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Regular meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month, except July and August, in Room 3E10, New Arts Building, Waterloo Lutheran University, corner of University and Albert Streets, Waterloo.

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Next meeting - Wednesday, June 1, 1966 - 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Floyd Caesar, science teacher at Eastwood Collegiate, Kitchener and a founding member of the Club will present a talk on 'Low Budget Lapidary Equipment'. There will also be a silent auction during the meeting.

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Minutes of meeting, May 4, 1966 - Attendance 35

Minutes of the April 6, 1966 meeting were adopted as set out in Rock Blast No. 7.

Lists for magazine subscriptions were made available.

Geof. Downing gave details of planned trip to the Herkimer area in New York state May 21 - 23.

Prof. Harris introduced Dr. J. VanSeters, Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Studies, Waterloo Lutheran University.

Dr. VanSeters talk was partly travelogue and partly description of his ten week's archeological work at the Roman ruins at Jerash, on the eastern side of the Jordan. The excavations cover a period from about 100 B.C. to 800 B.C. as established by various dating methods of which pottery styles is one of the more important. The talk was well illustrated by slides which included many very lovely scenes -- the view across the Dead Sea from a cave at Qumran was breathtaking. The places shown in Jordan and Israel included Jerusalem, Samaria, Jericho, Qumran, Jerash, Petra and Kerak. Kerak is the site of an immense fortress built by the crusaders and Petra is an ancient desert city whose only approach is through a canyon two miles long and often no wider than a jeep.

The Club is indebted to Dr. VanSeters for his excellent presentation which was thoroughly enjoyed by the largest turnout yet at a Club meeting.

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Welcome to the following new members:

Mr. Wallace Edwards	288 Langford Place, Waterloo
Mr. William Sillick	Teeswater, Ontario

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In order to boost paid-up membership before the summer recess, dues paid by new members at the June meeting will be considered payment to September 30, 1967 -- a four month bonus. Adults \$2.50; additional members from same family or those attending public or high school \$1.00

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Since the last meeting, the Club has acquired two show cases which, for lack of other space, are being stored at the Secretary's home. A little woodwork and an extra glass shelf in each will put them in excellent shape.

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Notice re Silent Auction

For this first Club auction, members are asked to contribute material -- mineral specimens, fossils, slabbing rock, etc.

Contact your Secretary at Kitchener 744-5045 after May 24th and let him know when your donation may be picked up -- or better yet, drop it off at his house - 41 Forest Hill Drive, Kitchener, with a description for each item.

All material is wanted before the day of the meeting so that it can be set up properly.

And, for all those attending the meeting, bring your wallets, well filled. If you can't collect it yourself get it on June 1st -- material already received is from Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Florida, Texas, Montana, as well as British Columbia, Ontario and other localities.

Let's make this last meeting of the season the B I G G E S T a n d B E S T !

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FIELD TRIP NEWS

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Field trip chairman - Geoff Downing - 744-9390

Saturday, April 23, 1966 - Craighleith for fossils
- Wiarton for sphalerite

Marshalling area again at Berkeley Square's parking lot on King St. E. Kitchener, at 9 A.M.

May 21-22-23 Official opening of the Bancroft Club's new quarters. Field trips will be arranged.

May 21-22-23 Some members of the K.W. Club will be going to the Herkimer area. Enquire at the May meeting.

July 30-31. Aug. 1 Inter-Club trip to North Bay area with arrangements by the Nipissing Club. More details will be available later.

Aug. 10-13 Bancroft 3rd annual Rockhound Gem-Boree.

Aug. 22-26 Parrsboro, Nova Scotia 1st annual Rockhound Round-up.

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