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Rockhounds - Attention!



ONLY A FEW COLLECTING DAYS LEFT BEFORE WINTER!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Club Members:

The 1960 Fieldtrip Convention was a splendid success thanks to the wholehearted cooperation of the many members who put forth much effort. My sincere thanks to these members who worked so hard to make sure that our Convention will last in the memories of all who participated.

Jarl E. Kivela, President

Editor's Note: This is a substitute for the excellent article which was written many weeks ago and which I lost. However, this all boils down to the same facts.

To the Members, Board of Directors, Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies: August 12, 1960.

Dear Friends: This will be my last opportunity to write to you as a unit, but I feel that this letter is a must.

It is true, not all of our objectives have been met, but we are well on the way to achieving them.

I want to thank you for the trust and honor that you had placed in me and I can say this truthfully, I am proud of the Midwest and prouder yet to have been its president. I hope that I haven't let you down too much, but if I have, it was only because, as Gus would have said, "We need 9 days in every week."

You have in your new president, Mr. Floyd Mortenson, one of the most capable and hardest working persons that I have ever known, and I know that the committees of the Midwest join me in wishing him every success possible.

As we go into the year ahead I can visualize a few of the following needs of the M.W.: 1. More help for our over-worked secretary. The copy machine that you voted for her up here in Ishpeming will help a lot, but is not enough. 2. Another matter that will come up for consideration will be uniform rules for judging shows and awarding trophies. The AMERICAN FEDERATION will have a comprehensive guide to be used in the very near future. 3. Keeping the material flowing to the clubs of the Midwest is a very important matter. The publicity that went out to all the clubs relative to the fieldtrip convention was a contributing factor to the success of the convention. The coverage of this past year has been exceptional, but there is room for improvement even along this front. 4. Keep the "LETTER A MONTH" rolling with your literary support and articles. 5. We need your constructive criticism on last year's operation as well as your ideas for the coming year.

The Ishpeming Conventinn has been acclaimed successful from every standpoint possible. We are receiving many compliments from all avenues, including businessmen, mining companies, Public Schools, and it is so gratifying to hear over and over from local people and merchants, "The people of your convention were the best people that we have ever done business with". They like you and may I and our club congratulate those of you that created such a lasting and favorable impression on the people up here in Michigan's Rockhounds' Paradise.

A comment that I want you to hear of from a watchman to the Superintendent of a mining company was "We won't need any watchmen for the 4th of July weekend because these people seemed to be all safety minded; they're all wearing safety glasses and are well supervised." I think that was one of the nicest things that I could have heard from the convention. The mining companies and the Public Sch Schools superintendent could not get over the fact that everything was liter-free. If we continue in this fashion, maybe more of our quarries will be open to the collector again. Thanks to everyone who helped our local club.

Bob Markert.

ROCKRAMA

Decatur, Illinois
Central Illinois Rockhounds
September 23, 24, and 25, 1960.

The second Rockrama of the Midwest Federation was a terrific example of a very successful Gem and Mineral Show. Our hats are off to President Everett Jones and his committee for a truly wonderful and education show. The Midwest is proud to have such a fine show under its sanction.

We are looking for more of the same shows from the societies. Address your requests for Director of Rockrama - Russ Kemp, 19 E. 144 Street, Riverdale 27, Illinois.

Some ideas to write on for the Jaspilite.
Pick one or more topics and let the Editor know that she will have your help ...

1. Gold Mines - Marquette County
2. Jaspilite
3. Kana dolomite
4. Epidote Locations - Marquette County
5. Iron Mining - Marquette County
6. Crystals of Marquette County
7. Cutting material of Marquette County
8. Shop hints on lapidary work
9. Art of display
10. Field trip guiding.
11. Strategic minerals of Marquette County
12. Galena and silver occurrence - Presque Isle
13. Trips out of the Upper Peninsula
14. New mineral occurrences
15. Locations of rare minerals.

Rev. Luke McMillian is requesting volunteers for club programming. Do you have a slide program available? Do you have a lecture on our hobby that you would be willing to give at some other club meeting? If so, please contact Bob Markert, who in turn will notify the Rev. Luke McMillian.

Members of our club are reporting to the editor of people whose attention was drawn to the existence of our club by our Convention this summer. They are enthusiastically waiting to be able to join our club.

More of our members have gone to the hospital.

Mr. Allen of Iron Mountain was just returned from the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Joe Collick of Jasper Knob has gone to the Iron Mountain Veterans' Hospital. Hurry back to Jasper Knob, Joe.

Bernie Richards had the misfortune to be in the same hospital at the same time as Clyde Steale. Clyde had a liver infection which is serious, but he sure snapped out of it in a hurry. We're glad to hear that, Clyde. We know that you're well.

Bernie had a gallstone operation and ended up being the victim of one of Clyde's practical jokes. It seems that the Staffords from Lower Michigan were visiting him when he became ill. While he was in the hospital they brought him some slabs with cinnebar in them for Clyde as a gift. It was a get-well gift, and it sure helped Clyde get back to normal (?) fast. He was found going up and down the wards showing his slabs and telling everyone how poor Bernie had been operated for gallstones. The gallstones were so big that someone had taken them home and slabbed them and here they were! The red cinnebar was the final proof to the people to whom he showed them. Get well fast, Bernie.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT....

Shall the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club have a Gem and Mineral Show in the Spring?

If so, where?



MINUTES of the September 14, 1960 Meeting.

The Board of Directors meeting was held on September 14, 1960, in the Negaunee Township Community Building. Jarl Kivela, President, presided.

The Secretary's Report was approved as read.

Bills were submitted, and a motion made to pay the bills was seconded and carried.

A motion made by Bud Bamford and supported by Bob Markert to give the Ishpeming Blue Notes the sum of \$35.00 for performing at the Convention was carried.

Bob Markert moved that we donate \$150 to the Ski Museum. Bud Bamford supported the motion and it carried.

The Membership Committee appointed by Jarl Kivela consists of Elmer Jarvi, Carol Kokko, R. K. Richards, Bob Markert, and Jarl Kivela. Application blanks will be drawn up.

Initiation fee for Individual Memberships will consist of an initiation fee of \$1.50 plus \$2.00 for the Adult Annual Dues, or \$1.00 for the Junior Annual Dues. Initiation fees for a family will consist of an initiation fee of \$3.00 plus \$2.00 for the Head of the family for annual dues and \$1.00 annual dues for each additional member. The annual dues for the family is not to exceed to amount of \$5.00.

Bob Markert moved that we accept these rates and Elmer Jarvi supported the motion. It carried by a show of hands.

Cards will be sent to members when they are in arrears with their dues. June first is the date when dues will be in arrears and after that date, each person must pay the Initiation Fee to be re-instated.

Lena Bamford, Convention Treasurer, reported all bills paid and a balance of \$1,844.58 which will be divided equally between the Midwest Federation and the Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club. Each will receive \$922.29, thereby closing the books of the Convention. The Club wishes to thank Lena Bamford for the wonderful job she did.

Bob Markert made a motion to buy material for the back of the cases in the Museum. Bud Bamford supported the motion and it was carried. Each one is to make suggestions as to the type of material they think will be best.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Taine and Carol Kokko then served lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Markert

Marian Markert, Secretary.

Program Chairman, Bob Markert, would like to know from the membership as to what kind of programs are desired. Give him your ideas, please.

Dear Mr. Kivela:

I just returned from a most enjoyable four days at your Convention. You and your club are to be congratulated on a job well done. It must be a relief to have over with.

If they are available, would you send me two copies of your Field Trip Convention Souvenir Bulletin of the Jaspilite?
Joe D. Kreps

Mrs. Hawes received this letter:

To the Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Society -- Greetings!

I want to express my admiration of the excellent way in which you arranged everything connected with the Fieldtrip Convention. I can think of no other form the Convention could have taken that would have been half so interesting; and the delightful manner in which one event dovetailed into others reveals the painstaking working-out of details long in advance. We who attended owe to you in great measure the immense enjoyment that was ours.

We owe a great deal also to the people who came. I, for one, shall always remember the new friends I made, from Connecticut to Seattle and from Minnesota to North Carolina, many who realized that I hunted rock specimens under a handicap graciously offered me one or more from their findings; and there was one boy, whose name I failed to get, who seemed to "keep track" of me, and if I seemed to be having poor luck in finding rocks, would come up and show me a piece and say, "Have you found any of this? --if you haven't, you may have this one."

And so I have returned home with a shining memory, not so much because I have a few more varieties than before, but because of the warm friendliness I found. I shall always think with pleasure of the charming cordial reception at the Hawes home and the fresh enthusiasm with which the rocks were shown me, and not only by Mrs. Hawes, but all the rest of you. Thank you heartily, Ethel Wheeler Rathke.
(You may be interested to know that this letter writer is in her early 80's!)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kivela: ...

We had such a wonderful time at the Field Trip Convention and met so many grand people. ... Mr. and Mrs. Oren Kendall

Dear Mr. Markert:

Will you please accept and pass on to the Ishpeming Club my sincere thanks and appreciation for a most happy Field Trip Convention.

I especially wish to thank Arthur Roberts and Elmer Jarvi who were leaders and friends of #7. We could never have anticipated such kindness and cooperation.

We will remember all of you with a great deal of pleasure.

Yours truly, Edna Lindberg

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Markert:

How can I find words to express my sincere appreciation for the big job you did so well? Just everything seemed to have been thought out and taken care of. It was just terrific!! All was efficiently organized and carried out to the n'th degree with graciousness and generosity in every direction. There was no grumbling and a good warm spirit prevailed in that big crowd which speaks for itself. That Convention will long be a highlight in the Midwest Federation.

I hope that you have had time to rest up and look back with much satisfaction upon a task accomplished.

The weather even cooperated--you had the best and biggest of everything and I must include mosquitos--am just getting over some of the welts inflicted but that did not diminish my fun.
Esther Hemingway.

CONVENTION RESPONSES

From the Editor

The 1960 Annual Midwest Fieldtrip Convention is a thing of the past. We spent a lot of time on it; we worked together on the many projects; we agreed and disagreed; but, oh, how much fun we had! In general everyone feels that the Convention was a big success.

Members of our club have received letters from enthusiastic participants of the Convention. Letters and portions of letters are reproduced so that everyone can see how alot of people reacted to our Convention. I had a large response to my request for material for this section. In searching through this material, believe it or not, I found only one unfavorable comment in a letter which continued by praising everything else!

Read these:

Dear Mr. Kivela: ...We did so enjoy everything about the Convention and feel all of you did a wonderful job to make things run smooth. The Banquet was very good, and speakers were very interesting...
Sincerely, Florence Scheuneman

A Thank-You Card to Bob and Marion Markert - Had such a nice time And just want to say Thanks for all that you did To make it that way! Pat & Paul Fuller

Hi Bob and Marian: Just to let you know we appreciate the fun we had on your well planned Field Trip convention. We congratulate your group. The Don Sommerfield Family and Tri-County Rocks and Mineral Society.

Dear Jarl: ...We sure had just a wonderful time at the Convention. You all did a lot of work to make everything interesting and I sure hope we can come and visit you again. The Banquet was wonderful too. I was so glad to get the fine specimen of micaceous hematite. I think the Junior Banquet was so nice too. Do you know if any pictures were taken of the Junior Banquet. I sure would like to get one. The Iron Ore from the sunken ship in Murray Bay recovered for souvenirs was very interesting too. I just can't wait to see how the pink stone (konodolomite) from Lindberg's quarry comes out. I think the Verde Antique Marble will polish very nice. I'd like to write to all the members of the Club that made our visit in Ishpeming so grand, but I just haven't the time. Thanks again. Your Rockhound Friend, Leroy Grossman

Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club c/o Jarl Kivela, President

Dear Fellow Rock Collectors:

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful time which we had during the Field Trip Convention in Ishpeming. It was certainly an experience which we will remember and treasure for a long, long time. Every day was filled with so much activity and fun, that we hardly had time to eat and sleep. There was never a dull moment.

During our stay in Ishpeming we took many 35mm color slides of our daily excursions and have since been called upon to show them to three Midwest Federation affiliated clubs within a 50 mile radius of Norwalk. We shall be glad to have duplicates made of some of the best and forward them to you in the very near future.

May we just say "thanks" again to everyone concerned for a most enjoyable time.

Very truly yours, H. B. Heiser, Pres., Firelands Geological Cl

Dear Bob:

I believe that the fine work you and your committees did on the Convention deserves more than just a word as we left Ishpeming, but also a letter of appreciation. You certainly did everything possible to make the convention a success and you should feel very good inside because it was such a delightful occasion.

We all hope that both you and Mrs. Markert have been able to relax now that it is over and enjoy the memories of the convention as we do. Sincerely, John Thornton

Dear Mr. Kivela:

Please express our sincere thanks to the members of the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club for the privilege of joining your recent Field Trip to Maas. We certainly enjoyed the day very much and everyone was most helpful and courteous. Otherwise, I fear we would have been a couple of "very green rockhounds" in an unfamiliar area.

If you or any of your members are ever in our area, we hope you will look us up. Our club, The East Ohio Lapidary Club, which meets at Newton Falls, would also be happy to have you as guests at any time. We meet the second Monday and fourth Thursday of the month.

Sincerely yours, Goldie & George Reese

Dear Mr. Richards:

Although I am so very tardy, I still wish to express our appreciation to you and to your Ishpeming Club for the delightful experiences enjoyed during the Rock and Mineral Convention.

The many tours as well as the dinners, exhibit, sales, and exchanges afforded such a grand opportunity for new friendships as well as a wealth of new material and information.

They were days to be long remembered as another highlight in this new experience of "rock-hounding" which my husband and I are enjoying so much. Again, thank you and all the members of your groups in Northern Michigan who made this trip so memorable. Sincerely, Rosalind Colburn

Dear Jarl: ...All of us from Grand Rapids who made the trip are still telling the rest of our members what a wonderful time they missed... Joe D. Hanna, Jr., Pres., Grand Rapids.

Dear Ed: Thanks a million for all the work you did for us on our way back from the broken-down bus. It was a real treat to bring back those beautiful samples of feldspar and mica.

The convention was something to remember, and the hospitality of individuals as well as the Club as a group could never be outdone anywhere in the world.

Please convey my thanks to everyone there who made my stay there one of the outstanding things in my life to remember. Sincerely, O. Irene Sevrey Miner

Dear Bob and Marian: ...

Bob, you put on a wonderful field trip convention, I would say the best ever held in the entire country. You and your fine workers deserve a rousing vote of thanks and you have ours right now.

We loved the country, the pines and the flowers, and the blue water of the lake. All was great and we shall never forget it. Give us a report on the Ishpeming show. We loved it and all your fine people. Ban Hur (Wilson)

Dear Mr. Kivela:

You folks would glow with pride if you heard all the wonderful phrases bestowed upon you. Few of the guilty parties are dear friends of ours. (These people did not attend the convention) Louis & Lucille Statkus.

Dear Bob:

From everything I have read and heard, your recent convention was a huge success. I know this must be a tremendous satisfaction to you and your committees, because of the great amount of effort necessary to put these affairs into motion.

If you can spare a copy or two of the souvenir booklet given to participants, I would appreciate same. Very truly yours, Robert W. Kelly, Research Geologist, Geological Survey Division, Department of Conservation, Lansing.

Dear Bob:

This letter is written as an expression of my personal appreciation for the extremely wonderful Midwest Convention arranged early this month by your Society.

I recognize that you were not directly in charge of convention arrangements, or the only person by any means who worked on the affair, but I do feel that you were a prime factor in bringing this convention to a very successful consumation.

There were, naturally, some rough spots and a few difficulties or unfortunate occurrences, but my son and I spent a busy, thoroughly enjoyable four-day period in the Upper Peninsula as your guests.

Thanks once more for this most memorable visit to your area.

Very truly yours, Edward S. Wilson, Vice-President, Michigan Mineralogical Society,

This letter was received, not from a participant, but from one of our businessmen and an advertiser in our souvenir Convention Issue of the Jaspilite;

Paul's IGA Foodliner, U. S. 41, Negaunee, Michigan

Dear Mr. Markert:

We have heard so many favorable comments on your convention that we wish to extend our congratulations and to inform you about the many enthusiastic remarks. Many of the visitors were very impressed by the hospitality and they all seemed to enjoy their visit. In addition, we realize the planning and work involved was tremendous, so all the business people really appreciate your efforts.

Our thanks to your local club for a job well done in helping to promote our Upper Peninsula. We know many of the folks will be back because of your efforts.

Sincerely, Paul C. Ollila.

Another note which we received regarding the Convention:

Rock and Mineral Club;

On behalf of the Bethel Luther League I would like to thank you for permitting us to have a Concession Stand at your Convention.

Bethel Luther League, Mary Mantela, Secretary.

May we thank you for the wonderful job you did with your concession. How many hundreds of people would have gone hungry if it weren't for you.

The following were excerpts from various bulletins:

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Earth Science - October, 1960

More than 800 Midwest Club members and visitors from other Federations were on hand to register for the 20th Annual Convention of the Midwest Federation...The Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club were hosts on the occasion and under the most efficient leadership of their president "Bob" Markert, who also was president of the Midwest Federation, a superb job of planning and entertaining was done...Excellent programs

were held daily, trading posts and silent auctions and visits to splendid local collections added much to the interest of everyone, and the meeting closed on Sunday evening with two fine banquets. The adult banquet was the largest ever held by the Federation and was the occasion at which beautiful commemorative plaques were presented to all past presidents by the Federation...Midwest members will forever be indebted to the entire Ishpeming Club working together as a well-knit team for a very wonderful time, which promises long to be the high-light of the many other fine conventions of the Federation held throughout years past...The usual business meeting and the selection of site for the 1961 Convention, which is to be at Saginaw, Michigan, took place. THANK YOU ISHPEMING! B.H.W.

Flint Rock and Gem Club - September, 1960 - Harvey Hill, author.

(This article is quite long and very well written. I have taken out some of the parts which I thought would be of interest and amusement to the readers.)

(regarding a trip into one of the mines) We took the 10th and started out by wading half a mile and then going down a series of iron ladders which were set at about the same angle as stairs with a hand rail. Our guide walked down just the same as he might a basement stairs, but I noticed everyone else held onto the rail. There did not seem to be any place to go except straight down and no bottom if you got off the ladders,

(regarding the schedule to which conventioners were assigned) ...I must confess that I don't know what his subject was, between nods I heard a few words which were soon lost to another nod. That day, I'd had it. I hardly remember getting in bed. Come 6:00 a.m. and my pal (V) Gingery was cracking his blacksnake whip and hustling me out for breakfast. That day noon would have been too early.

(going home) Tuesday morning, we arranged our load of loot and headed for home. After about 10 hours and three flats we finally made it to Lapeer, unloaded my part of the load and Marion headed for Flint.

P. S. The V in Gingery's name is not for Vitalis, but for Vitality. He's got it.

The Earth Science News - August, 1960 - Irma Bloom, Author.

...Once we reached the collecting area, our leaders patiently pointed out the minerals to be found, and tried to see that everyone in the group had something worthwhile. (What we would have done in our group without Bud Bamford and his big mallet, I don't know, but he know how to wield it so boulders were reduced to samples that could be carried out.)

Also in this magazine there was a section entitled Convention Riddles. Read some.

1. Who was it in a green station wagon with a blue streamer who passed the yellow streamers the first day out? Was it a woman driver? We held our breath until she (?) got safely around that curve! Must be SOMEONE overslept!
2. How did Stella's shoe get in Ben Hur Wilson's pocket?
3. Was that Orval Fether strolling around the Auction with lipstick on his head-- or had he been tomahawked?
4. The John Ades find that their new Rambler will ramble indeed if they forget to put it in "park". It happened in Upper Michigan after the convention--they got out for a moment to speak to friends and the car rambled into a ditch and a telephone pole.

Esconi really likes conventions. Almost 100 members of Esconi were spotted at Ishpeming!

Bob Markert is sending out a nation-wide request! All participants of the 1960 Field Trip Convention Attention! If you took pictures of the Convention doings, would you please send 1, 2, or 3 duplicates of the best pictures. Urgently needed are photos of the briefing session, business meetings, collection conditions on various piles (identified if possible as to location) banquets, silversmith class, etc. A program is going to be made up and will be tape-recorded. All slides will be glass-enclosed. This program will be available if success is attained for showings in the Midwest.



ROCKING AROUND

Convention Side Lites

Before the Convention one of our members got a real shock. During the last meeting, we got a hard thunderstorm. Dudley Markert was walking home from the Ski Museum, when all of a sudden he was hit by a lightning bolt. His jacket sleeve was ripped and he was stunned and knocked to the ground. He got a ride home by the police. He was a "real shook-up kid".

Lost and found articles were varied. Quite a few pens were mislaid at the table. Among the most unusual in the "lost" list was Louis Larson. His dad spent a few anxious hours trying to find him. Club members ran about hollering for Louie. It turned out that Mrs. Hawes had invited Louie to see her collection and he forgot to tell anyone where he was going. Louie was having a wonderful time while everyone else was looking for him. That night when we saw him, he told us, "Gee, he coulda killed me!"..but he didn't

Finds were varied. Some real gems were located. Robert Pape found a pearl in his oyster stew while dining at the Mather Inn with Bernie Dooley.

Lena Bamford sat on the ground at the Bon-fire even though she had her grandson's jacket in her lap. Taine told her to sit on the jacket, but she said it was too stuffed. She would have had a real plush seat--a most unusual one--stuffed with \$800 from the Silent Auction.

Only one serious accident happened. Luckily, no one was hurt. The bus to Ironwood caught on fire, and the people never did get there. The money was returned to these people. One family from Dubuque, Iowa, returned their check with a note saying that they had expected fun and got it. That night at the Smorgasborg, Claude Valentine got up and gave an impromptu speech which had us all in stitches. We have learned now that since the Convention Claude passed away suddenly by a heart attack. We'll never forget him.

We did know what we were doing when we put up those danger signs and other warnings. A week after the Convention, a big portion of the New York Pits that were roped in, caved in. The hole was so big that after a week's work of filling, there wasn't much improvement; so the final solution was a big cement cap. Be careful of danger areas. We don't want to lose any friends.

Our donation to the Midwest Federation was the second largest they have ever received. The largest was from the Minnesota Mineral Club when they had the combined Midwest Federation and American Show. (Hope I got that right.)

Plans are being made to have a Thanksgiving Smorgasborg and Silent Auction sometime in the middle of November. More definite details will be sent out to you when plans are more fully formulated. Start planning on a donation for the Silent Auction.

Elmer Jarvi is finding information regarding a trip around the Lakes. This fieldtrip was discussed at our last meeting and club members were enthusiastic about it. Bill Locker made this trip during the Labor Day weekend.

Which reminds me..cats and dogs aren't supposed to get along, however, I know of several unusual cases. After the meeting at Hawes, a fellow rockhound, Bill Locker, was showing some of his specimens from his trip around the Lake, when a big red cat jumped into his car. Bill took it out, only to have it jump back in again the minute he turned his back. This went on for quite a while. We never did

find out who got tired and gave in first. Do you have a new friend, Bill?

In case you didn't know by now, Mrs. Hawes had an "open house" for our club. We held a brief meeting. We all enjoyed looking at the renown collection, especially those who had never seen it before. We also enjoyed the luncheon and rock talk afterwards. Thank you, Hetty,

The Haiser's were up for a week again this summer. They were mostly on fieldtrips during this time and no one saw much of them.

The Kokko's never did get to Isle Royale as they had planned, but Keith Carlyon did. He hasn't displayed his finds, but he did give us a hint about going there. Take a long more than one pair of shoes--and make sure that one is a good pair of hiking boots. The Island is hard on feet, it seems.

A certain house in Ishpeming has changed color. The Markert's painted their house a pretty shade of green.

Lena Bamford swears that the Wild Indians have come back into being. She found an arrowhead on her way to work one morning just a few houses down from where she lives. Bud is now sporting a lovely bacon agate arrowhead bolo tie.

The Carlyon's and Kokko's made two trips to the Gratiot in the Copper Country. The first trip, some Copper Countryites bragged about the good specimens found there during the rough weather. The Lake was pretty rough on their second trip. As it got worse, the other people on the beach disappeared until only the Carlyon's and Kokko's were left. Taine would like to know what the C. C'ites definition of a storm is.

Al Murray, Jr., was unable to be at the Convention because of a heart operation, which he underwent at that time. We missed him; we're happy to have you back with us now and happy that everything is fine.

Another of our members, Charles Markham, had an accident which kept him in the hospital, too. Luckily he wasn't injured too badly.

Ken DesMaires spent a profitable time skin-diving this summer. He showed us some lovely agates he had found. Let's start skin-diving, too. They say it's the only real way now-a-days to find an unpicked spot!

The Markert's went to Decatur, Illinois, for a Board of Directors' Meeting which was held in conjunction with the Rock-rama there. To their surprise, they discovered that Clyde Steele was a dealer there with kono-dolomite, mohawkite, and bolo ties.

Paul Fuller of the Wisconsin Geological Society was a visitor in Ishpeming for two days. He came directly from the Wausau Rib Mountain Gem and Mineral Show.

^{in/w} SCOOP! = A new club is to form in the Sault Ste. Marie area. The U. P. of Michigan is rolling right along.

Congratulations! to the newest worker for the Midwest -- Bernie Dooley has been appointed to the Executive Board as Vice-President in Charge of the Northern Region of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies. The Societies of his region can expect a lot under his direction. Bernie is launching a program on field trip locations which should prove very popular to all clubs.

Bob Markert has been made Field Trip Coordinator for the Midwest Federation. Bob informs us that his plans will be mimeographed and sent to all club presidents. A calendar of events will be prepared and it is hoped that all week-ends for the summer will be listed as an affair of the Midwest. For example if your club will pick a week-end of next summer and state that a two-day field trip will be held and any collector wishing to may join the club for those days. The only pre-requisite of guest collectors will be a card notice 7 days in advance, stating that you will join the group. Visitors will have to take care of their own lodging and meals. The host club will not be responsible for them.