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are very lucky you will find Millerite which is the reason many rock-hounds keep going back to Sterling.

An interesting feature of this trip was that we picked up several pieces of flint, round and polished. This flint had been brought to this Country from England as ballast in ships then had been put to use in the ball-mills for grinding iron ore.

At Pierrepont everyone had good luck collecting the beautiful shiny black Tourmaline Xls., finding also crude Quartz Xls. and Pyroxine Xls.

On Saturday evening all of the group attended a dinner party at the Pleasant View Restaurant just outside Gouverneur and it was a gay and sociable time with upwards of twenty present. The pictures taken that night and in the collecting areas are "something" to see.

On our way home many of us stopped at the Fowler road-cut where, with a chisel and small sledge, we obtained some good cutting quality Serpentine.

Some also stopped at St. Joe Lead #2 where quantities of really beautiful Hexagonite were found.

Probably we took home a greater variety of minerals from this trip than we had before so we were quite satisfied.

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On September 4th., 1958, the first meeting of the new Season was held. President Ralph Lapham welcomed 54 members and guests and the usual business was handled.

The field trip pennants were displayed by William Sumner who said anyone who wanted one could obtain it from him for One Dollar. Proceeds would go into the Club's treasury.

The rest of the meeting was filled with detailed reports of the Summer Field Trips which the members who had not been able to attend enjoyed thoroughly and those who had gone also enjoyed reliving their experiences.

After adjournment of the regular meeting a meeting of the Trustees was called and much business was undertaken at that time.

A letter from Dr. Worth announced his desire to retire from the Trusteeship of the Club. His desire was regretfully granted, Dr. Worth having been one of the guiding lights and a tireless worker for the Club in matters of Constitution and Incorporation.

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MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- A- Dr. A.C. Worth Jr. resignation accepted & letter placed on file.
- B- Secretary instructed write Dr. Worth of the acceptance of his resignation with regret.
- C- Elmer B. Rowley unanimously elected to succeed Dr. Worth vacancy. Notify him formally.
- D- Moved & carried an additional member be added to Board of trustees. Ralph Geiser elected. Notify him formally.
- E- Moved & carried that E.B. Rowley's services be obtained to teach 1 hour class each regular meeting nite for the season beginning with October 2nd meeting--subject Geology & Mineralogy.
- F- A letter to be drafted & sent to previous members & those who have indicated an interest here-to-fore such letter to indicate primarily the aims & scope of activities.
- G- Proposed & carried: that one day field trips be regularly held Sunday following the first Thursday of each month. Whenever possible at the regular meetings prior to field trip a representative showing of specimens relative to the trip be on display. That the meeting following such a field trip, members requested to bring items collected on trip for display. The same to be labeled as to specimen location and collector.
- H- Resolved & carried: That the club membership list be kept inviolate except for educational purposes or as may be deemed advisable by the board.
- I- Proposed & carried: Club obtain Stationery for officers & committee bearing club name & address "State Museum, Education Building, Albany, New York". Members to indicate vote if they desire a strcher (sticker ?) or seal to be made up for use with personal correspondence.
- J- Resolved: That a monograph be developed with regards to cutting & polishing of gem material as club instruction. This to be a part of each regularly scheduled meeting whenever possible.
- K- Formation of identification committee who will function prior 7:30 meeting time.

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Elmer B. Rowley was unanimously elected to succeed Dr. Worth.

It was also decided to add one more Trustee and Ralph Geiser was chosen to fill this post.

Arrangements were made with Elmer Rowley that he teach in a series of one hour lectures to the Club, Geology and Mineralogy starting October 2nd., and continuing through the Season.

Duties for different Committees were outlined and it was decided that a letter should be written to Dr. Broughton and Kurt Servos giving them Life Memberships in the Capital District Mineral Club, Inc.

A classification sheet and a Committee report was drawn up to be sent to each member of the Club so that members could be informed of these latest happenings. The meeting adjourned at eleven o'clock.

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The regular meeting of the Club on October 2, 1958, was called to order by Jerome Lapham since neither the President nor Vice-President were able to attend this meeting.

Present this evening, was the new Senior Curator of the Museum, Roger Borst, who had just taken over his duties. Roger was one of us immediately and has been most cooperative and helpful

The new Constitution was discussed and a motion to accept it was made by Dr. Worth and seconded by Mr. George Ellrott and the motion carried.

Elmer Rowley then gave the first in his series of lectures. His subject was "Introduction to Mineralogy" and he held the rapt attention of the group as he disclosed the wonders of the World of Minerals.

Perhaps this is a good place to insert a bit of Elmer Rowley's background as he has done so much in this area to foster interest in Geology, Rocks, Minerals and Crystals.

From his boyhood Elmer has studied diligently, made remarkable discoveries in the field and shared his knowledge with countless students. He has taught Adult Education Classes in numerous branches of our Sciences for thirteen successful years.

Many of the Charter Members of the Capital District Mineral Club gained their interest and insight in this field

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in Elmer Rowley's classes so the groundwork was laid and ready for the construction job which Kurt Servos undertook.

Unfortunately for his students, Elmer's added responsibilities in his vocation forced him to curtail his activities in his avocation. In 1961 he made the decision to give up teaching. This was a hard decision for he realized that his pupils were eager to go on with their studies under his guidance. But each year his classes were growing larger and the burden was becoming greater so the step was necessary.

Elmer is continuing his helpfulness however, and has given his help freely and graciously to the Club's needs. His friendship with many of the Country's leading authors, curators of museums, geologists, mineralogists and professors has brought about visits to our Club from some of these famous men giving us outstanding programs.

The Capital District Mineral Club is both fortunate in and appreciative of the fact that Elmer B. Rowley is one of our honored members.

As a conclusion to the evening the Club's second mineral auction was held. Each member had been asked to bring and donate specimens to be sold at auction for the benefit of the Club. Lively action was brought about by our jovial auctioneer, Jerry Lapham, and all members from the youngest to the oldest enjoyed the spirited bidding. The Club netted \$69.95 for the Treasury.

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October 5, 1958, was the date of a Field Trip the Rock-Hounds will never forget. Forestdale, Vermont, the place where we collected quantities of Psilomelaine, Limonite, Pyrolusite and DIRT. These Manganese Minerals certainly are messy and it took real work to clean up after collecting.

Although there were as many women as men on this trip nearly all of the women were content to watch or rest in the cars. Not that the digging was hard or the going rough. It happens that this is about the easiest kind of collecting as you merely shovel away the top soil on a side hill in a meadow and with fairly easy removal of the dirt uncover the minerals BUT as before mentioned, it is very messy. The black, clinging, hard-to-remove stuff stayed in the clothing and boots through several scrubblings as those who did get into it found out.

It was a fun day though. The blacker we got the more we laughed. No one could stand on ceremony or be dignified when looking like that.

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Jerry Lapham called the meeting to order November 6, 1958, as both President Ralph Lapham and Vice-President, Ken Carr, were absent.

A few minor changes had been made in the Constitution to meet the incorporation requirements and a motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the revised Constitution.

Elmer Rowley then gave his lesson on "Introduction to Crystallography" which was most interesting.

Mr. Rowley then presented Roger Borst, new Senior Curator of the Museum and Dr. Isachsen, New York State Mineralogist. Each gentleman told of his particular duties with regard to New York State Minerals.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

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1958 closed with our December 4th., Meeting. In place of the usual meeting in the Museum of the State Education Building, a meeting and combination Birthday and Christmas party was held at the Hot Shoppes on Northern Boulevard in Albany, N.Y. This place had been chosen as being easily accessible with plenty of parking space. Also the Hot Shoppes had offered us a large, pleasant meeting room and light refreshments at a nominal sum.

At the conclusion of the business meeting Dr. Arnold Pohl announced the death of our beloved fellow member, Dr. Archibald Worth. Dr. Pohl gave a short resume of Dr. Worth's life stressing his interest in Nature and in particular, rocks and minerals and summed up his tribute thus:- "A gentle, unassuming man, he loved to talk to people, and everyone knew Archie. His sudden passing leaves a host of friends with a deep sense of loss. His associates in the Mineral Club will miss his cheerful presence."

The Club Members stood for a moment's silent tribute to a fine man who had done so much to further the welfare of the Capital District Mineral Club, Inc.

Elmer Rowley then gave us the third lesson in his series. His topic "Crystallography" was a big subject for such a short time but Elmer put so much in it that we were anxious to hear the next talk and it seemed hard to have to wait so many weeks before the next lesson.

Now came the Party part of the evening. Everyone had brought a Christmas Gift-wrapped mineral specimen which was placed

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in a grab-bag. This proved to be lots of fun with the swapping of gifts and bargaining going on.

Then the attractive Party Table with finger sandwiches, relishes and the beautiful Birthday Cake proudly displaying two Candles.

Such a large crowd attended this party and since everyone enjoyed this entertainment so much it was decided that this party should become a yearly custom.

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The Club started the year 1959 off with a full evening of business and entertainment January 8th.

President Ralph Lapham conducted the meeting and the following slate of Officers was presented by Ralph Geiser in behalf of the Nominating Committee:-

- President - Chester Hunziker
- Vice-President - Daniel Libeg
- Secretary - William Sumner
- Treasurer - Olga Pohl

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary, Jean Carr, cast one vote for the slate which was done.

Our program on "Fluorescent Minerals" was then presented by Mr. Gerald Navratil of Middleburg, N.Y. He brought both short and long wave lamps and many minerals which fluoresced under these lights. There is a fascination about the unreal quality of these fluorescent minerals which awes the beholder.

Next on the program, Dr. Arnold Pohl showed color slides he had taken on the Summer Field Trips and ended with pictures taken at the Club's two Birthday Parties. These pictures brought back many happy memories.

The meeting was then turned over to the new Officers and a tribute was paid to the retiring Officers.

Jean Carr, who had served the Club faithfully since January 1957, was presented with a gift of two faceted stones, one Adularia and one Citrine. This was in recognition of her two years of loyal and devoted service - two years during which she met, with patience and fortitude, every demand upon her time.

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On January 10, 1959, there was a meeting of the Trustees at Chairman Jerome Lapham's home in Glens Falls, N.Y.

Much routine business was handled at this meeting and a decision was made to ask the Curator, Roger Borst, if a case in the Museum could be made available for the display of New York State Mineral specimens owned by members of the Club. Specimens to be displayed with location and name of owner and to be changed from time to time. Subsequently this came about through Roger's good services and the Museum has such a display on it's floor.

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For the first time the Club had decided to hold two meetings in one month. This was due to the fact that there was not enough time for the completion of our program at the first meeting on January 8th. So on January 22, 1959, the second January meeting was called by the new President, Chester Hunziker.

After the reading of the minutes the meeting went directly into the program presented by Elmer Rowley. This whole evening was devoted to the study of igneous rocks, specimens of which Elmer passed among the members for study while he was lecturing. This was a wonderful aid to recognition.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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On February 5, 1959, after the meeting opened and the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted the program began.

To interject here a small idea of the growth of our Club, the Treasury now amounted to \$257.84 which was not bad considering that this is a non-profit organization.

The evening's program was the continuation of Elmer Rowley's instructive and interesting course. His subject, "Sedimentary Rocks, Origin, Pattern of Formation and special features." Again he illustrated his lecture by passing out numerous specimens for us to examine and identify while he was describing them to us. His pupils felt they were learning a great deal by this fine method of teaching.

The members were then briefed on field trip etiquette by Jerry Lapham and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

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The meeting of March 5th., was devoted to Elmer Rowley's last lesson on the rocks. His subject with the specimens shown us covered "Metamorphic Rocks" which were to some the most interesting of all.

The members of the Club were sorry to realize that the next lecture would conclude the series.

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At the meeting of April 2, 1959, several business matters were brought up and Roger Borst spoke to the Club of a certain newspaper report on a mineral discovery by one of our members stating that it was at some variance with the actual facts. Roger asked that in the future all members who reported on unusual findings first clear with the Geology Department to make sure that the facts were accurate before they reached the Press.

Senior Curator Borst also reported that the display case which we had requested would be available and asked that members bring specimens to be placed in this case to the May meeting.

Then Mr. Elmer Rowley gave his last lecture in the series we had been enjoying. This was "The Gem Story" and this was probably the most appealing of the series since he narrated the romance of gems and passed specimens of his own beautiful gem collection among the members so that we might be aware of their beauty.

Mr. Reynolds Carr of Albany, N.Y., who was to be our guest speaker at the May meeting, was introduced. His talk would follow up Elmer's as it concerned gem identification and we awaited the next month's meeting with interest.

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On April 26, the Club had it's first Field Trip of the 1959 Season, repeating with much success the Ellenville, N.Y., trip. As usual a good crowd gathered and the day was very successful. Many of the Rock-Hounds took home good specimens that day.

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May 7th., 1959, brought the very fine talk by Mr. Reynolds Carr, a Gemologist and Custom Design Jeweler. His subject was "Practical Methods of Gem Identification." Mr. Carr, an excellent speaker, brought with him some of the delicate instruments which aid in identifying gem stones and explained their use.

Mr. Carr had attended the meeting before this in order to hear Elmer Rowley's lecture and he paid Elmer some well deserved compliments and asked the club members if they realized how fortunate they were in having Elmer Rowley as an instructor who permitted us to handle and examine priceless specimens. Perhaps we had not fully realized before that this privilege is seldom granted to neophytes.

Since the Club had voted that no June Meeting be held President Hunziker adjourned the meeting and our Spring Season closed.

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On May 17th., 1959, the Club made a "red letter" trip to the big Limestone Quarry at Penfield, N.Y. This was our first experience in a working quarry and we had very much better luck in the fresh diggings.

Good clear Selenite was found in quantity also all of the excellent Dolomite Xls., we cared to collect and enough small Fluorite Xls. to keep us excitedly looking.

This was a day we hated to see end but late afternoon started us homewards.

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Our Elmer Rowley had arranged a trip on June 21st., to the famous Barton Garnet Mines at Gore Mountain, N.Y. Knowing beforehand what a treat was in store the Rock-Hounds turned out 45 strong.

We were greeted by Elmer's friend, Mr. Leonard, who welcomed us and personally escorted us into the areas where collecting was permissible.

The group enjoyed a full day's collecting at the beautiful mountainous location. We had sacks full of the Garnet which is such good trade material. No real gem material was found as the Garnet here is very fractured and crushed. However, some

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huge Xls. were taken and plenty of the lovely red gemmy material and one real bonus on this trip was the record of a wonderful day kept by the colored slides and movies which were taken by many members of the party.

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The July 26th., Field Trip was our yearly repeat trip to Fonda for Herkimer Diamonds. This, as usual, was a day of fun and excitement and finds and plenty of hard work sending us home pleasantly tired.

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August 16, 1959, was a day which well-broiled thirty Rock-Hounds from our Club. However, the sun did not keep them from working hard to obtain the prized Pyrite Cubes and they were rewarded with cooling showers later in the day and a comfortable ride home making it another fine trip to Chester, Vt.

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The first Fall Meeting of the Capital District Mineral Club was opened by President Hunziker at the Hot Shoppes on September 10th., 1959,

At least fifty people attended this meeting and thoroughly enjoyed hearing the reports of the Summer Field Trips given by the Field Trip Captains, Fred Dippel, Ralph Lapham, Elmer Rowley, Dan Libeg, and Bob Swigert, who brought specimens found on the various trips. This idea proved to be very popular.

Mr. Andrew Palmer reported that the proposed Field Trip to Chittenango Falls, N.Y., of which he was to be Captain, had been canceled as the location was far too hazardous for group collecting and suggested as an alternate a trip to Fayetteville, N.Y.

The Hot Shoppe then furnished refreshments and a pleasant conversational hour followed.

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On September 13th., the group met at Fayetteville. We were given directions to the collecting area and found the place without difficulty.

A good bit of Selenite was dug from a rock-cut which had been made for the Railroad but as many of the collectors had