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The next regular meeting will be on Saturday, November 22, 1980 in the basement of the museum building at Roger Williams Park in Cranston, Rhode Island. Coming northbound on I-95, take the Elmwood Avenue Exit, while southbound traffic should exit at Roger Williams Avenue.

This would be a great opportunity for those who haven't visited the anatase locality to stop for a few minutes. It is opposite the Burger Chef in Cumberland, at the junction of I-295 and Route 122.

Dr. Carl Francis of Harvard University has loaned us a micromount collection of about 560 specimens. This collection was kept in Professor Palache's and Hurlbut's Office and was probably acquired by Harvard in the 1930's. The specimens are from worldwide locations with an excellent representation of native gold. Most of the mounts are on plain labels, but some are on personalized labels as shown herein.

There is no record of micromounting until the late 1870's when the Reverend George C. Rakestraw and George W. Fiss (G.W.F.) each assembled collections without the knowledge of each other's activities. In 1897, Rakestraw sold many of his choice specimens to Clarence S. Bement (C.S.B.). These specimens and others were sold to Fiss in 1911, who then sold an assortment of Bement's and his own mounts to A. F. Holden (2300 specimens) who in turn presented it to Harvard. I was unable to find any information on J. B. Brinton, M.D. other than that Brinton's Quarry, Lancaster Co., Penn., is named after him. Ernest Schernikow (E.S.) was a New York City collector and one time secretary of the New York Mineralogical Club, who purchased many of his specimens from Lazard Cahn (Cahnite), a New York City dealer. This collection will be available for viewing at the November 22nd meeting.



Janet and Steve Cares are back from a month long trip to the Black Hills, Arizona, and places in between. They visited the Big Chief, Tip Top, Bull Moose, Beecher Lode, White Elephant and White Cap mines in South Dakota and with Dr. Arthur Roe, formerly with the Smithsonian and now in Tucson. Hopefully the Cares will have some micros for us to look at in November. Janet also has a few copies of the Glossary for those who paid her in advance. These can be picked up at the meeting, or they will be mailed to you upon receipt of 60¢ postage.

VARIOUS NOTES:

Here are some membership list changes which you might add to the MM of NE bulletin when you have space - either recopy or cut and paste. These are since January list sent to members.

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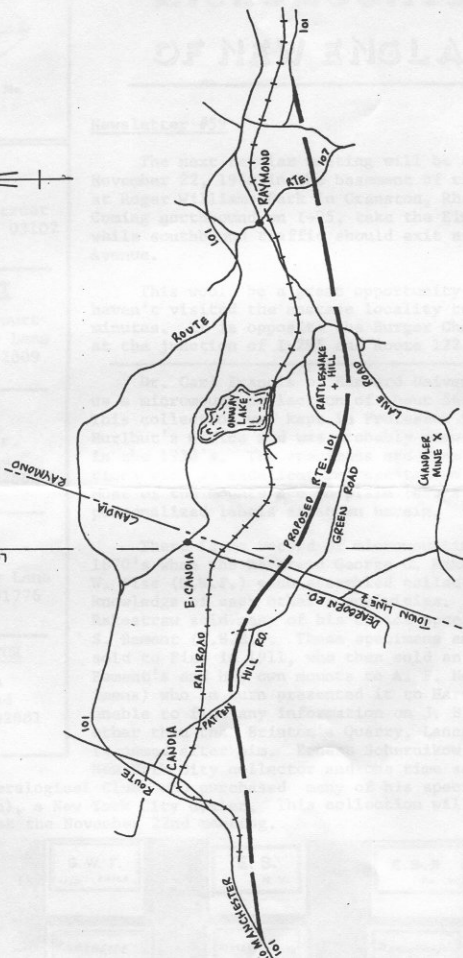
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Doyleite is a newly named mineral which was previously listed as UK 45 at St. Hilaire and unknown number 11 at Francon. Hopefully an abstract will be prepared for distribution to members.

Some of us visited the Dunton Gem Mine on Hall's Ridge in Newry, Maine on October 18 with the Boston Mineral Club. The nearby Bell Pit dumps were also explored by a few, in the rain. Neal Yedlin's micromounting column in the Fall 1970 issue of the Mineralogical Record describes amblygonite, apatite, cassiterite, cyrtolite, eosphorite, herderite, pyrite, triphylite, vivianite, arsenopyrite and an unknown which is goyazite, along with a few crystal drawings. Perhaps some of this material will be available for viewing also.

From Cleaves Dodge comes a map from a Manchester newspaper about the upcoming relocation of Route 101 in Candia and Raymond, N.H. The relocated highway will pass about one mile north of the Chandler Mine in Raymond. This area should be worth watching and we hope to have additional information in the future. The enclosed map overlays the 15 minute USGS quadrangles for Suncook and Mt. Pawtuckaway and shows the relocation relative to local



ONE MILE

LATITUDE 42°-00'

THIS MAP OVERLAYS THE SUNCOOK AND
MT. PANTUCKAWAY 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLES