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When a scientific discovery or invention  
has been brought to some practical  
application, the work of scientists  
is not finished, it has only begun.

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17th Ave. S. E. and University Avenue. Visitors welcome.

FIELD TRIPS: May until October inclusive.

ANNUAL DUES: Residents in a 50 mile radius of the Twin Cities \$ 3.00 plus  
\$ 1.00 additional for husband, wife, or dependent family members, for  
students and non-residents, \$ 1.00.

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# Bulletin Board

## TEMPORARY

### FIELD TRIP NOTICES

- June 17      Barron Hills, Wis.  
Leader - Hal E. McWathy
- June 24      Marion S. Skahan home.
- July 1        St. Croix Valley  
Leader - Miss Elsie Hinchley
- July 12-15   American Federation of Mineralogical Societies convention -  
held in conjunction with the Midwest Federation of  
Mineralogical and Geological Societies.
- July 14-28   Two week western field trip.  
Leader - Dr. Bert Carlson.
- August 5     Picnic at the L. W. King summer home on the St. Croix  
near Copas Minn.
- Aug. 11-12   Baraboo, Wis.  
Leader - Dr. Robert Sloan.
- August 26    Hankato and vicinity.  
Leader - Arthur D. Roney.
- Sept. 9        Rodvins, Minn.  
Leader - Elmer H. Brown.
- Sept. 22-23   Pipestone and Rock counties.  
Leader - Dr. Bert Carlson.
- Oct. 6-7      Cuyuna Range.  
Leader - Elmer H. Brown.

THE 9th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION OF  
THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

JULY 12, 13, 14, 15, 1956

held in conjunction with

THE MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

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Minnesota Mineral Club

to be held in

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JULY 12

- 9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION --- Home Activities Building ---  
cooperation of St. Paul Chamber of Commerce
- 10:00 A.M. MIDWEST FEDERATION BUSINESS MEETING ---  
Wm. J. Bingham, presiding officer
- 11:00 A.M. JUDGING OF EXHIBITS ---  
begins ---
- 1:30 P.M. AMERICAN FEDERATION BUSINESS MEETING ---  
A. L. Flegg, presiding officer
- 2:00 P.M. OLD TIMES MEETING ---
- 3:00 P.M. LECTURE --- ART OF LAPIDARY  
Wm. J. Bingham
- 6:45 P.M. Bus trips (free) to Walker Art Center and Minneapolis  
Institute of Arts to view two of the finest Jade  
collections in the Western World.
- 7:30 P.M. LECTURE --- MINERALS THROUGH THE CAMERA LENS ---  
John F. Wholcic

9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. --- Show open to members, dealers, and out of state visitors only. This allows proper time for registrations, judging of exhibits, acquaintance and reacquaintance of members.

6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. --- Show open to general public.

FRIDAY, July 13, 1956.

9:00 A.M. DEALERS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING.

9:30 A.M. BUS TRIPS (free) to the Walker Art Center and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts to view Jade exhibits.

10:00 A.M. OFFICIAL OPENING OF GEM AND MINERAL SHOW ---

INTRODUCTIONS --- Marland Mills, President Minnesota Mineral Club  
WELCOME ADDRESS --- Governor Orville L. Freeman

A. L. Flagg, President, American Federation  
W. J. Bingham, President, Midwest Federation  
D. A. Thomas, National Convention Chairman

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Woodruff Trophy, Midwest Trophy, awards  
Chairman of Judges

1:30 P.M. BUS TRIPS (free) to the Walker Art Center and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts to view Jade exhibits.

2:30 P.M. LECTURE --- LIGHT WAVES AND COLOR IN GEMS ---  
Charles Smart

2:30 P.M. BUS TRIP along the scenic St. Croix valley to Taylors Falls ---  
Dr. Geo. A. Thiel, chairman and professor of Geology,  
University of Minnesota

7:30 P.M. LECTURE --- STORY OF THE MANUFACTURE OF DIAMONDS  
M. Barnes, General Electric Co.

10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. SHOW OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1956. --- 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC

9:30 A.M. BUS TRIPS (free) to Walker Art Center and Institute of Arts.

9:30 A.M. BUS TRIP (field trip) to So. St. Paul quarry to collect fossils.

9:30 A.M. MIDWEST FEDERATION BUSINESS MEETING

10:45 A.M. AMERICAN FEDERATION BUSINESS MEETING

1:30 P.M. BUS TRIP (free) to Walker Art Center and Institute of Arts

3:00 P.M. LECTURE --- DIAMONS FROM THE GROUND UP ---

Gladys Babson Hannaford, M. W. Ayer Inc. of New York

6:00 P.M. BANQUET --- Fiesta Room --- Lowry Hotel, St. Paul ---

8:00 P.M. SURGER 'POPS' CONCERT AND ICE SHOW

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 1956

10:00 A.M. BUS TRIP to Walker Art Center and Institute of Arts ---

3:00 P.M. LECTURE --- DIAMONDS FROM THE GROUND UP ---

10:00 P.M. SHOW OFFICIALLY CLOSES.

10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. --- SHOW OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC



EDITORS NOTE: There are 28 geological plaques erected at various places throughout Minnesota. In an effort to acquaint you with the location and the text of the plaques we will publish several plaque texts in each issue of the Bulletin. 10 plaque texts have already been published.

## GEOLOGY OF MINNESOTA

### RED WING REGION

During the great ice ages the landscape of Minnesota was profoundly altered by continental glaciers in 4 major epochs of glaciation. In this area, as elsewhere, the closing stage of each epoch was characterized by the release of floods of meltwater which eroded the broad valley of the Mississippi River 200 feet deeper than the present channel. Because the tributary streams carried less water than the main river they were unable to cut down so rapidly, and consequently their valley floors had steeper slopes.

As the volume of meltwater diminished with the depletion of the ice, the velocity of the main stream was reduced and it was no longer able to remove all of the sediment contributed by its high-gradient tributaries. Thus the valley was filled to its present level, and exhibits a remarkable series of meanders, oxbow lakes, side channels, sloughs, swamps, and tillable land.

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### WHITEWATER STATE PARK

The bold and picturesque bluffs of the Whitewater Valley, from the Jordan sandstone below to the massive Onocota dolomite at the top, represent deposition during a hundred million years. Much of the erosion of these marine sedimentary rocks occurred later, during the great ice ages, caused by meltwater from the glaciers descending rapidly from the highlands into the flooded valley of the Mississippi River.

During the glacial high-water stages in the Mississippi Valley the velocity of the water in the Whitewater Valley was retarded. In consequence the sediments brought to the Whitewater River by its tributaries could not be carried any further and were deposited on the valley floor.

Later, as the water level in the Mississippi Valley was lowered, the Whitewater River gained velocity and eroded downward into the accumulated sediments to the level of its present channel, leaving high on the valley walls alluvial terraces of sand and gravel to mark its elevation when the Whitewater River stood at a higher level.

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### GRAND MARAIS

The harbor of Grand Marais is the result of unequal weathering or erosion of two types of rock. One of these, called diabase, resulted from the cooling of molten material which was forced between two earlier lava flows. The dark, massive diabase, being very hard and resistant to wave action, has become the outer barrier to the harbor, while the lava, which was much fractured and easily eroded, was worn away to form the harbor basin.

To the west of Grand Marais, the serrated crest of the Saultoth Range, clearly visible from the harbor breakwater, is another example of unequal erosion. Here the relatively soft basalt and the more resistant diabase have, through the process of weathering, produced the notched profile of the hills along the coast.

To the east of Grand Marais rise the hills near the mouth of the Arrowhead River, while to the north, along the Gunflint Trail, are older rocks. At Saganaga Lake, the Saganaga granite, one of the oldest granites in North America, marks a core of the ancient mountains of the Laurentian Highlands.

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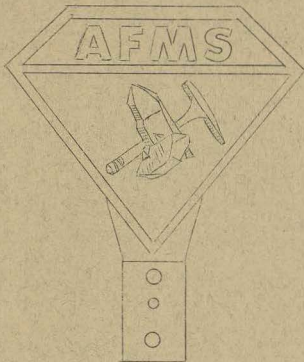
### LAKE HARRIET REGION

The continental glaciers spreading over Minnesota during the great ice ages brought vast quantities of rock material from the north to be dumped indiscriminately during the recession of the ice. Old river valleys were filled and belts of hills were formed as conditions changed. The Lake Harriet landscape has such an origin.

Leaving the present channel of the Mississippi River at the Plymouth Avenue bridge, a proglacial valley runs almost directly south beneath Lake of the Isles, Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet to the Minnesota River at Bloccington. This valley was mostly filled but not completely obliterated by glacial deposits. The unfilled portions of the valley are now basins, which are filled by lakes perched high on the glacial debris. Lake Harriet lies directly over this ancient valley, its surface 250 feet above the valley's rocky floor, and is in a setting of hills piled up while the ice front paused here in its final retreat about 10,000 years ago.

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Report of A. P. Rickmire, Treasurer, Geological Society of Minn.  
Oct. 1, 1955 to March 31st, 1956.

RECEIPTS

Rec'd from dues, 65 of @ 3.00, 36 of @ 4.00 and 8 of @ 1.00	347.00
5/27/55 Books	14.85
6/12 From Mr. King, books	42.00
From Mr. King, book	3.00
From Mr. King, trip collection	4.35
6/30 From Mr. Havill, Alexandria trip	253.00
8/7 5 books	15.00
Collection, Hastings trip	3.50
Collection, Stillwater trip	3.76
Collection at Kings	9.70
8/20 Collection Minnetonka trip	5.70
9/18 From Mr. Havill, mine trip	521.50
10/4 From Mr. Havill, southeast Minnesota trip	330.05
43 books	172.00
12/6 From Mr. King, Winchell reports	<u>44.50</u>
	\$ 1769.91
Rec'd from Mary Lupient, trust fund	230.28
Rec'd from Preston Memorial Fund	144.00
Rec'd from Louis W. & Maud Hill Family Foundation	<u>3240.00</u>
	\$ 5384.19
4/24 97 dinners at @ 2.75	266.75
1 extra dinner (amount returned sickness)	<u>2.75</u>
	5653.69

DISBURSEMENTS

6/6-55 Crook & Hanley, supplies	12.18
Knollwood Motors	212.84
7/12 L. W. King, expenses scouting trip, which was turned over to the Preston Memorial Fund	35.00
For Preston Memorial Fund	5.00
8/7 Jefferson Bus Co.	484.88
9/21 Flour City Ornamental Iron Co. for plaques	3240.00
9/29 Postage, Loretta Koppen	10.24
10/3 Jefferson Bus Co.	300.83
10/5 Robert E. Sloan, 10 lectures	125.00
10/11 Supplies, Loretta E. Koppen	28.54
11/1 Harper Bros., books	185.39
11/9 Stamps, Loretta Koppen	6.00
1/24 Crook & Hanley, supplies	25.71
1/31 Flowers, Mrs. Sloan	4.00
Wm. F. Schroeder, scouting mine trip	35.00
University of Minnesota	7.45
Stamps, Loretta E. Koppen	9.50
3/20 Dr. Gruner	12.50
3/27 Dr. Yardley	12.50
4/3 Dr. Mooney	12.50
4/13 O. M. Feather, Federation dues	14.50
4/10 University of Minnesota, film operator	8.76
Bank service	3.70
4/24 Coffman Union Food Service, 104 suppers	234.00
4/24 Dr. Bert Carlson, cards & postage re long field trip	13.30
4/25 Crooks & Hanley, paper & stencils	12.50
4/27 John W. Webb	12.50
4/27 Herbert E. Wright	12.50
4/24 1 extra supper collected & returned	2.75
Cash on hand, savings acct. 500.00, checking acct. 94.77	<u>594.77</u>
	5653.69

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