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## → NEXT MONTH

The next meeting of the MNE will be Sat. April 12, 1986 at a location to be announced.

The next regular meeting of the Micromounters of New England will be Saturday, March 15, 1986 at the West Branch of the Brockton Public Library. Parking is available to the rear of the building, and there is an entrance on the back of the library. See directions and map below.

Enclosed in this issue is our 1986 Membership List as well as member registration forms for the Northeast Meeting in May.

And speaking about the Northeast Meeting, it is not too early for members to plan to donate items for the sales table, and to bring micros for give-aways. Be sure that your give-aways have the donors' name with them in case someone has a question regarding the material. Give-aways should be either glued to cardboard material or in a covered container (this prevents material from tumbling out and losing its identification).

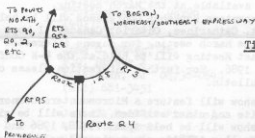
## DIRECTIONS TO THE MARCH MEETING:

From the north: Follow either Rt. 128 south or Rt. 93 to Rt. 3 to Rt. 128. From Rt. 128 south exit on to Rt. 24 south.

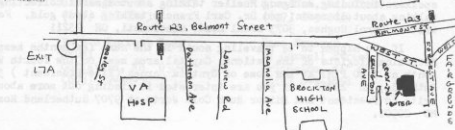
\*Take exit 17A (Rt. 123, Brockton) and follow Rt. 123 (Belmont St.) past the VA Hospital and the High School. Bear right at the fork onto West St. and take the next right onto Lexington Ave. Turn left into the Library parking area. There is an entrance at the rear of the building.\*

From the south: Take Rt. 95 to 128 to 24 South. Follow directions listed above between \*\*.

From the West: Take either Rts 90, 20, or 2 (whichever is closer) to 128 to 24 South and then follow direction between \*\*.



Time of meeting: 10 to 4



IN MEMORIAM

## JOSEPH RAPALUS - MICROMOUNTER, MINERAL COLLECTOR

The Micromounters of New England and the town of Easthampton lost a friend and gentleman who enjoyed our meetings whenever he could attend. My memory of him is a personal one, a story he told the assembled members of a visit to Poland and a subsequent trip to a salt mine. At that time we were the recipients of mineral specimens that he had carried back from his travels. He was a long time friend of Dr. Ben Shaub, whose company we were pleased to enjoy through Joe's courtesy. His death came last year, and as we were not notified, the new year has brought this loss to our attention.

-- Nora Biggart

## CARLTON CALDERARA

It is with deep regret that we report the recent unexpected passing of Carlton Calderara, who was President of the Micromounters of New England in 1975 and 1976. During his administration he instilled new energy into the club, particularly by arranging frequent visits to Mont St. Hilaire. In recent years he concluded that the days of good collecting were over, and he turned his enthusiasm towards gardening. His was a unique personality, and he will be missed. We extend our condolences to his wife, Edith, who was known to many of our members. -- Janet Cares

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MICROTIPS

Micromounts glued with Elmer's tend to fall apart if stored where freezing is possible, such as an unheated garage. Another hazard of such an area--mice eat the labels! --Don Corsen

Don also reported finding wire silver at the Loudville Mine (Manhan Lead-Silver). It was not noticeable, as it was covered with acanthite. Scrape off the material, and find the silver. From the OKI Bulletin, Summer 1985 (Don is also a member of the MNNE)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO MICROMOUNTERS

The Atlantic Micromounters Conference will be held on April 4, 5, and 6, 1986. The Saturday (April 5) and Sunday (April 6) sessions will be held at the Adult Education Center of Maryland University, Adelphi Road, University Boulevard and Campus Drive, College Park, Maryland. The pre-conference session on Friday (April 4) will be held at the Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. For further information, a flyer will be available at the March meeting.

The 23rd C.M.M.A. Micromounters Workshop Conference will be held May 3rd and 4th, 1986, at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. I hope to have a copy of registration information by the March meeting for anyone interested in further details.

The Fifth Annual Northeast Meeting will be held at the 4-H Conference Center in Ashland, Mass., on May 10th, 1986. For further information please consult the registration form attached to this bulletin.

The Cincinnati Mineral show will feature a Micromounters Corner as well as speaker Dan Behnke talking about pyrite and other sulfides. There will be give-aways as well as swapping available. The show will be held April 19-20, 1986 and will feature other speakers including Wolfgang Mueller talking about mineral collecting; Dr. Gary Hansen talking about diamonds; and Dr. Carl Francis talking about gold. For further information write: Carol Hughes, 3073 Diehl Road, Cincinnati, OH 45211

If you happen to be traveling south in the next few months keep in mind that the Micromineralogists of the National Capital area meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Cynthia Barnes (Vice-President) 5305 Iroquois Road, Bethesda, MD 20816. If you are interested in finding out more about this organization write to President and Editor Ruth Cole Wurtz at 9707 Sutherland Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901.