

ROCK BLAST

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Regular Meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month, except July and August.

Next Meeting -- Wednesday, Oct.5, 1966 at 8 o'clock - Room 370, Biology Building, University of Waterloo.

Directions: Drive along Dearborn from King Street until you come to the railway track in front of the University. Turn right immediately after crossing the track, and go to the parking lot at the end of this road. (Behind the Physics Building). You will receive directions at this point.

The September meeting was held at the Kitchener Public Library with an attendance of 45 people. Our annual election resulted in the following slate of officers:

President: Floyd Caesar
Recording Secretary: Wallace Edwards
Corresponding Secretary(and newsletter editor):Fred Bender
Treasurer: Alex Wickson

The following appointments were made:

Publicity Chairman: Geoff Downing
Outings Chairman: Harry Gardiner
Program Chairman: Bob Boettger
Telephone Chairman: Evelyn Caesar

Several members displayed beautiful mineral specimens which they had collected during the summer and gave directions for finding similar material.

The topic for our next meeting will be "Minerals of Dundas Quarry, Ont." Several members who have collected extensively at this site will show specimens and talk briefly on their chemical composition, mineral associates and best collection methods. There will also be colour slides illustrating some of the handsome crystal specimens found at this quarry. All members are asked to bring Dundas material for display and discussion at the end of the formal program.

IMPORTANT

Annual fees are now due for all members who joined prior to the June meeting.
Rates: \$3.50 per couple plus \$1.00 for each child.
2.50 per adult individually.
1.00 per high school or public school student.

Please bring your fees to the next meeting and pay them to our treasurer, Alex Wickson.

Programs. We wish to present programs that will be entertaining and informative. Your suggestions are solicited. Please see Bob Boettger or Floyd Caesar and tell them what you would like.

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We have received a fine and very welcome letter from our past president, Professor Stuart Harris. He is presently lecturing at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.

He informs us that his department has some very advanced equipment for mineral identification and that they can determine specimens for our members. This is a very generous offer, but it is hoped that members will use discretion in accepting it.

If you want a specimen identified, please follow this procedure:

1. Pack the specimen carefully to avoid breakage.
 2. Send enough material so that the university can keep a specimen for their own use.
 3. Give all possible details including locality, name of mine, quarry, etc., associated minerals, and type of rock (if positively identified) in which the mineral occurred.
 4. Address the specimen and correspondence to Professor Harris in care of -- Department of Geography-Meteorology,
The University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas 66044.
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