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Meeting Place: North School, 333 E. Miller Road, Lansing, MI
Meeting Date: Third Thursday except in July and August
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A Note from Jim --

As the Christmas season approaches, another year is ending and we may reflect upon the changes we have seen during that time. Some of us have had great experiences, while others would like to forget some of theirs. I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as president this year. I hope that I did justice to the position. Our year was turbulent at times, but when things became rough, there were always people to help and to give advice.

Our club is growing and this is because of the people who are already members. Without the example of members who enjoy the benefits of being around others with similar hobbies, there would be no new people. Our show has helped circulate information about our hobbies, as well as the many visits that members made to schools and other gatherings. I am happy to be part of such a group.

Since this is the last month that I will be president, I wanted to say a few words to show that I appreciate my membership and the friendship of you all.

Mirla and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and a joyous holiday season.

OLD CHRISTMAS WISH

May your Yuletide be a happy time.
May you receive that gift you wanted --
Your special rock.
May Santa visit you on Christmas Eve,
And on Christmas Morning may you not
Find a lump of coal in your sock.

Jim Moses, President, CMLMS

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER:

Margaret Randolph has agreed to provide us with some musical entertainment at the December 15 meeting. She will be playing Christmas songs, so bring your voice with you, and plan to have a little fun sharing it with friends. Also, Bettie Paterson will give a Christmas reading.

Share the spirit of the season! Bring along some of your special CHRISTMAS COOKIES or other goodies to share at refreshment time!

If you have any SUGGESTIONS for programs in the coming year, please submit them to Neil Snapp.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

November 1 - 30, 1988

Balance on Hand October 31, 1988

Manufacturer's Bank - Savings	\$4,837.60	
Manufacturer's Bank - Checking	5,927.12	\$10,764.72

Receipts

Dues - 1988	3.00	
Dues - 1989	132.00	
Show - 1988	28.40	163.40

Disbursements

Rent - October	15.00	
Publications	50.00	
Program - October	25.00	
Membership	8.67	
Corresponding Secretary	15.79	
Check Order	7.09	
Show - 1988	707.60	
Change-MWF Auction - Redeposited	20.00	Cr. 809.15

Balance on Hand November 30, 1988

Manufacturer's Bank - Savings	4,837.60	
Manufacturer's Bank - Checking	5,281.37	\$10,118.97

The profit for this year's show totals to \$2,720.57.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Saxman, Treasurer

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT:

Our only card last month went to Dorothy Rothmann who underwent surgery in mid-November. We all wish her the very best.

Please take the time to see this holiday period as it truly is: a time to reaffirm our love and respect for our fellow man. As we commemorate HIS birth, let's not forget who He was and what He stands for. The bottom line in some merchant's ledger has naught to do with the true meaning of Christmas. I wish us all a glorious holiday season and pray that we will all have a happy & prosperous New Year —

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Lohrer, Corresponding Secretary

EDUCATION -- Florence Hill

As a Christmas treat, this month's mineral talk will break from the outline of Pough's study of minerals. Instead, Steve Sawdy will bring some of the Lake Superior agates he has collected around Grand Island, and tell what he has learned about their formation. They are different from most of the Lake Superiors we know because.....But come and hear what Steve has found out!

COMMUNITY SERVICE -- Florence Hill

Received this note about Don Lohrer's activities:

October 8, 1988

Brownie Troop 341

IHM - St. Casimir

Leaders: Linda Bauer, Brenda Fejszes

The girls were working on the Brownie "try it" and "Outdoor Happenings." They made "fossil prints" with plaster of paris and leaves. Another requirement was to learn about fossils and extinct animals. The girls really enjoyed the "hands on" experience with the fossils available from Don Lohrer.

MIDWEST CONVENTION AND SHOW at Kalamazoo, June 22-25, 1989

We have 23 retail dealers and five whole sale dealers signed up already, as well as several special displays.

All the meetings and the Awards Banquet will be held at the St. Joseph Church just down Lake Street from the fairgrounds.

There will be an Ox Roast on Friday evening, followed by a square dance.

Silent Auctions will be held all four days and a "live" auction on Saturday.

This winter is a good time to start making items for the Club Booth. This is a place for members of participating clubs to sell articles they make themselves. At least on-half of the item must be made by you. In other words, if you use a purchased mounting, the cab must be made by you. If you purchased the cab, the mounting must be a hand wrought mounting. The show will receive 20% of the

proceeds from the sale of the item and you will receive 80%. No rough material, minerals, fossils, etc. may be sold.

There will also be a Specimen Table which will be similar to our own Childrens' Table, so save some of your material to donate that isn't quite good enough to keep but too good to just throw away.

If you would like to donate a nice prize for the Raffle, please give it to me, or send it to Marve or Kitty Starbuck, 7636 V Ave., East, Vicksburg, MI 49097.

And, remember, we want YOUR displays. I'm hoping for many displays from our club. Kalamazoo is only a little over an hour's drive from Lansing, so I encourage everyone to exhibit.

Bettie Patterson,
Display Chairman

P.S. 100 pony cases will need to be picked up in Detroit and delivered to Kalamazoo for the show. If you have a truck and could help out, please let Bettie know.

DOOR PRIZES at the November meeting were won by Howard Beebee, John Takis, and Bev Webb. Remember, you must be present to win one of these fine specimens!

WELCOME to the following NEW MEMBERS who were accepted at the December 1 board meeting:

David T. Daniel
2188 Butternut
Okemos, MI

Beverly & John Webb
2703 Grosbeck
Lansing, MI

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Since many new members, as well as guests, are without name badges at club meetings, the board has approved the purchase of adhesive name tags for such occasions. When you come to meetings, please stop by the greeting table and get a name tag. We want to know who you are!

20 QUESTIONS from Gems December, 1988

1. Which metal is liquid?
2. What locality has yielded the most spectacular suite of flourescent minerals?
3. Where are the largest petrified trees?
4. The longest list of individual minerals has been recorded in which state?
5. Which is the flexible rock?
6. Name the 'ruby' silvers.
7. Which rock furnishes commercial aluminium?
8. Except in isolated and unusual occurences, beryl is recovered entirely from _____?
9. Are ruby and sapphire related?
10. What gem is described as "an emerald by day, and amethyst by night?"
11. The green variety of microcline is known as _____?
12. What gem is most resistant to breakage?
13. What are the five varieties of gypsum?
14. What mineral is used as an abrasive?
15. Name five of the six subspecies of garnets.
16. Name the four organic gems.
17. Which is the simplest gem?
18. What is the chief ore of zinc?
19. What is known as the 'red metal'?
20. What mineral is known as 'oil well mud'?

Answers are on page 6.

ANSWERS TO 20 QUESTIONS:

1. Mercury
2. Franklin and Sterling Hill, NJ
3. Standing stumps in Pikes Peak area
4. California
5. Itacolumite
6. Pyrargyrite and Proustite
7. Bauxite
8. Pegmatites
9. Both are corundum. Ruby gets its color from chromium oxide, and Sapphire from titanium oxide.
10. Alexandrite
11. Amazonite
12. Jade
13. Rock gypsum, gypsite, alabaster, selenite, satin spar
14. Garnet (and Corundum)
15. Pyrope, almandite, rhodolite, spessartite, grossularite, andradite
16. Pearl, coral, amber, jet
17. Diamond
18. Sphalerite
19. Copper
10. Barite

Now that you've collected some trivia— how about digging into our club library to collect some knowledge about these minerals and gems?!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| December 15, 1988 | Regular Meeting - North School
Please bring cookies! |
| January 5, 1989 | Board Meeting - Capital Federal Bank,
Okemos |

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!