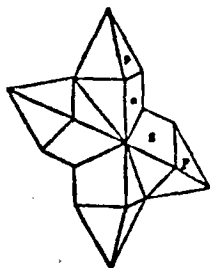


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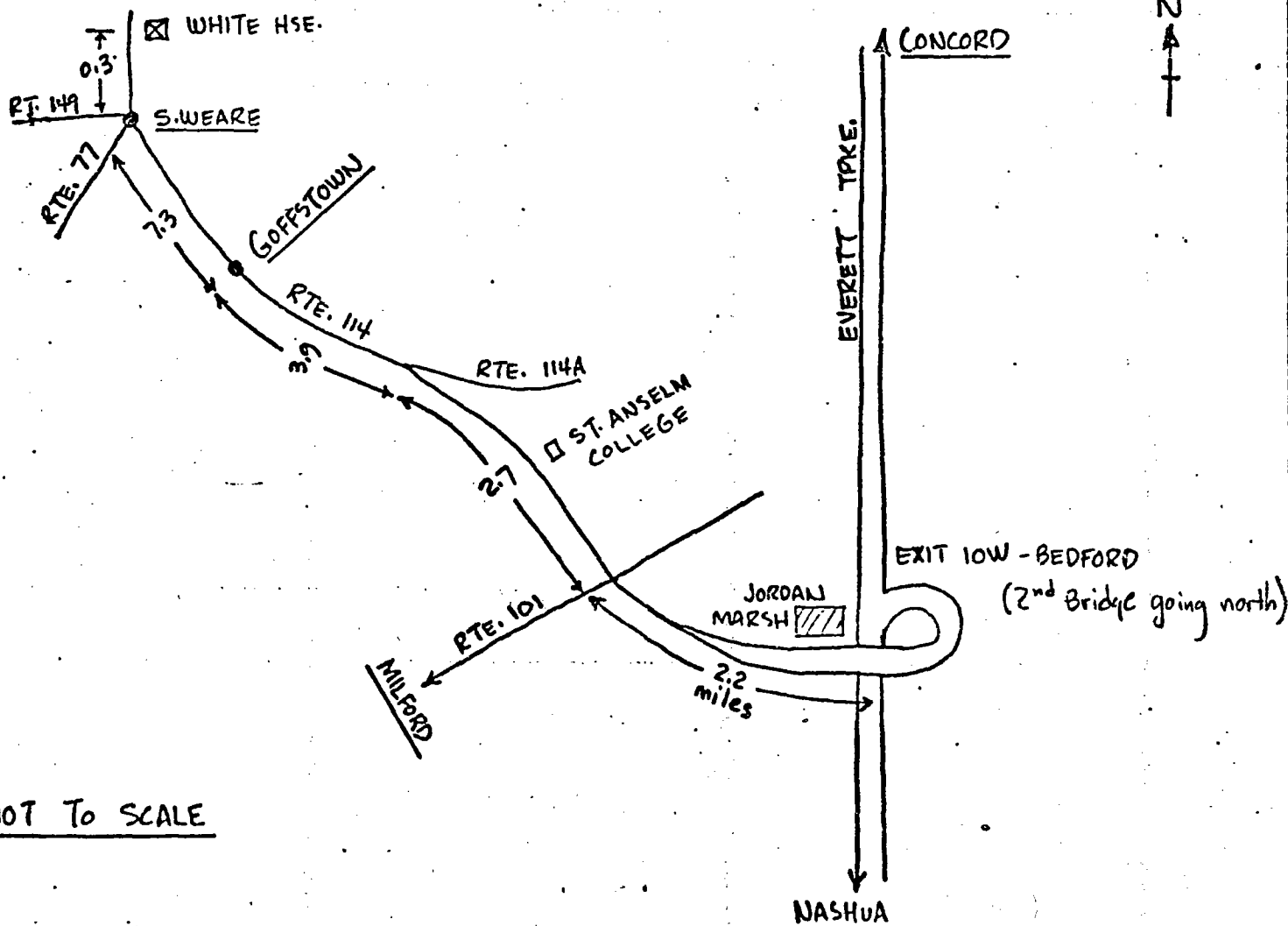
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## NEWSLETTER #47

March 5, 1979

Bob Whitmore will be the host of our next regular meeting, to be held on Sunday-March 18, 1979 (10 A.M.-4 P.M.) at his home in South Weare, NH. There is no other storm date.



March 5, 1979

### Micromounters of New England:

This is to inform you that your president has committed a colossal blunder. After the January 28th meeting, I phoned Lawrence Pitman who was to be our speaker for the meeting and found that he had been waiting for my phone call. He said that he had twice stated to me that he would await my call if I intended to hold the meeting on 28th of January. It did not register with me and at that time I believed he had agreed to be present on the 28th. Nobody notified him and therefore he stayed home.

Lawrence Pitman has agreed to come to another meeting and give his presentation. I offer you a sincere apology for my mistake.

Norm Biggart

### Atlantic Micromounters Conference — 1979

The Micro Mineralogists of the National Capital Area invite you to its all-new event for micromounters and interested mineralogists.

First, a new name — The Atlantic Micromounters Conference (formerly the Spring Roundup). It will be held at the Adult Center of Maryland University, Adelphi Road, University Boulevard and Campus Drive, College Park, Maryland 20742 on Saturday, March 3, and Sunday, April 1, 1979.

Second, a completely new preconference Friday night, March 30 — Unique! Educational! Exciting! It will be held at the Naturalist Center at the Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution. The Center houses the Graves and Zimmerman micromount collections, and has microscopes which visitors may use to view them. There are also petrographic scopes and thin section slides, a Kraus-Jolly balance, goniometer, refractometers, and much other equipment as well as a good mineral library. A further treat will be

the tour behind the scenes of the mineral collection with Paul Desautels. If all this has not blown your mind, how about a chance to view Neal Yedlin's collection? You will not have to go hungry — or thirsty — refreshments will be served in the Center.

After the stimulating Friday night affair the high caliber will continue on Saturday and Sunday at the Adult Center of the University. The speakers are outstanding — John S. White, Associate Curator of Mineralogy, Smithsonian Institution; Dr. Robert Cook, Associate Professor, Department of Geology, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama; Dr. Julius Reasonberg, New York Mineralogical Club; Dr. Arthur Roe, Desert Museum, Tucson, Arizona; Lou Perloff, mineral photographer extraordinaire;

Mary Jacques Mann, Scanning Electron Microscope Laboratory, Smithsonian Institution; and Charles Obermeyer, Electron Microprobe Laboratory, Smithsonian Institution.

The usual swapping, sales of mm material, and good fellowship should fill out the program for all. The Adult Education Center has excellent facilities — rooms at reasonable rates, cafeteria and restaurant, and plenty of close-by parking.

For further information write to Mrs. Ruth Cole Wertz, 9707 Sutherland Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901. Because of the gathering at the Smithsonian Institution Friday night you will need to register in advance; please write promptly for the registration form. e

boston mineral club presents:

### BOSTON GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

wellesley college, alumnae hall  
wellesley, massachusetts

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saturday - april 7 10am-6pm  
sunday - april 8 10am-5pm

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admission: adults \$1.25 under  
12 free with adult



"Look, bud—if I run across any unusual rocks I'll let you know!"

# Don't Call Him 'Rockhound' It's Mineralogist, Please

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUNDAY NEWS, Manchester (N.H.)

By KEN GOULD

Sunday News Correspondent

MOULTONBORO, Jan. 20

— A "rockhound" to John Reiner is definitely someone with an interesting hobby but the name makes him mad enough to growl every time he hears it. To him, a "rockhound" is better known as a mineralogist or mineral collector, and he ought to know since he is been one since he was a boy.

Now retired, he was a fashion photographer, color photography instructor and writer and editor of Camera magazines in New York City. He and his wife Martha live in a Lake Winnepesaukee lake front home, crammed with rock specimens and books.

"Anytime now I expect part of my kitchen will be taken over," says Mrs. Reiner.

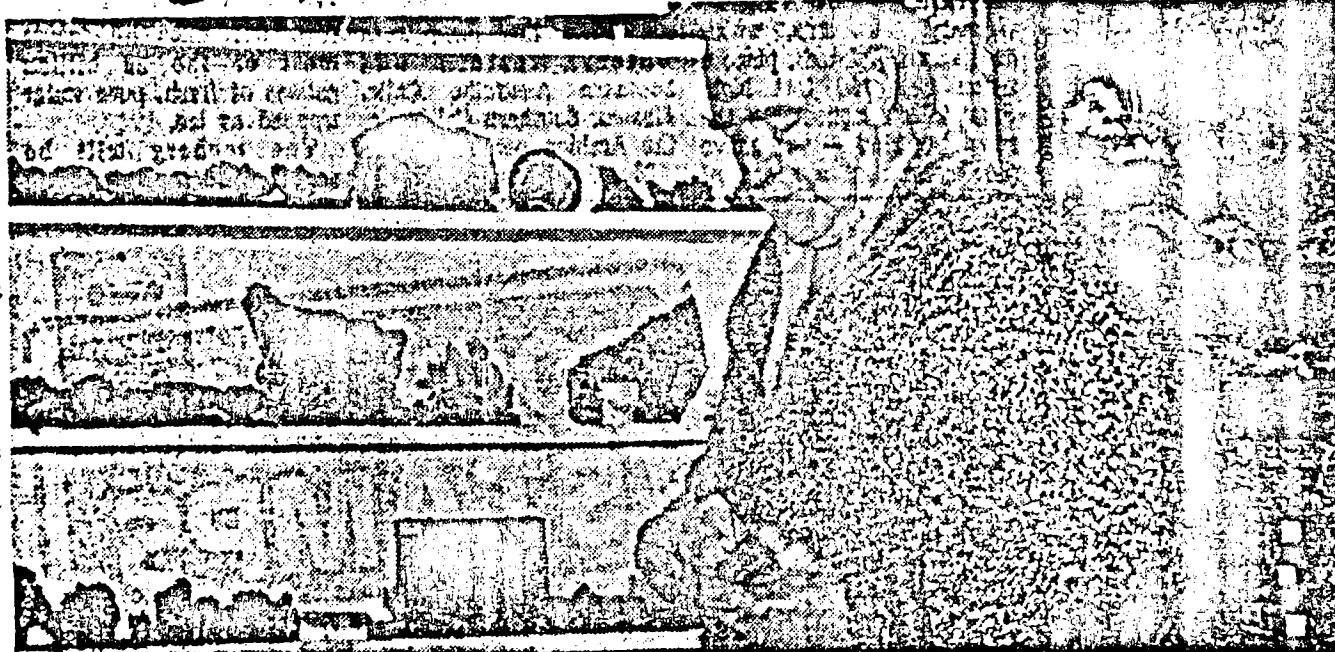
Walls and cupboards plus tray storage designed and built by Reiner, now hold up to 3,000 larger specimens, and about the same number of micro-specimens.

When space became more critical, Reiner went to "thumbnail" samples none of which exceed one cubic inch in size.

## THUMBNAIL

As he moved to thumbnail sizes, his wife breathed easier about her kitchen, but of late he has been casting longing glances in that direction and now she is not so sure.

Storage was further complicated in October when fire ravaged a darkroom, ruining some of his important



ROCKS of many shapes and sizes are the hobby of John Reiner of Moultonboro who trades them all over the world. He holds a piece of beryl from the Ruggles Mine in Grafton

where some 60 specimens can be found. Reiner has more than 8,000 in his collection

(Photo by Ken Gould)

pieces of his valuable collection.

His enthusiasm for the hobby of rock collecting was never dimmed in his busy years when, besides teaching at the School of Modern Photography in New York City, he also wrote for several magazines including Esquire.

At that time he found a few hours to run a hobby club at the Jersey City YMCA on rock collecting, including taking his students on field trips.

Once the Reiners decided to retire to New Hampshire, he brought his collection and rock equipment with him and has continued to lecture to local schools, service clubs, and ladies' groups about the joy of rock collecting.

"Rocks and Minerals Magazine", with a column entitled "Thumbnails".

Last summer more than 100 persons sought out the Reiners' cottage named "Hemlock Hollow" deep in the woods on Moultonboro Neck and he trades with persons from all over the world.

"Mineral collectors" are the finest and most interesting people you can meet", are his feelings.

A cerebral injury in March of 1965 incapacitated him for a year. However by perseverance he regained full use of his arms and legs and he credits his desire to get out into New Hampshire hills and hunt rocks as therapy in

Rock collecting is a family hobby he says, and he and his wife hike miles of New Hampshire's hills seeking old mines or outcroppings to explore.

## KEY MINERALS

He finds the three key minerals (mica, quartz and feldspar) in New Hampshire rocks most interesting and he is especially pleased when he comes across a fine specimen of smoky quartz from the Ossipee range or a rose quartz from the Acworth region.

However, he never discards as valuables any one of the 85 varieties found in the Granite State.

Just about anyone can become a rock collector he

purchase a hammer, two chisels, a knapsack, some canvas bags, safety goggles and a hard hat.

Generally, one can start right in his own back yard.

New Hampshire is filled with minerals (including some gold and silver) and some good specimens can be found just about anywhere.

He suggests that any interested person attend a mineral club show, one is held annually at Sunapee State Park, read whatever books one can find and talk to collectors.

He is sure that once they have started, they soon will be using all their spare time to get to the hills to chisel out

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