



# THE JASPILITE

NOVEMBER 1984

Affiliated with the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies

Business Meetings: 1st Friday of Month, 7:00PM at Jacobetti Veterans' Facility  
425 Fisher St. Marquette. (1st Thurs. June-Sept.)

Program & Activity Meetings: 3rd Sunday of Month, 2PM at Ishpeming Senior Center, Pine & Division Streets, Ishpeming. (Field Trips May-Oct.)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Its that time of year again. Time to bring 1984 activities to a close and get ready for a NEW beginning.

The nominating committee is busy picking a new slate of officers to be voted on at our December meeting. Nominations are open to all; pick your own candidate and be ready to express your wishes at the December meeting.

I have enjoyed being your President these last three years, but I think we need someone new lest we get into a rut. New people bring new ideas, that's what makes the club grow and function as a focal point for all you rockhounds.

We are in need of an editor for the Jaspilite. We need to get back to the quarterly dispersal of club news and happenings. We also need a field trip chairman. Someone who can come up with some new ideas to broaden the scop of our field trips; one or two long weekend trips a year to far away places like Isle Royal National Park or Minnesota for agates. Other clubs are making trips of 300 to 400 miles. I think we can do it too. When the NEW YEAR starts we want ideas from everyone. Ideas on programs. field trips, shows, swap, meetings, etc. Be thinking about it, Let's make 1985 better than any year we have had.

Many thanks for your help over the past three years- Bruce

The following have been nominated by the committee for officers for 1985:

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| President- - - - - Laurence Sain  |                                     |
| Vice Pres. - - - Allan Korby      |                                     |
| 2nd Vice Pres. - - - Dennis Mapes | Field Trip Chairmen- - -Bruce Spike |
| Secretary- - - - - Jim Procunier  |                                     |
| Treasurer- - - - - Arnold Mulzer  |                                     |

## COMING EVENTS

By the time you receive this the next event will be the annual Christmas Party at the Northwoods Club. It will be on December 9th with registration at 1 PM and dinner will be served promptly at 2. Punch will be served from 1 to 2. The dinner this year will be another of the excellent Northwoods Smorgasbords. Election of Officers for the coming year will be held prior to the program. Mr. James Smith, former Mayor of the City of Marquette will present a slide program on his travels to Churchill, Manitoba and Alaska. Everyone should bring a gift to exchange and there will be door prizes. The cost of the dinner is \$5.00 per person. For the January meeting we hope to have Frazier Tubbs present his slide program and we will also install the new Officers for 1985. Feb. and March programs will be announced later- April will be the Silent Auction so start getting your donations ready. May will be a Field trip and the location will be announced in the next Jaspilite. Nelson Short will be leading a Field Trip of the M/Gag group to the UP on June 29th & 30th.

It is never too early to start planning for the 10th annual Swap & Sell to be held the first weekend in AUG. Again this year we will have a Raffle- We had 33 nice prizes last year and would like as many for the 1985 raffle. Please consider giving a prize and let Jim Procunier know what it will be so many of the prizes may be listed on the tickets. We will be sending the raffle tickets to all members sometime in MAY- Please sell (or buy) at least 10 tickets. Last year out of 64 households only 18 failed to sell tickets or return them. Art Wigg received the prize for the best ticket seller of the year. We will get a Raffle License from the State and the permit number will appear on the tickets.

Remember its Dues time again so please send your check to Arnold Mulzer at 322 Rock Street, Marquette, 49855 or pay him at the Christmas party-Thanks for your support and all members are urged to attend the Business Meetings every month and also to participate in all club activities. We have a very diversified and congenial group of people so why not join us and help make IRMC the best club in the Midwest. We need new members also assure the future of the club so ask a friend to join and encourage the young members to be more active.

SEE YOU AT THE NORTHWOODS ON DECEMBER 9th- Call Jim Procunier at 485-4263 to reserve your place- Bring a gift to exchange and bring a friend to join IRMC- Help your club grow !!!!!

GEORGE R. "BUD" BAMFORD Dec. 2, 1904- May 28, 1984

Bud, as we all knew him, was the son of George Oliver Banford of Ishpeming. Bud grew up and was educated in Ishpeming. He became a miner early in life going to work in the Section 16 mine of the Oliver Mining Co. where he continued in mining for about 15 years and this was his first contact with the beautiful botryoidal Goethites which abounded underground at the Sec. 16. Bud often expressed regrets that he was more active in collecting those prize specimens.

Bud married Lena Nault in April 1930 and they had two lovely daughters. Bud was also survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren, who were the apple of Bud's eye. Bud worked as a fireman for the City of Ishpeming until his retirement a number of years ago.

Bud was one of the organizers and charter member of the Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club. He was the first Vice-Pres. of the newly chartered club and then took over the job of Treasurer- a position he held for some 12 years.

Bud's excellent collection featured some of the rarer forms of Iron Minerals, however a good general collection existed which attested to the many friends he had in the Rock Hobby and contains some specimens from many far away places. Bud was an amateur Lapidarist and taught some of us the art many years ago.

Bud's real interest was in finding and sharing excellent Mineral specimens and Crystals that exist on the pristine piles of years ago.

All of us who knew him and collected with him miss him and will always remember him.

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HATS OFF TO HELEN

By Ingrid Bartelli

A year ago at this time, Helen Johnson, the Editor supreme of our Jaspilite, was busy putting together a special 30th anniversary issue of the Jaspilite. That publication placed FIRST, Number ONE, among all special publications considered in the Midwest Federation competition. And that's not all!

The Jaspilite, as edited by Helen, placed 7th among the bulletins from all Midwest clubs entered in the competition for 1983.

Also placing 7th among adult original articles from the Midwest Federation area was the three installment discourse published in the Jaspilite titled "The First 30 Years" authored by C. Bob Markert.

Congratulations Helen and Bob and thank you for your diligent, dedicated and long hours of endeavor for our club. Helen, we miss you as editor. Your Jaspilite was the "magic glue" that held us together. You left some very large "shoes to fill".

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MICROMOUNTER- By Ingrid Bartelli

The date, time and place: January 8, 1985, Tuesday evening @ 7:00 PM, at Bartelli's home. 2010 Sugarloaf Avenue, Marquette. Thus is the time for the first 1985 meeting of the IRMC Micromounters. From January thru May this group meets every other Tuesday evening to explore the crystalline minerals of our U.P. Under the guidance of Carlton Gutman we have studied the crystal systems. This year we will try to identify minerals of some specific areas.

Admittedly this group is small in number by virtue of the fact that a microscope is necessary equipment since the material we study is microscopic mineral crystals. But a microscope is well worth the investment to bring into view the incredibly beautiful crystalline form of our many U.P. copper and iron related minerals.

Our IRMC Micromounters group is most fortunate to have such a talented and informed "head master" as Carl Gutman who generously volunteers his time and effort for those members who are interested in knowing our native minerals on a first name basis.

Micro mineral study extends the "discovery" aspect of rock hounding through the winter months. We are called Micro Mounters because, after we isolate our tiny specimen from a boulder, it is mounted in a box no larger than 1" square. We are not an exclusive group. Any club member with the interest and necessary equipment is most welcome to join us.

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BITS & PIECES- By Arnold Mulzer

For my article this time I think Nelson Short's report of our annual Swap & Sell that appeared in the MGAGS bulletin would be of interest to the members who might have missed seeing it. In addition to the VIP's he listed the following were in attendance: Three present state directors, Leo Latoski of Laurium, Albert Murray of Escanaba and Nelson Short of Howell. Also our own local member Frazier Tubbs, a past assistant state director. We are also proud to have Nelson Short as a member of IRMC. and thank he and Marion for the hard work they put in at the Swap & Sell.

During the past year several field trips were held, an outstanding one being the 2 day affair which I and several IRMC members lead a group of 35 Michigan Geology & Gemcraft Society people to several pits in our Iron country and as far south as Felch to collect Marble & Felspar. This group is planning another trip to the U.P. in 1985 so make plans to join us. (Nelson's report follows on page 3.)

Its dues time again- send check to me at 322 Rock Street, Marquette, Mich. 49855

\$3.00 Family      \$2.00 single.

This event was held Aug. 4th at the Presque Isle Park just opposite the Marina, on the north side of Marquette. It was a beautiful day for the swap, and rockhounds started gathering by 8 AM, setting up tables for display and the silent auction. Donated specimens were labelled, priced and stored on a table for the auction that continued all day. One table was being restocked while customers bid on specimens on the other table.

The perimeter of the lot was occupied by the dealers and swappers. Many beautiful specimens were displayed and acquired by the customers. One table displayed the prizes that were to be raffled off Saturday evening. There were 33 beautiful prizes of jewelry, clocks, trees, specimens, etc. No wonder the club sold nearly a thousand tickets.

It was a fun day, swapping and visiting with old friends we hadn't seen for a year or more. Visitors from several states added to the joy of being there. A crackerbarrel session was held in a pavillion on the island Saturday evening. Bruce Spike, president of the club, conducted the meeting and introduced noted guests from the MWF. These were: Bob Markert, a past pres. of MWF; William Oarch, 1st VP of MWF; Marian Parch, Scholarship chairperson; Ruth Mogg & husband, commemorative stamp chairperson of the MWF; Ted Schnarr, Pres. of MGAGS; and three assistant state directors. Bill Parch gave the program, part of which was an explanation of how the MWF works and what it does for the clubs. He also showed some beautiful slides of his trip along the Rhine River in Germany. Refreshments were served and after some more visiting the party broke up. It had been a long day, but worth every minute of it. A field trip to the Lindberg Quarry for Kona dolomite was held on Sunday. We had to have our usual shower, but this added to the beauty of the stone and made selection much easier- and our load much heavier. Thanks to the Ishpeming club for the opportunity to collect here.

#### A LOOK BACK- By Olive Sain

The following is a brief rundown on club activities since the last newsletter. To many, this will be a reminder of many enjoyable shared experiences and to others an incentive to make plans to join in next years field trips.

May 26-28: The club headquartered at the Hancock City Park and from there made forays to many collecting sites. No spectacular finds were made but the fellowship of being with kindred members made each day special. The highlight of the weekend was the Sunday potluck at Jim & Pat Proconier's summer cottage on Rice Lake near Lake Linden. Heaps of delicious food and lots of visiting made the afternoon pass much too quickly. Our sincere thanks to Jim & Pat for their friendly hospitality.

MGAGS: Larry & Sally Ahrndt shared their talents again at the seminar. Both of these good people are an asset to the hobby and bring honor and recognition to the club.

Nelson & Marian Short led a post seminar field trip to this area and to the copper country. They were assisted locally by many of our club members and we all shared a day of collecting and an evening at Bonanza. The Bartelli's assisted the Shorts during the entire trip. A super time was had by all and many new friendships were made.

July 15: Club members were privileged to accompany Bob Markert to his secret hunting & collecting area- another source of Verde Antique and other minerals, such as Michigan Jade (Arnold Mulzer had a couple of polished cabs of this at the Nov. meeting). The area of the exploration was overgrown but remnants of activity were still to be found. Many changes were noted in the area of the now active Ropes Gold Mine.

Aug. 4-5: Our clubs Swap & Sell was in a new location which worked out very well. Attendance was down as it has been in the last couple of years but other clubs have reported the same thing. However, this didn't spoil the good time had by active participants & visitors.

Sept. 1-2: The Fall field trip was headquartered at the Twin Lakes State Park. We missed many of our regular members and those from afar who have joined us in the past. A good time was had by all.

Oct. The color tour we had looked forward to had to be scrubbed due to weather- Better luck in '85.

Now we will catch up on things that have been happening to club members and their families. We wish they could all be happy happenings but that wouldn't be life.

Our deepest sympathy to Eileen Dunham in the loss of her husband Joe. Joe will be remembered for his friendliness, his readiness to help wherever he could in club activities and sharing his skill on his polishing wheels.

Martin Koivula, Helen Johnson's father passed away Aug. 27. We extend our sympathy to her and her family. Helen's folks were members of our club for several years.

Ernest & Helen Johnson have a new member in their family- Daughter Sheryl became Mrs. Dan Kohl on July 21 in Montana. At the Autumn Comfort Quilt Show held in Marquette, Helen won the viewers choice award for her quilt titled "Easter".

Both Frazier Tubbs and Ben Ogea were hospitalized for a time but we're happy to report both are well and busy as ever.

Bart & Ingrid have now advanced to the position of great grandparents. Granddaughter Diane & Harry Miron had a little girl, Jena, on July 11.- Congratulations.

Jan Ruonavaara have become grandparents twice over within months. John Thomas was born May 14, to Peggy & John Ede in Germany & Amanda Sue was born Sept. 12 to Paula & Donald Ruonavaara, Jr. in Ishpeming- Congratulations- Congratulations

After waiting patiently for years, Arnold & Doris Mulzer are happy to announce that daughter Ann & husband Dave LaHaie have adopted a baby girl, Alexis, after being on a waiting list for three years.-Congratulations

A LOOK BACK- Cont.

Bernie & Hazel Kaukola have had a troublesome year with one brightstar and that was a new granddaughter, Lindsey Rae, born to son Kevin & wife on October 13. Their son Kenneth became ill early in the year and surgery and was doing well until August when cancer recurred and he passed away Sept. 12. We share you in your loss most sincerely. Hazel has been hospitalized most of the time since Sept. but as this letter goes to press she is at home recuperating.

Alan Korby joined with all his relatives for the annual family gathering in Kennett, Missouri in July. With the seventy some relatives in attendance it was necessary to rent the American Legion building for the group. Alan, his mother and brothers also toured Elvis Presley's Graceland at Memphis and all the associated area holding his memorabilia. Quite an experience, they say. Alan has yet another job according to the newspaper: he was elected to the recreation committee of the Negaunee Twp. Community Bldg. Congratulations Alan.

Mike & Suzanne Elliott contacted many of the club members while visiting her parents in Negaunee in July. Mike says he likes his job and they both enjoy the warm weather of Florida better than our snowy winters. They visit a rock club about a hundred miles from where they live but say collecting is poor because they are in a fossil area. Mike misses our many good, nearby collecting sites.

As we go to press Bob & Marian Markert are leaving to spend the winter at their home in Florida-They will be missed at the meetings. Their address is: 122 C Street, Carlyn Estates, 5611 Bayshore Rd. Palmetto, Florida 33561. When the rest of the snowbirds head for the sun let us know your winter address so the Jaspilite will be mailed to you.

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Membership: The Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. is open to anyone interested in the earth sciences.

- Initiation fee - - - - - \$1.50
- Husband & Wife annual dues - - - - - 3.00
- Adult annual dues - - - - - 2.00
- Junior annual dues - - - - - 1.00

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OUR PURPOSE

- To enjoy to learn, to teach and to conserve  
The rocks, the gems, the fossils and ores.
- To collect, to admire, to brag and to show  
The material we've found. we'll trade for yours.

-- Bob & Marian Markert

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