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REGULAR MEETINGS

TIME: 2:00 P.M.	PLACE: Nature Center
Fourth Sunday of Each Month	Rum Village Park
June - Field Trip Meeting	2626 So. Gertrude Street
July - No Meeting	South Bend, Indiana
August - Annual Picnic	

DUES

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## Regular Meeting:

January 28, 1979

Time: Doors Open: 1:30 PM, EST  
Meeting 2:00 PM, EST

Place: Nature Center  
Rum Village Park  
2626 South Gertrude Street  
South Bend, Indiana

## Program:

Business Meeting

Jade Polishing Tips and  
Other Rockhound Information  
by Frank Griffin  
of Natures Gems Rock Shop

## Hospitality:

Molly and Frank Elwell  
Pauline and George Kelsheimer  
Sherry and Jim Russell

## Educational Meetings:

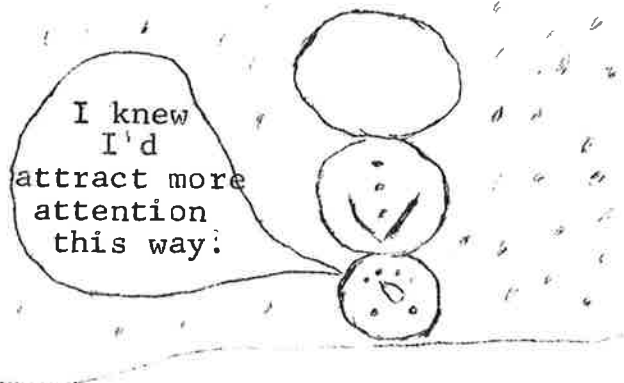
Time: 7:30 PM, EST

Place: Newman Recreational Center  
727 South Eddy Street  
South Bend, Indiana

Program: Friday, January 26, 1979  
Friday, February 9, 1979  
Friday, February 23, 1979

Cutting & polishing rocks  
We are also planning things  
to do for those who are not  
doing lapidary work.

DUES ARE DUE!



## Calendar of Events:

March 6-11 Beacon Rock and Fossil  
Club, Community Center,  
Grand Haven, Michigan  
March 10-11 Blossomland Gem & Mineral  
Society, Lakeshore High  
School, Stevensville, Mich.

## Name the 1979 Show - Win A Prize

We need a name for the 1979  
Michiana Rock and Gem Club Show to  
be held at the Notre Dame ACC Con-  
course on September 14-15-16. Bring  
your list of show names to the Sunday  
meeting on January 28 or call a  
Board Member and let them know your  
suggestions. A winner will be se-  
lected and a prize will be awarded.

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We wish to express our sympathy  
to Catherine Grayckowski. Victoria  
Koppa (Aunt Vickie) passed away on  
January 16, 1979, at the age of 103.

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FROM YOUR ROCKY LEADER,

Hi to one and all. Well here it is 1979. Trust that everyone has made it through the Holiday Season without putting on too many pounds from all the goodies you may have eaten.

Setting here in my shop, I have just taken a look at the old thermometer and suddenly noticed that it is 3 below zero. Don't know what everyone else thinks about the cold, but frankly, I can put up with the cold better than with all that junky white stuff we had last year. Who knows, maybe we will get lucky and not have too much of it.

Good news for the Rockfinder. Thanks to Jerry Shoemaker, we now have our Electric Typewriter. This will make the stencil cutting a much easier job for Sherry, and will also make for better reading of the Rockfinder. Speaking of the Rockfinder, how about the job Fred did on the cover.

Margaret Heinek is busy working on our 2nd and 4th Friday educational meetings for programs. Beside the use of the equipment at Newman Center, she will have things for everyone to do.

Frank Elwell has been busy getting into the swing of being Vice President, or is that President in charge of Vice. Any way he is busy. At the recent board meeting Frank tried to resign three times, but never made it. Honestly, fellow club members, Frank has some great programs already lined up for 1979. If there is something special that you would like to have for a program, let Frank know.

Remember 'SHOW TIME' for '79 is on our mind. We have a lot of work to do for this year's show, and I do not want to wait till the last minute to get it done. We need suggestions for a Show Theme, and we would like to have them at the January meeting. You may submit as many as you like. A prize will be given for the best one selected.

In the past years I have watched the Michiana Rock and Gem Club grow and grow. It has become

one of Indiana's largest rock and gem clubs and well organized over the years. We need to keep our membership up, so please tell your friends about us who might be interested in learning about our great hobby, and bring them to a club meeting to meet the rest of the club members. Remember, this is your club and it can only succeed with your 100% participation!

See you January 28th.

Your Rocky Leader,  
Jim

MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING

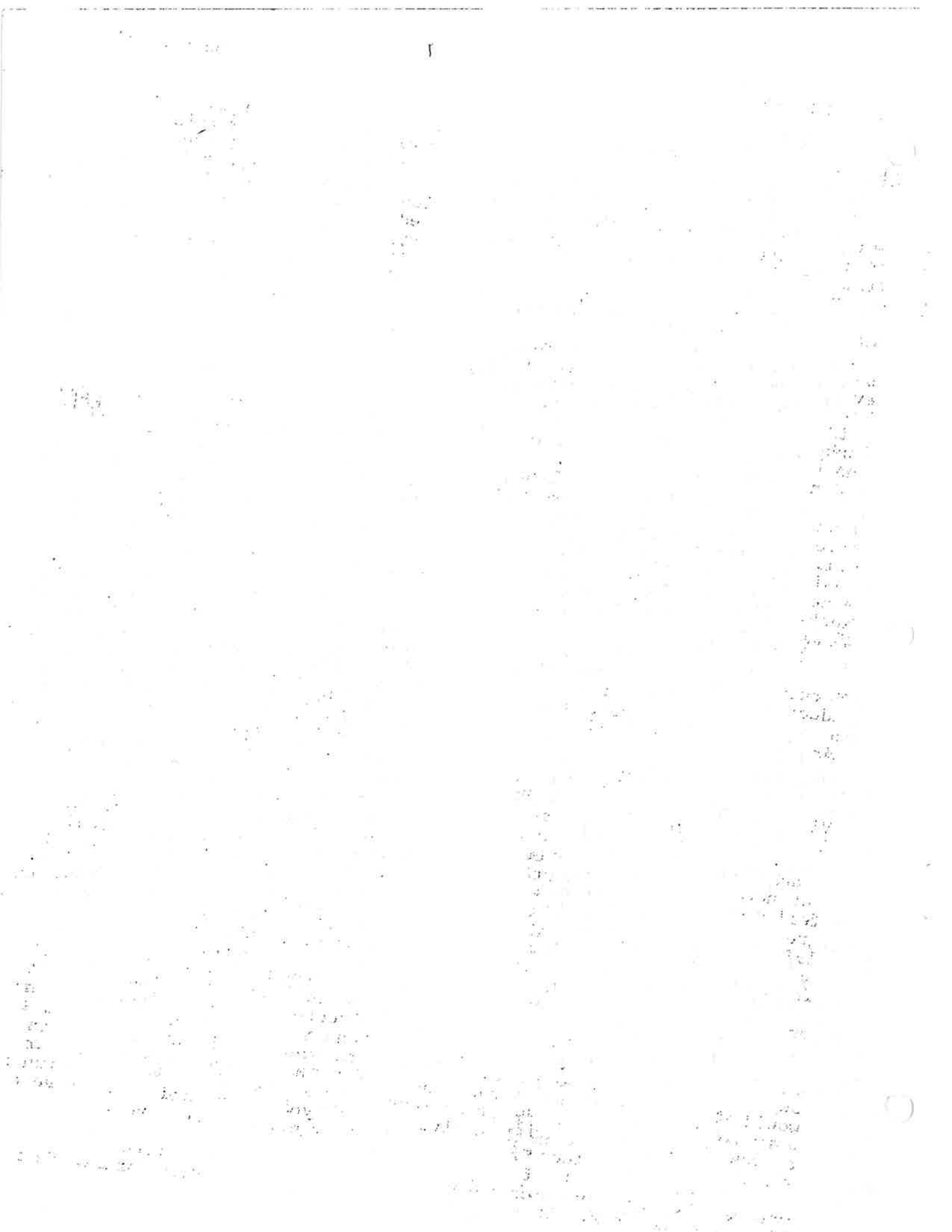
The December meeting was called to order by President James Russell. At that time a motion was made to dispense with the reading of the November minutes and the Treasurer's report. A short business meeting was held with very little business to be discussed. Some very special awards were presented to Molly Elwell to aid her in locating specimens, Jerry Shoemaker and Bob Miller for field tripping, Carlton Pletcher, Mary Miller, Frank Elwell and Larry McHugh for outstanding speaking performances, Catherine McHugh and Betty Jordan for their writing accomplishments, also to Catherine McHugh for being our special stick-in-the-mud and to Fred Niebauer as Editor-in-Chief. The awards were enjoyed by one and all.

Trophies were presented to the outgoing board members for their years of service: Merl Lechlitner, Vice President, Betty Jordan, Secretary, and Molly Elwell, Liaison.

Catherine Grayckowski presented the club with out 1500% award, and a hand of thanks was given to her for a job well done.

Several guests attended the meeting, including Indiana State Director Charles Walker and Fern Penner of the Peru Club. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting for the purpose of playing our favorite game of 'Rocko' where fun was enjoyed by one and all. Several door prizes were given.

Submitted by  
Betty Jordan, Secretary



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### LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING

Well the blizzard of January, 1979 is upon us, and as I look out and see all that snow, I dream about that vacation or camping trip, for rubies, agates, fossils or whatever is available.

Winter is a good time to plan for those jaunts, just camping or a club trip. Bob and I hope we can have some good hunting for the club this year. We do need ideas....so let us know where you would like to go. How about northern Kentucky for fossils? Iowa for agates, North Carolina for rubies and sapphires, maybe Ohio for?????

Good food being a part of the pleasure of a trip, should be kept as simple and good as possible. With a little planning and thought before hand and with proper supplies and equipment, the family can have a pleasant stay, especially if the cook (otherwise known as 'Mother') doesn't have to stay behind on that rock hunting jaunt to cook.

Groceries are usually higher in vacation areas, so begin with a well stocked larder, space permitting. It does pay to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables along the way from local farmers; and small-town bake sales are usually very rewarding.

Plan on changing your routine. If you are a 3 meal-a-day family, think about a hearty breakfast and dinner and forget about lunch. It's well to keep a good supply of fruit available, cheese and crackers, and small packets for out of pocket nibbling: dried fruit, raisins, popcorn, lemon drops, trail foods and sandwich material for snacking.

BREAKFAST....the scent of bacon frying in the open air is one of the best smells; add the aroma of coffee, scrambled eggs, and if you feel the urge----add some pancakes and everyone is ready for extra helpings. All the old standbys take on an intoxicating flavor when

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served in a camp setting; hot oatmeal with brown sugar and fresh milk; grits with eggs (Bob's favorite when served alone or with sausage or gravy or....) and a slice of ham; eggs with cheese sauce (made from a mix); one good idea is made with cut up bacon, left over ham or bits of sausage, cut up onions and green or red peppers, cooked in a skillet, pour off any fat, and then scramble your eggs with everything in the pan.

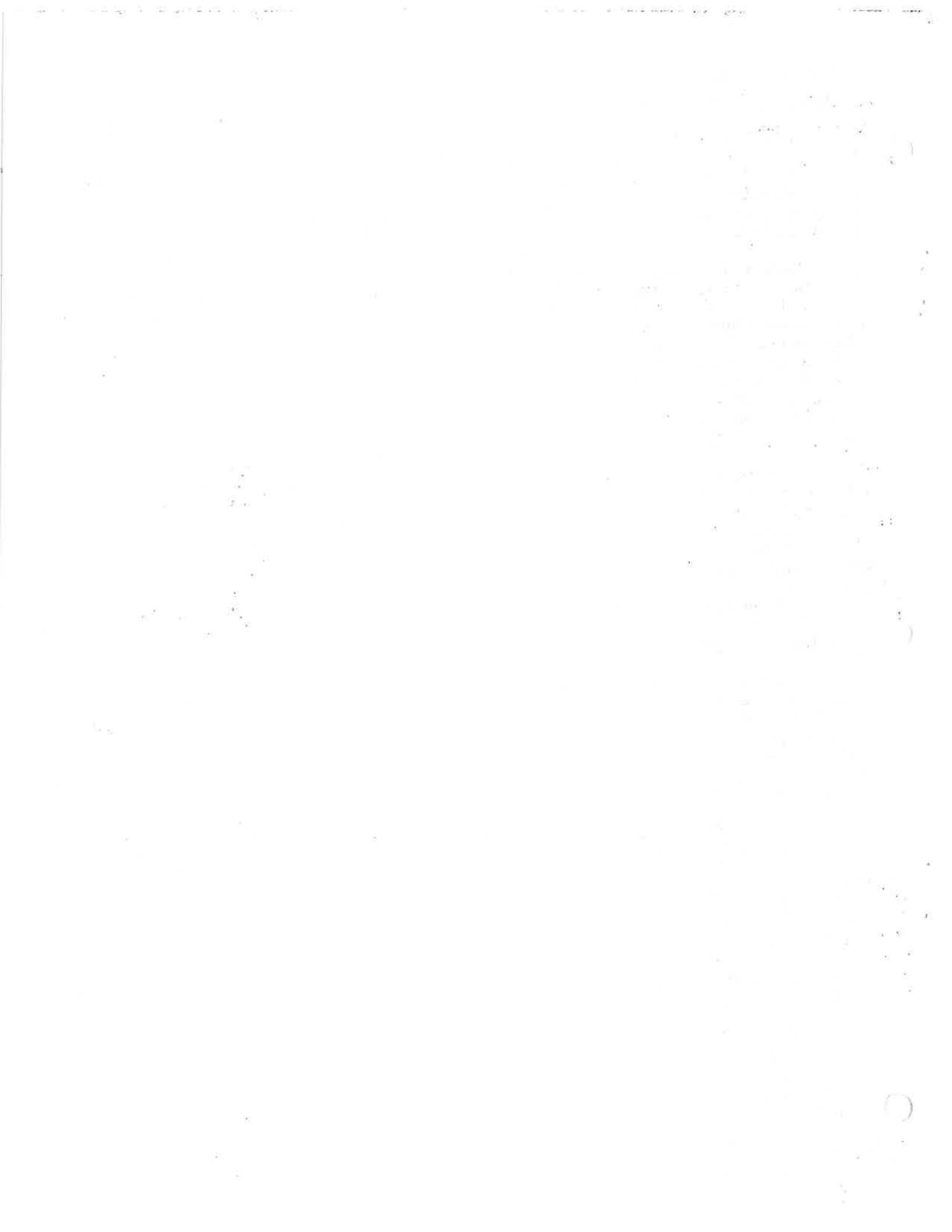
DINNER...make it simple. One hour should be the limit on required cooking time; most should take less. Use hamburger based items with spaghetti sauce, chili, spanish rice and just plain hamburgers cooked in foil with some oil. How about slices of potatoes and onion, with butter and salt, wrapped in foil and baked on the camp fire? Add a char-broiled steak, pickles, a salad, coffee and chocolate covered mints and you have a delicious meal.

Want more ideas? Try a can of shrimp, add a can of cream of mushroom soup flavored with a xry powder and serve over rice. Canned stew enhanced by adding fresh celery, onions and green pepper chopped fine; for a spicy snack try hot dogs cut into small pieces simmered with grape jelly and chili sauce; green beans, buttered and seasoned with a small amount of mustard.

If you plan a trip with the club, and are not a camper, how about joining the group for supper.

Forgot anything? I usually do. Check your gear against this list before you pack your car, wagon or camper. Lists will vary according to the kind of camping or traveling your family does.

PERSONAL ITEMS....clothing, including a sweater or sweatshirt, rain gear, gloves, toilet kit, sunburn ointment, mosquito dope, towels and soap, first aid kit, camera and film, flashlights with extra





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batteries, sewing kit, camp stool or folding chair (if you have room), paper towels, kleenex, whisk broom, scotch or masking tape, sissors, pliers, screwdriver, hammer and how about toilet tissue? One good hint I read about was to place a roll of tissue into a 1# coffee can, after removing the center cardboard roll; cut a 1-1/2 to 2 circle out of the plastic cover and you have a good dispenser that keeps it clean and it cannot unroll all over the place.

Rock hunting tools, safety glasses, boots, sunhat and glasses are some of our hobby items. If you are after small specimens, save egg cartons for them, throw an old telephone book into the car for wrapping items, and use some small bags (like the ones Sherry made some time ago) to hang off your belt or wrist. I am sure you have more ideas I would never think of.

Here are some camping aids we have found very handy and take up little space: large plastic sheet or tablecloth, a ball of carpenters twine, a package of spring-type clothes pins, a can of penetrating oil and regular lubricating oil. Fill an old plastic gallon bleach bottle with a few drops of liquid soap and water for washing dirty hands, we also take a second one filled with clean water for rinsing. A double boiler seems like a large item to take, but you can cook in both upper and lower sections at the same time; same cooking does the potatoes and the upperberth vegetables, and many other combinations.

Whether you drink beer or not, the best unit of containment for items used in camp or for carrying those rock treasures, is a good strong beer case, not only sturdy but with built in handles! You may use ones you have or purchase them for long time use. If you purchase them and plan on using over and over, cover with contact paper.

I knew I would forget something....a can opener, matches, a sharp knife....sleeping bags, pillows....garbage bags, paper plates...etc. Ready for a trip??? I am!

Margaret Heinek

## THE TEN ROCKAMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt not touch thy neighbor's minerals unless he places them in thy hand.
2. Thou shalt not test the strength of crystals by pushing, squeezing or biting.
3. Thou shalt not drop thy neighbor's fossils, for many do not bounce properly.
4. Thou shalt not test thy neighbor's agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
5. Thou shalt not place thy neighbor's specimens in thine own pocket.
6. Thou shalt not argue the name of that mineral too violently; sometimes thou could be wrong.
7. Thou shalt not climb above thy neighbor on a field trip lest thou art willing to spend the rest of the day digging him out.
8. Thou shalt protect thine own eyes, hands and feet so that thou canst enjoy many, many field trips.
9. Thou shalt not encroach upon thy neighbor's diggings lest his hammer be dropped on thy toes.
10. Thou shalt not complain about or denounce any club officer under penalty of being elected one thine ownself.

via COBB-L-STONES, GEM  
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Submitted by Margaret Heinek

