to the committee members for making this affair a success. It was a pleasure to chair this committee, the different members carried out their part so well that I really had very little to do! In addition to Jim's thank yous, I would like to add thanks to Jim Moses for arranging the program, to Ruth Hillis for the corsages and to Sally Barber and Peter and Betty Tack for assisting with the decorations. Thanks to those who hosted visitors. And thank all of you for turning out to make this occasion happy!

## Recycling - Florence Hill

How many of you are taking part in the program of the Recyclers of Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties? This non-profit volunteer group was formed six years ago to tackle the problem of landfill space and waste of natural resources. They have acquired a processing site and some trucks, and extended the scope of their activities. They have 4 collecting sites for Saturdays 10 AM to 6 PM.

1st Saturday - Logan Square (not in July)

2nd Saturday - Frandor

3rd Saturday - Grand Ledge

4th Saturday - Waverly High School

With assistance from the city, they are starting curb-side collection in East Lansing.

They will accept for recycling:

Newspapers - bagged or tied

(Glass - sort by color - no window glass

Rinse (Tin cans - take off paper labels

well (Aluminum - foil or cans

(Plastic milk jugs

Let's all get behind this group and do what we can to tackle these problems.

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## Display - Nancy Collins

Our club was represented by the following people at Shows.

Flint - Rogers - 3 cases

Mt. Clemens - Rogers - 3 cases

Maninas

Jackson - Maninas - 2 cases

Rogers - 4 cases

Patterson

Kalamazoo - Maninas - 3 cases

Taylor

Dearborn - Club case

Collins

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## "The Swap Corner"

For sale: 1. Brazilian agate to cut, has beautiful patterns, also kona dolomite, tumbling and specimen sizes both 50¢ a pound

2. Miss. and Lake Superior agate for tumbling \$1.00 a pound

3. also much more

Contact Ethel Gasche, 1811 Osband Ave, Lansing 48910  
Telephone 484-3281

Needed: Good specimen of green fluorite for display, also other odd colored specimens

Contact Jim Moses, 8425 E. Point Dr., Lyons, Mi 48851  
Telephone 647-7310

Orders for the 1988-89 Midwest Federation Directory will be taken at the June meeting. The price is \$3.00 which will be collected with the order.

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Needed: Someone with a 16-18" saw who would be willing to cut some slices of pudding stone for us. Contact Peter Tack, 314 Brittany Drive, Lansing 48906. Tele: 485-6768

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### Club Calender of Events

- Friday, June 10 Field Trip to Bedford, Indiana - Rock Swap and geode collecting (see May issue for directions)
- Thursday June 16 Regular meeting - Okemos Community Church Social & Silent Auction Hall  
Note: \$23.00 profit at Picnic silent auction
- Thursday, June 23 Show meeting at Bill and Bessie Roger's
- Saturday, August 13 Pot-luck Picnic at Stevens
- Saturday, August 20 Field Trip to Natural Storage Co., Grand Rapids

### Places to Go

- July 14-17 Midwest Federation Show - Macomb, Illinois, Western Illinois University
- August 6-7 Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club, Inc., Ishpeming, Michigan - Swap and Field Trip - Ishpeming Township Hall
- August 11-14 AFMS Convention - Show, Shreveport, Louisiana
- August 20-21 Jack Pine Rock and Gem Club, Inc. Hale, Michigan Annual Show - Plainfield Township Hall

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See you all in September.

There follows a beautiful eulogy written by one of our members, Al Purtill, for our dear friend, Jim Patterson, who died in February. It was given to Bettie's daughter to deliver to her when she felt Bettie would be able to appreciate it. Now Bettie would like to share it with you.

"THE OTHER DAY"

THE OTHER DAY - I saw a rainbow in the sky, so I know what beauty is.  
THE OTHER NIGHT, I saw a bright moon and a thousand stars, and became curious about astronomy.  
THE OTHER DAY, I heard the thunder, and felt the pounding of the waves on Lake Superior, so I know what power is.  
I heard the wild geese and the birds sing, so I know what freedom is.  
I found specimens of igneous rocks and lava, so I know there is fire in the center of the earth.  
THE OTHER DAY - I saw the changing colors of maple and birch trees, so I know what an artist nature can be.  
I found and kept specimens of fossils, both animal and plant life so I know our world is not a new one.  
I saw a wild fox, in a burst of speed, fleeing from its pursuer, so I know the meaning of self-preservation.  
THE OTHER DAY - I smelled the smoke of a charcoal fire, and tasted a trout baked to desire, so I know the delicacy of our food from the sea.  
I saw a pair of loons dancing on the water, so I learned the art of ballet..  
I have seen, heard, felt, smelled and tasted these things, so I know I know there really is a God, and I have reverence for all creation.  
AND THEN  
THE OTHER DAY - I met a man, who God created just a few short years ago.  
The man I met, his name was Jim.  
He became a friend to me, and I to him.  
He taught me things I never knew, about stones and crystals and flowers too.  
As years went by, and our friendship grew, I knew I had a friend who was really true blue.  
THE OTHER DAY - My friend Jim was taken ill.  
I didn't realize it then, and even not later, until, I noticed my friend's life was slowly slipping downhill.  
The doctors and surgeons and nurses did all they could do, and my friend fought with a strong heart too.  
THE OTHER DAY - I sat with my friend while his wife was away. We talked of life and death and times in between.  
He talked of his friends, who he held in the highest esteem.  
THE OTHER DAY - I prayed and I prayed to the God that I knew, to heal my friend's body, which I knew He could do.  
But my will is not God's will, and I failed to understand, but God held my friend's life in the palm of His hand.  
He had given my friend a mission to do, and He wouldn't let go, till Jim's mission was through.

It was then that I became resolved, that "Life is an experience, to be lived, and a mystery, not to be solved.

THE OTHER DAY - God took my friend away.

To his home in heaven, one of the best, for my friend to enjoy a well deserved rest.

God knew His son, Jim, had done his best to teach a lesson of patience to the rest of us.

And today, I am sure when this "Other Day" comes around for all of us, who lived God's will, to the best in us, He will take us too, to his home to rest and see our friend, Jim, whom we met THE OTHER DAY.

Lord, I thank you for the gift of my senses, for by this gift, I have found the wonders of your creation, and especially my friend, Jim, the man I met THE OTHER DAY.

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