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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have just lost one of my best friends, and our club has lost a vice-president, program chairman, a most willing worker, and every member's friend. Loyd Pearson was one of the most honest, sincere, hard-working, and congenial persons I have ever known. He was a loving husband and father, and was ever close to his Lord. He was always one to go the extra mile in all he did, and one has only to read our club's record to know how much he contributed to the good of our Society. There will never be anyone to fill his shoes completely, and his passing leaves a void, but what wonderful memories we have! I have only to look around my yard and see the many stones that Loyd has given me, to look at my house and remember the times he has helped me in my building, and to look at my garden and see the lovely flowers he has shared. I am glad to know I was included in his long list of friends. May I add a little prayer that I believe Loyd lived by --

Lord, Thou hast given so much to us, give us one thing more -- a grateful heart. Not one that's grateful when it pleases us, as if Thy blessings had spare days, but such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise.

James Patterson

LOYD J. PEARSON

May 16, 1916 -- April 17, 1975

Our Good Friend

Sympathy is offered to Lola Pearson and family; to Arthur Karslake and his family for the death of his wife, Dorothy; and to Walter and Sharon Davis for the loss of their infant son. Our membership joins in praying that these grieving families may find comfort in their sorrow.

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PROGRAM

Elmer Eckhardt will present the program for May 15, the Society's Anniversary meeting. He will talk on "The Geology of the Great Lakes." At the May meeting, Life Memberships will be presented to the following members:

Rec L. Hovey	Frank W. Mortimore
Max Hovey	Frances Ridgley
Cleora Purtill	Harold Stuck
Al Purtill	Kenneth Maxwell

It is hoped they will be able to attend to receive this recognition of their long-standing interest in the Society.

Anniversary refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

THE APRIL MEETING drew a large crowd to enjoy Don Clarke's talk on the Keweenaw copper mining area. Visitors at the meeting were Betty E. Smith, Bernice Millard, Ferris and Eva Corbin, Larry L. Lemanski, and Irvin Kushner.

FIELD TRIPS

This month's field trip will be the Alpena weekend, May 17-18, a traditional weekend of rockhound comradeship hosted by the Alpena Earth Science Society. Plans are for everyone to meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, at the Alpena Fairgrounds. The Paxton Quarry west of Alpena will be visited in the morning. Anthracite, marcasite balls, "kettles", and fern imprints can be found there. The afternoon schedule includes the sinkholes of the area, and the Rockport Quarry with its wealth of Devonian fossils. Sunday will give more time at the Rockport Quarry.

Several other clubs are expected to gather at Alpena for this event. There will be a program Saturday night, and a dinner served Sunday noon at the Alpena Senior Citizens Center. Trailers and campers can be parked overnight at the Fairgrounds (no reservations needed) with electric hookups available, and a building with toilets and water in the area. Campers with tents may stay at the Ossineke park, south of Alpena. Alpena has many good motels, for those who do not want to camp. Come with safety dress, rock tools, and lunches for the field trip Saturday.

Those who went to the Cheney Quarry at Bellevue last month brought back some very interesting specimens. Several clubs visited the quarry in April, and by all reports were very happy with their finds.

MGAGS

At the recent annual meeting of the Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society at Clare, Irene Jane Brett was elected a director for a 3-year term. Other officers chosen were:

President, Lary Bailey
Vice-president, Harry Hughes
Recording Secretary, Ervin Moser
Corresponding Secretary, Bruce Beckert
Treasurer, Russell Reiman

Liaison Officer, Arline Bushler
Editor, Joyce Hanschu
Director, 2 years, Roberta Smith
Director, 1 year, Winton Chance
Director, 1 year, Lee Kirby
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MAY MEETING

Those who were at the May meeting
heard a very informative lecture on
the geological history of the Great
Lakes given by Elmer Eckhardt. As he
said, the subject is too vast to be
covered in one evening, but he chose
the most important points, and pre-
sented a well-rounded picture of the
formation of our own inland seas.