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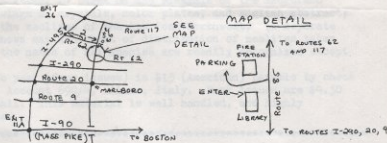
Contributions of news items for the Bulletin are welcome and should be sent to the Bulletin Editor.

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NEXT MONTH:

The next meeting of the MMNE will be the Northeast Meeting on May 11, 1985.

The next regular meeting of the Micromounters of New England will be on Saturday, April 6, 1985, at the Hudson Public Library. The library (for those who have never been there) is about two miles from either the end of I-290 (at Route 85), or exit 26 from I-495 (at Route 62). Enter parking space between the library and the fire station and look for the library parking on the right. The meeting room is on the side of the library nearest the parking lot (see map). A special treat at this meeting: The curator has agreed to open up the Natural History Room for our viewing at 11 AM.



Nominations for the slate of officers of the MMNE for 1985-1986 are as follows: Palmer Sevrems, President; Frank Leighton, Vice-President; Janet Cares, Treasurer; and Ralph Carr, Jr., Secretary.

Elections will take place at the April meeting. The officers will assume their elected positions at the conclusion of the May "Northeast Meeting".

NORTHEAST MEETING NEWS

Donations are coming in for our Northeast Meeting. In addition to the many usual giveaways provided by Steve and Janet Cares, Ray Denicourt has sent 150 mounted specimens (some for the sales table) and Pat Barker and Edna Lerer have given rough Francon and other material which is being broken down to size. Gene Bearss and Norm Biggart have each donated some very nice old mineral books and magazines for sale, as well as minerals. Forrest Fogg has given more than 20 nice, mounted Palermo specimens (including some rare ones) for the sales table. We thank them all.

Additional donations are sought, which may include specimens, mineral books or magazines, or any items useful to the micromounter. There will be some unique items for sale which will be listed in next month's newsletter. Let's see your name there too, as a donor.

REVISTA MINERALOGICA ITALIANO (Italian Mineralogical Review)

This small (6 1/4" x 9 1/4") magazine packs a lot of information into its 32 to 40 pages of each issue. Even if you don't understand Italian, it is surprising how much information is comprehensible, and in many cases, a lengthy English abstract is included. Perhaps the most striking feature is the abundance of color plates (an average of 20 in the four issues examined) and line drawings of crystals. Regular features include "Minerali Nuovi" (New Minerals) which gives references, chemical formula, hardness, specific gravity, locality, a brief description, and derivation of the name; "La Paga dei Micromounts" (The Micromount Page) with color plates and brief descriptions of micros from various localities such as Francon and the Christmas Mine; and "Breve Segnalazioni" (Brief Notes) with short contributions on new localities or new and unusual finds, mostly in Italy. An occasional list of traders is published.

The four issues, which were kindly loaned to us by Bill Henderson (admittedly selected), contain a 16 page well-illustrated article on the phosphate minerals of Mangualde, Portugal (with excellent English abstract); 18 pages on the Palermo phosphates, based largely on the article by Segeler, et. al., in Rocks and Minerals, 5/0, 1981, with photos by Julius Weber; 24 pages on the minerals of the Sacrofano Caldera in Italy with line drawings of crystals, color plates, and English abstract; and 20 pages (part 1 of 3) on the zeolites of the American Northwest. (A separate page in this MNNE Newsletter shows map and chart of distribution of zeolites taken from this article. Note that the names of all species are readily recognized except RAME, which is copper.)

Subscription price for one year (four issues) is \$15 (American) payable by check to Credito Lombardo, Agency E, Account 690/4, Milano, Italy. Back issues are \$4.50 (American) postpaid, regular mail. This material is well handled, and highly recommended. ---Janet Cares

Bill Henderson, author of the "Microminerals" column in the Mineralogical Record, will be giving a talk on filiform pyrite having right-angle bends at the upcoming Rochester Symposium. His talk will concentrate on specimens that are mostly from west coast localities, with a few from Kentucky, Ohio, and Connecticut. Bill is also interested in locating filiform pyrite specimens from the New England area, and Massachusetts in particular. If you have any such material, please consider sending them to Bill for photographing and describing. Include the specific locality, associated minerals, and type of rock in which the specimen was found. Bill is very conscientious about returning specimens, and if your specimen is particularly interesting, you may be rewarded by seeing a photo or description of it in print at a later date.

Speaking of Bill Henderson and the Mineralogical Record, do yourself a favor and please take the time to read Bill's "Microminerals" column in the latest issue of the Record (March/April, 1985). Bill has written a very fine article, and the subject, "Microminerals of the Western Volcanics", was first outlined in our 1983 Northeast Meeting Program Booklet. Several of the minerals described in the program's article appear in photographs in the Mineralogical Record column.

MICROMOUNTERS NEWS --Shelley Monaghan

Recently I started subscribing to the OKI Micromounters Bulletin, edited by Rose Ann Fox. The bulletin appears to serve as a clearing house of information to micromounting clubs and micromounters in general. A sampling of the information: "Look over specimens from Francon Quarry for a rare mineral, steacyite, tiny rectangular prisms, with square cross-section, sharp edges, color of stale milk chocolate (a light waxy coat)."

This and other information came from the recent issue (March '85). I will bring the bulletin with me to the April meeting.

