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This newsletter seems to have settled down to appearing twice a year. This issue brings you (at last!) a report on the 1980 meeting in Tucson and on the officers for 1980. Consider this a quickie summer report on things in progress; I (the secretary) am leaving in a few days to do field work in Idaho--in fact, these newsletters will probably be mailed from there. Please pay heed to the box on the cover about your membership status; if you have not renewed your membership in FM for 1980, this will be your last mailing from the society. Art Johnstone, treasurer and membership chairman, is now preparing a directory of all FM members, and this will be sent to all who are paid up in good standing.

We have upwards of 40 new members in FM since the last newsletter--too many to list here--but they will, of course, be included in the directory.

I'd like to say a few words in the nature of an editorial. First, about the "Locality Register" project. I happen to think this is an excellent idea, and I look forward to seeing it turned into the reality of a finished index. But this is not going to happen unless people get to work on it! The FM steering committee seems to have found that it is too big a job for a small group to "mastermind". What we need is for local groups to start working on individual states, the way the Colorado group prepared the register published in the Nov/Dec 1979 Mineralogical Record. If you want it done, you'll have to do it!

And second, "Locality Preservation". When FM was first formed, a major goal was to work to save important mineral localities from closure, destruction, "being cleaned out", etc. We have talked about it, and studied examples of how some localities have been preserved, but FM has not really done much specifically to save any particular areas. Are there areas for which we can do something useful--areas in trouble and worth saving? Tell us what, where, and let's see if we can't do something for them! ---PJM

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- YOUR DUES ARE PAID FOR 1980
- YOU HAVE NOT PAID DUES FOR 1980 in FM; you will not receive further mailings from the society unless you rejoin

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SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING, TUCSON, AZ, Feb. 8-9, 1980

The following report is based on notes and a tape recording made by Jack Murphy; it is abstracted from a more detailed minutes of the meeting prepared by the secretary and distributed to the FM board members.

Ten of the eighteen FM directors were present at the board meeting (Dee Belsher, Richard Gaines, Art Johnstone, Tony Kampf, Jack Murphy, Del Oswald, Earl Pemberton, Art Roe, Paul Seel, and Hal Stacey), plus members Hilda Seel and Gene Foord.

The results of balloting for new FM directors was announced. 176 ballots were returned out of 420 mailed out. The six nominees were elected to three-year terms beginning Feb., 1980: Carl Francis, Richard Gaines, Anthony Kampf, Peter Modreski, Don Peacor, and Earl Pemberton.

Art Johnstone presented a Treasurer's Report (reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter) showing a balance in the FM treasury of \$5,397.50 as of 1/31/80, as compared to \$4,039.00 as of 1/31/79. Art noted that this reflects the repayment of one-half of the \$1200 loan made to the Pennsylvania Chapter for publication of Robert Smith's book on the mineralogy of Pennsylvania.

Del Oswald suggested that a membership chairman be appointed to relieve the FM treasurer of some of his work. It was agreed that this would be useful but no volunteers were immediately forthcoming.

The Locality Register project was discussed at length. There was considerable discussion as to just how specifically a locality should be described to make such a register worthwhile. Complete agreement was not reached on this; there was a general feeling that, for most cases, simply giving the name of a nearby town or geographic feature is insufficient for a useful index. It was suggested that the information given be sufficiently detailed to make it possible to locate the locality fairly precisely on a topographic map, and to permit future readers to relocate the exact site of the locality. The opinion was expressed that an index which would "allow serious mineral collectors to go back and check their labels" was not of itself a sufficiently worthwhile project for FM to

devote time and expense to, but that a register which served to record exact information about localities would be worthwhile. Hal Steacy agreed to provide FM with a copy of the format being used to record the location of localities in Canada. It was generally agreed that the responsibility of preparing locality indices for specific states or regions must rest with the regional chapters or local groups which have the necessary knowledge and expertise, rather than with FM as a whole.

There was discussion about payment of "page charges" to the Mineralogical Record for FM columns which appear in the magazine. Some felt that this type of reimbursement would be proper; others, that such payments should be strictly voluntary donations at the discretion of FM. At least 10 pages of past FM material in the Record are under discussion, with possible page charges "owed" to the magazine amounting to about \$1500. It was moved that a voluntary payment of \$60 per page be offered to the Record as compensation for the printing of past FM columns, and that arrangements for future FM material in the magazine be resolved by discussion with the editor of the Record; this was unanimously approved.

Earl Pemberton, chairman of the nomination committee for 1980 FM officers, presented Del Oswald, Tony Kampf, Art Johnstone, and Pete Modreski as nominees for president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary respectively. The nominees were approved and elected unanimously by the directors.

The institution of an annual FM award for the best article, written by an amateur, appearing in the Mineralogical Record was approved by the board of directors. Carl Francis, who first suggested such an award, was made the chairman of a committee to determine exactly how the award shall be selected and presented. It was agreed that, beginning in 1980, the award shall be a life subscription to the Record.

An F.M.-M.S.A. Joint Symposium is being planned for Feb., 1981 in Tucson; the topic will be "Pegmatites". Richard Bideaux is in charge of arranging for the meeting.

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TREASURER'S REPORT for 1979

submitted by Arthur Johnstone for the year Jan. 31 1979 - Jan. 31 1980

cash balance as of 1/31/79	\$ 4039.00
receipts - dues	1360.00
- donations	10.00
- loan repayment	600.00
total receipts	\$ 1970.00
	\$ 6009.00
expenditures - operating expenses	\$ 611.50
cash balance as of 1/31/80	\$ 5397.50

breakdown of operating expenses:

telephone	\$ 19.97
postage	324.80
printing	193.86
supplies	56.50
misc.	16.37
	\$ 611.50

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6th ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST SYMPOSIUM

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of FM will sponsor its 6th Annual Mineralogical Symposium on Sep. 26-28, 1980, in Bellevue, Washington. "Native elements" is the theme. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, Bellevue, Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning. Scheduled speakers are Bob Smith (of Seattle), "Paragenesis of Native Elements"; Peter Bancroft, "Kongsberg Silver"; Vince Manson, "Diamonds"; Richard Kosnar, "World Gold"; Richard Whiteman, "Keweenaw Peninsula Copper and Silver"; Jack Murphy, "Colorado Gold", and Peter Bancroft, "Sicilian Sulfur". There will also be an auction; dinner and a luncheon with speakers; dealers; and exhibits. Pre-registration (including luncheon) is \$19.50, \$10 students; registration after Sep. 19 is \$19.50 (\$5 student), no luncheon included. For more information contact Mike Groben, 1590 Olive Barber Road, Coos Bay, OR 97420, (503) 269-9032.

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COLORADO CHAPTER

Work on the revision of Minerals of Colorado is proceeding vigorously; the survey of the mineralogical literature since 1958 is nearing completion, and

numerous people have come forth with unpublished information about mineral occurrences in the state. A large file of mineral occurrence data has been accumulated, indexed according to mineral species, and once the literature review is complete the group will face the task of organizing the information into book form. Recent meetings (bimonthly) of the chapter have included presentations by Dave Hoisington (Conway, N.H. pegmatites), Joe Taggart (the Hansonburg district, N.M.) and Pete Modreski (fluorescent minerals).

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NEW MEXICO SYMPOSIUM

A second annual New Mexico Minerals Symposium will be held October 25-26 at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, N.M. The first such symposium was held in September, 1979, jointly sponsored by the Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club, the University of New Mexico, and (local members of) the Friends of Mineralogy. FM has no official connection with this second meeting, but it should obviously be of interest to FM members. Papers will be presented on Saturday, Oct. 25, with a field trip (to be announced) on the 26th. Registration is \$2, payable to the Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club. Further information may be obtained from Robert M. North, New Mexico Bureau of Mines & Mineral Resources, Socorro, NM 87801; (505) 835-5246.

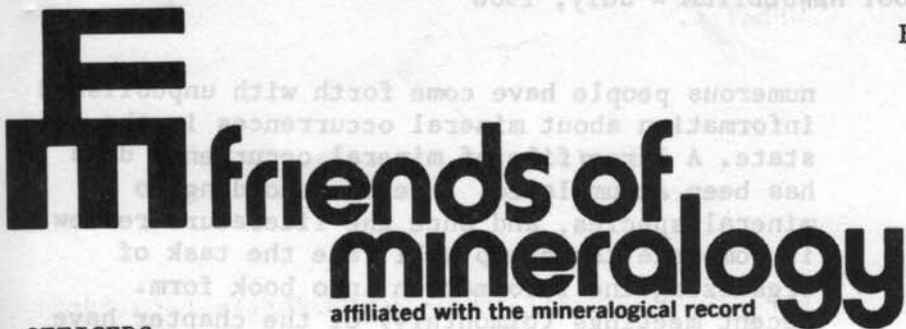
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BOOKS

Recently published is "Chemical and Determinative Tables of Mineralogy (without the silicates)" by Roland M. Pierrot, Masson Publishing USA, Inc., N.Y., xvi + 591 p., 1979. This is a very useful and up-to-date volume, listing the known mineral species grouped according to the chemical elements they contain. It contains data on space group, cell constants, Z, diffraction lines, references, and year of discovery, but its main utility will be as a source to look up, for example, "what arsenate minerals contain copper", especially for those involved in microprobe analysis of minerals. Unfortunately, the price of about \$80 will probably keep this book scarce outside of universities and research labs. And, most of you probably know by now that the Glossary of Mineral Species 1980 by Michael Fleischer is out and available for \$6.50 from the Mineralogical Record. Indispensable!

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