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SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 14 - 15 North Shore Show
Topsfield, Massachusetts

There will be a room set aside at the show for Micromounting which we are invited to use. Vandall King will speak on Saturday and Sunday. This will not be a regular business meeting.

~~July 26 - 27~~ (Tentative Date) OR
~~July 12 - 13~~ (Alternate Date) 23 of 6-10-80

The Reiner's (Saturday)
Palermo (Sunday)

This will be a regular meeting with a final announcement sent out in June.

Aug. 16 - 17 Informal gathering at the Sunapee Show
where Violet Anderson will speak.

Sept. 13 Regular meeting at the Saco Valley
Swap at the Lower Bartlett Town Hall
in Intervale, New Hampshire.

As you can see by the following pages some of our members have taken the time to submit articles for the Bulletin. We have a group with a high rate of participation and interest and encourage your submitting information to the Editor. It is always a pleasure to have fresh information rather than duplicate articles from another bulletin.

Perhaps someone will volunteer a few lines on the St. Hilaire, Francon, Asbestos trip?

*Lyndoyers, Samms, Perlman, Anderson, Cares, Biggan
Stewart(?), Terrell(?), Tapirowski's*

New Haven, 2-Montreal, N.Y. -

*Vandall King
Webbers
Schlichter*

Early May is a delightful time for a trip, and the Cares' headed for Ontario to attend the Canadian Micro Mineral Association's Annual Conference. We took the shortest route, which passes through Niagara Falls, so we were able to do some sightseeing enroute. (An alternate route would pass through the collecting areas of the St. Lawrence River Valley in Upstate New York). By arriving a few days early we were able to consult with Vi and Ross Anderson on some St. Hilaire unknowns and photozogenic specimens. You'll recognize Vi as having written the Micromounters column in The Mineralogical Record and a frequent contributor of excellent photographs, but should know that her husband Ross is accomplished in optical mineralogy, which gives extremely reliable data for mineral identification. It wasn't all work, as we ascended the CN Tower (the tallest free-standing structure in the world) and watched Toronto seem to pass by as we revolved above the city at over 1100 feet. There are many other attractions in Toronto, including excellent restaurants for those so inclined. Of course the Royal Ontario Museum is a "must" for any mineral collector. At the time of our visit there was still a worthwhile mineral display, but at some time in the near future this must be dismantled and moved, due to construction of a new wing.

The Conference itself was held in a suburb of Toronto just west of the city known as Etobicoke. On Friday evening preceding the meeting a hospitality room was available at the official hostelry, the Valhalla Inn, to meet other micromounters over coffee and perhaps slides. At 9:30 AM on Saturday the Conference officially began at the Etobicoke Education Centre a few blocks from the Valhalla. Each person attending is encouraged to bring a suite of 8 to 12 micros of their choice, mounted for viewing, and entitling them to participate in a drawing for a mineral specimen. A one-hour auction was held, and there were sales tables with micro material from both dealers and members. Bausch and Lomb had a display of microscopes and accessories, and showed an attachment by which a specimen placed under a binocular microscope could be displayed on a TV-type screen for viewing by a number of people simultaneously. As always there were many give-aways and much trading material. Lunches were provided at the Centre, and a banquet was held Saturday night at the Valhalla. At the latter Dr. David Gold of Penn. State spoke on two unrelated subjects, "The Monteregian Hills" and "Diamonds". Of particular interest was his recent collecting in Oka, Quebec area, with slides and descriptions of the rare earth minerals to be found there. The mine is now closed, but there are a number of other prospects, and Dr. Gold was persuaded to lead a trip there for CMMA members in early June.

Sunday morning a slide lecture was given by Peter Russell, President of CMMA, on the geology of some Scottish Islands. Though the Conference was not officially over until 4:30, departure began earlier by those with a distance to travel.

Our main hope was to learn more about minerals from Canadian localities. We were able to examine a few unfamiliar species, and obtained specimens of several which we did not have, however we found that on most of the "tough" ones, they were often as much in the dark as we. The advantage in such a meeting is the stimulus of meeting other collectors with fresh and varied approaches, and the opportunity to view some exceptionally fine micromounts.

Steve and Janet Cares

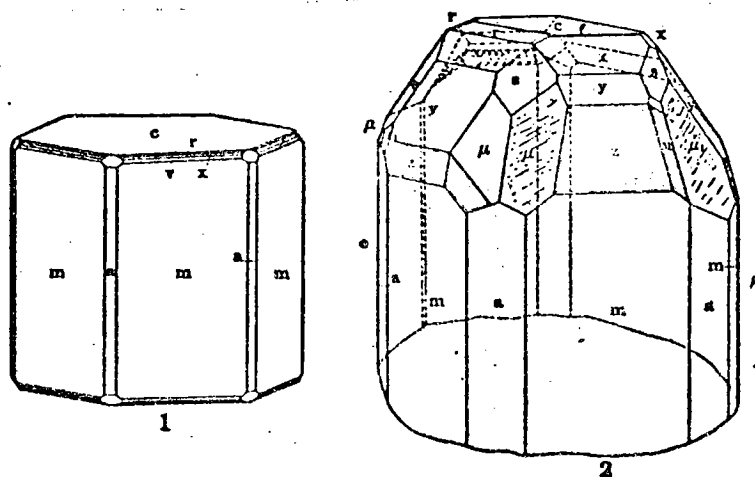
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Janet Cares has suggested that some of our members may be interested in exchanging by loan, copies of magazines on minerals from either foreign or other sources, that our members may not be regularly acquainted with. If you subscribe to the "Hongkong Mineral Bourse" or the "Capetown Collector" or any other unusual journal, please give others an opportunity to read them and expand their mineral horizons. Call or write the Editor or Janet Cares if you wish to participate in the information exchange.

A five day course in the Principles of Light Microscopy will be given at the Bay Path Junior College at a cost of \$350.00 which is tuition, room & board from June 22 to 27, 1980. It is sponsored by the newest of organizations, the Northeastern Association of Microscopists. Write B. Foster, 53 Eton Street, Springfield, Mass. 01108, or phone after 4:15pm to (413)-736-8620.

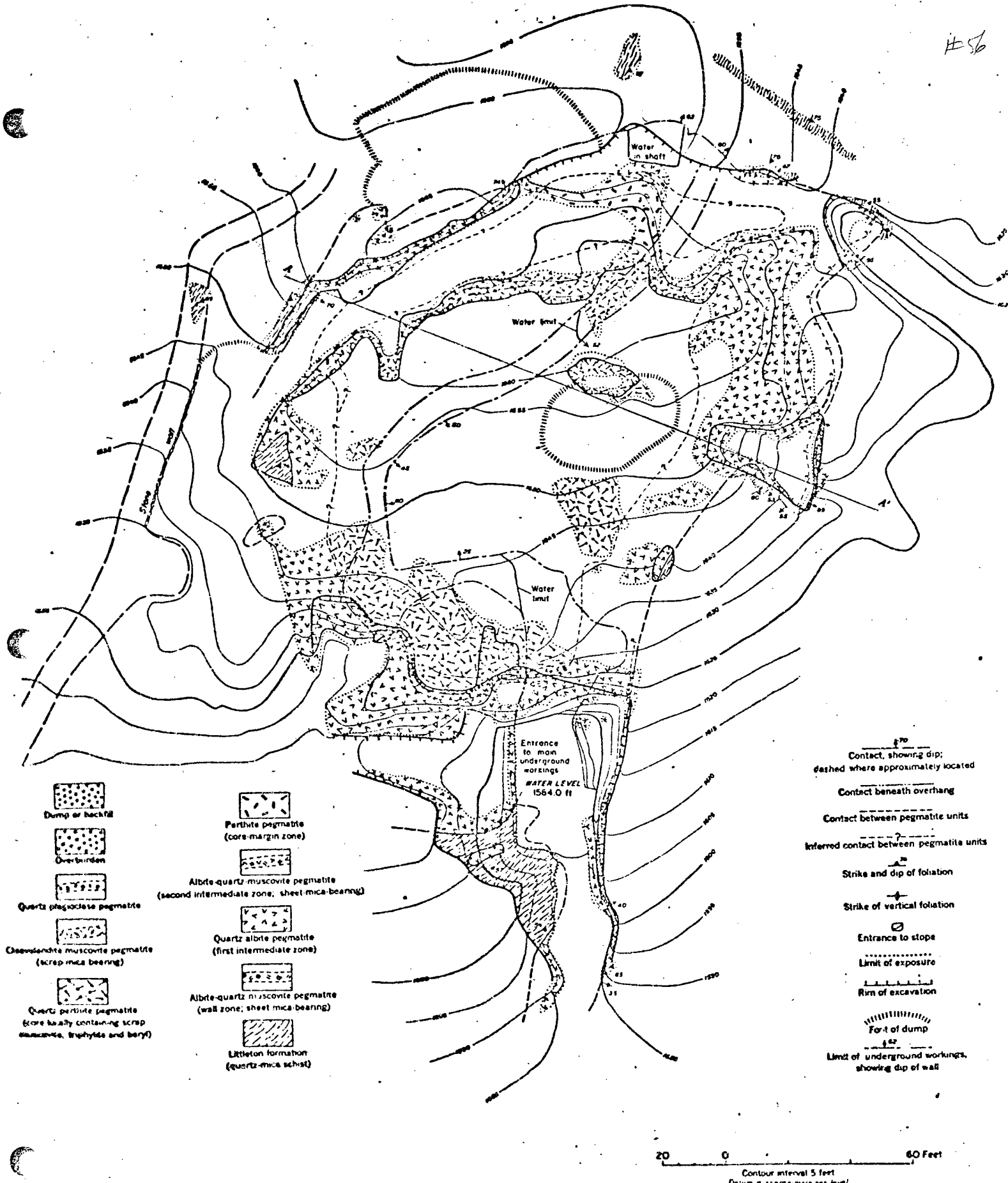
The Micromounters of New England met at the Cares home in Sudbury on Sunday, May 18. It started out as a sunny day but by noon it became cloudy and sprinkles and showers prevailed. Only central and eastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and southern New Hampshire were represented. Larry Pitman brought some specimens from his on-location collecting at Indian Mountain, Alabama. Larry Pitman, Janet Cares & Norm Biggart exchanged notes on the British Museum which, although they sell copies and appendix updates on Hsy's "Index of Mineral Species & Varieties", prefers everyone they deal with should have a different invoice number. They did make a firm point that they will accept no blame for mixups. Discussion of the St. Hilaire trip on the next weekend brought out that the Cares, Taparowskys, Andersons, Claves Dodge and Norm Biggart are all expected on the scene. Bob Perlman is expected to miss St. Hilaire but visit Francon & Asbestos. The card sent by the Micromounters was reported by Martha Reiner to have brought a great deal of pleasure to Seward Mariner just before his death. A number of Micromounters were present at his funeral. About mid-afternoon, a brief business meeting was held at which the summer meetings were listed. A note from Leo Witkowsky to Ralph Carr was read telling us of his visit to the Queen Copper Mine in New Mexico but no report of minerals obtained or seen. The "Glossary" has had a printing delay of several weeks. The nominations were reported on and corrected as Ralph Carr will remain the Secretary and Janet Cares will take on the job of Treasurer. It was a unanimous vote for the new slate after which time our new President closed the meeting. After the meeting we viewed some excellent slides by Ray Denicourt as his first time at microphotography.

Norm Biggart



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GEOLOGIC MAP AND SECTION OF THE PALERMO MINE NO. 1 (HARTFORD MINE)
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE