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FULL REPORT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 10th.NOVEMBER 1962.

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LIBRARY LIST. (Abridged)

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Hon.General Secretary: Mr.D.Platt, 39 Sharphaw Avenue, Skipton, Yorks.
Hon.Treasurer: Mr.J.C.Wade, 14 Branch Road, Skipton, Yorks.

N O T I C E.

In accordance with Society policy, which is to maintain as high a standard of publication as possible, it gives us great pleasure to introduce this Newsletter -- the first of a new series.

At the moment we envisage that there will be three/four Newsletters per calendar year.

It is intended to reproduce the Minutes of the General Committee Meetings and the Annual General Meetings, thereby keeping all Members informed of items of policy and the decisions which have been made.

A single Volume will comprise the Newsletters issued during one calendar year, - a system which, we hope, will enable those who so desire to have each complete volume bound together producing in effect a Society Year Book.

We realise there are many valuable notes, observations and articles, which should appear in print, but which, because of their nature or brevity, cannot be classed as Transactions material. In order that material of this nature is not lost to speleology, we have decided to publish such articles, notes, etc., in the Newsletters. We ask all Members to help us, by submitting anything considered to be of interest. Folk-lore items will be particularly welcome. Contributions should be sent to the Honorary Secretary.

The title-page of this Newsletter is a temporary one, which will be replaced by one incorporating the Society Emblem.

GROUP NEWS.

1. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. Dr.Arthur Raistrick, M.Sc., F.G.S. We are pleased to announce that Dr.Arthur Raistrick has accepted our invitation to become an Honorary Member of the Society.

2. DR.A.RAISTRICK - Society Records. At the first A.G.M. of the Society it was passed that in the event of the Society's winding up, the Society "Records" (presumably record files, plans, mine tools, minerals, souvenirs, etc.) should be deposited with a responsible body such as a Museum. At the time, Leeds Central Museum was suggested as a likely place, but no vote was taken regarding this. In consequence, the final resting-place of the Society Records has been discussed and enquired of by members occasionally and in answer to a letter received from Dr.Raistrick, the matter was put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting held on 10th.November 1962. It was passed that the Records should, in the event of the Society's winding up, be deposited in the Craven Museum, Skipton. We give here a short extract from Dr.Raistrick's letter on the subject:-

"The Craven Museum now has, I believe, the best collection of lead mining material in the North of England and when it is possible to get it out of store and on display, I think the public will be surprised.

Collecting has gone on steadily for the last 40 years and we now have sufficient material to make a selection possible that only the best need be shown. I think the Society is to be congratulated on thinking of this final location for its records. There is no other Museum so close to the mining fields as Skipton."

3. JACK WADDON FUND. The tragic death of Mr.Jack Waddon of the Cave Diving Group, whilst diving at Priddy, will be lamented by his many friends in the Society. He was well liked and respected by all who knew him and as a prominent caver he was well known in the North.

The Cave Diving Group has inaugurated a fund to try to give practical assistance to his wife and two children. Those who feel they would like to contribute to this Fund are asked to note the address to which contributions should be sent:-

Mr.M.M.Thompson,
Hon.Treasurer, Cave Diving Group,
Ashen Hill Cottage,
PRIDDY, Wells, Somerset.

4. ANNUAL DINNER 1961/62 SEASON. This was held at the Devonshire Hotel on 10th.November 1962. Mr.W.H.Black of the Keighley News was our chief guest. After the Dinner, films and colour slides were shown by Mr.W.J.Keay.

5. TACKLE REPORT. Mr.A.R.Nichols. Since our last Meet, we have undertaken the renewal of all the Society's equipment. Rope ladders have been dismantled and/or ropes or pegs replaced, using a far superior rope. When completed, we will have 150ft. of renewed rope ladder and approximately 100ft. of the best of last year's ladder. In addition, we have started the production of approximately 150ft. of electron ladder and wire belays. Old lifelines have been scrapped and replaced with 560ft. of superior quality natural fibre rope or 2 x 120 nylon ropes.

As you will see from this, we shall be in a very strong position with regard to equipment. All that is needed to ensure a good year in 1963 is support from members.

Thanks to the kindness of Mr.W.M.Stubbs of the Black Horse Hotel, Grassington, the Society has acquired a tackle store and a larger room adjoining it. A Grassington member, Mr.Barry Hodgkinson, has wired the two rooms for electric lighting and a shilling in the slot meter.

It is hoped to use the larger room for various activities, including slide shows and lectures. Members are requested to give their support when details are announced.

Any members wishing to take part in activities, other than meets, are asked to meet at the above-mentioned tackle-room any Sunday between 10 a.m. and 11.a.m.

6. PICKERING END FIELD CENTRE. Members who have not as yet visited this ideal Hostel may not know that all that is required for a short stay is a sleeping bag, plus eating utensils, food and Hostel Fee of 2/= per member per night. Members not acquainted with the running of this establishment are advised to book with the Cottage Warden, A.R.Nichols, c/o the Black Horse Hotel, Grassington. Dates to avoid owing to large bookings are:

Feb. 16/17.	Sheffield University Students.
Mar. 2/3.	Birmingham University Students.
Mar. 16/17.	Leicester University Students.

7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 1963. According to our Constitution, these are already well overdue.

May we emphasise the fact that we have a very large bill for the printing of the Transactions to meet - probably before the end of March. As it is necessary to rely upon the influx of the 1963 subscriptions to meet this account, may we please appeal to you all to pay your subscriptions without further delay?

PLEASE NOTE: The Honorary Treasurer is NOW Caleb Wade, 14 Branch Road, Skipton, Yorkshire. Cheques and Postal Orders to be made out to the Northern Cavern & Mine Research Society. A remittance form is enclosed.

8. SOCIETY TRANSACTIONS. (i) Volume I. No.1. 1960/61. Out of print. Over-subscribed by five.

(ii) Volume I. No.2. 1962/63. NOTE: This Edition and all future Editions are to be PRINTED.

The 1962/63 Edition is now in the hands of the printers and it is expected that all members will receive their copy by mid-April. It contains a good selection of very interesting articles and in addition has 15 full-page illustrations. Price to NON-MEMBERS of the Society 15/= each, post paid. (Note the value of being a Full Member). Please advertise the publication: only 300 are being printed. Orders from Non-Members to be sent to the Hon. Editor, Mr.R.T.Clough.

(iii) Future Editions. The Honorary Editor will be most grateful if would-be contributors would apply pen to paper and get down to the job at once, thus assisting him in the colossal task of correlating and selecting material for the next edition. Time is, at the moment, on your side: use it to the best of your advantage.

9. ADDITIONS TO RECORDS. Mr.J.M.Dickinson reports the following additions to the Society's Records:-

M.146	Old Gang Workings 1888			
FM.147	Grimwith Mines 1872.			
M.148	Snailbeach Mine (Shropshire) 1863. (Original)			
FC.149	Dale Barn Cave 1956. (N.S.G.)			
FM.150	Old Prosperous Level (Section)			
FM.151	Bottle Level (Sheet 1 Section)			
F2M.152	Bottle Level (Sheet 2 Section & Plan)			
FM.153	High Winding House, Grassington Moor 1962. N.C.M.R.S.			
FM.154	P4/234/105.	"	"	1962.
FM.155	P4/234/93.	"	"	1962.
C.156	Threaplands Cave. Cave Diving Group.			
2C.156	Threaplands Cave Area. C.D.G./N.C.M.R.S.			
FM.157	Ringleton Mine (Surface) 1962. N.C.M.R.S.			
FM.158	Turf Pits Mine (Surface) 1962.	"		
FM.159	Brunt Shaft (Surface) 1962.	"		
FM.160	Brake House (Surface) 1962.	"		
FM.161	Holy Field Lead Mine. Alston. 1828.			
FM.162	Silver Band Lead Mine. Cronkley. 1828.			
FM.163	Hudgill Cross Vien. Alston. 1828.			
F2M.164	Coalgrove Beck Mine. 1909. O.S.			
2M.164	" " " 1909. O.S.			
FM.	Cockhill Level Section. 1945. Durham.			

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10. NOTES ON SOME OF THE RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

(i) "20 Years Underground in Cuba." This is a book which deals to a large extent with Cave Fauna found by workers in Cuban Caves. Much of this work has been translated from the Spanish by our Honorary Librarian, Mrs.M.Wood and it is hoped to publish part of it at least. Alternatively, those interested should contact Mrs.Wood.

(ii) "The Discovery of a Notable Curiosity in the Cuba Underground." Published in the Review "Cuba." - Main article still not translated. This article deals with the discovery in Cuba of growths of stalagmitic form originating from geyser action in the Great Cavern of St.Thomas, situated in the Province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, which has a total extent of more than 17 kilometres and forms the biggest cavern of Latin America and in actual fact, one of the largest in the world.

Up to the present, only two localities in the world have been reported which present geyser stalagmites. The Cave of Aragonite in Czechoslovakia and the Grand Cavern of St.Thomas in Cuba.

We have to thank Mrs.Wood once again for translating the work and preparing these notes.

(iii) Our Biological Recorder, Mr.P.S.Schofield, has received some literature from Poland and in addition has had an invitation from the President of the Polish Alpine Club, Speleological Section, to go over and visit some of the caves with a view to seeing the various underground scientific studies which they are carrying out:

(iv) The Cave Research Group of Great Britain. Publication No.11. Nov.1962.
"Some Technical Aids for Cave Exploration" by Members of the South Wales Caving Club. This is a most remarkable publication and the South Wales Caving Club must be congratulated on their effort. It is impossible to describe the volume of material contained in this book in a few words. The articles include detailed descriptions and methods of manufacture of electron and other lightweight tackle; ladder jigs; self-lifelining devices; scaling equipment; anti-exposure suits; a magnetic position finding device and finally a chapter on the Comparison of Synthetic Ropes suitable for caving. Every section is profusely illustrated and only the most ignorant of persons could fail to understand the methods described. This book is an absolute MUST for all Clubs and in particular we would go so far as to say that every Tackle Manager should have a copy for himself.

The price is 10/= (post free) to Members, Member Clubs and members of Member Clubs, or 12/6d. (post free) to non-Members of the C.R.G. Obtainable from the Cave Research Group of Great Britain, "Guilcagh," Stanyeld Road, Church Stretton, Salop.

- (v) The Cave Research Group of Great Britain. Wire Rope Splicing by N.Prachitt. This is an excellent companion volume to the one previously described.

11. NEW PUBLICATIONS.

(i) History of Lead Mining in the Pennines. By Dr.A.Raistrick, M.Sc., F.G.S. Look out for this book - like "Malham & Malham Moor," it will soon be sold out. From local booksellers.

(ii) Proceedings of the Oxford University Cave Club. No.1. Oct.1962. This is the first of a series of publications which will be issued from Oxford. It contains a number of excellent articles, including descriptions and surveys of new caves in Yorkshire as well as one article and a survey relating to the recent Oxford University Expedition to Northern Spain. Price 2/= from Mr.G. Barker, The Queen's College, Oxford.

12. FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

(i) N.C.& M.R.S. 24th.February 1963. Jackdaw Hole & Cross Pot, Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Meet at: Crown Hotel, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, 11 a.m.

(ii) Cave Research Group of Great Britain. Northern General Meeting - Settle. Saturday & Sunday, 11th. and 12th.May 1963. As we are affiliated to the C.R.G. any Society Member who has a paper suitable for presentation at the Meeting on the 12th.May should submit it to the Honorary Secretary of the C.R.G. - address in paragraph 10(iv).

(iii) COUNCIL FOR NATURE - NATIONAL NATURE WEEK 18th.-25th.May 1963.

An Exhibition will be held in either the Craven Museum, Mechanics Institute or Town Hall, Skipton. The Exhibition will contain items of underground interest.

13. NEW MEMBERS. We have pleasure in welcoming Mr.Barrie Walter King, of 6 Clough Terrace, Barnoldswick, Colne, Lancashire, who was elected to full membership on the 5th.February 1963.

14. LIBRARY.

(i) Donations to the Society Library are solicited. If you have any Journals, Books, etc. which you would like to donate to the Society, please forward these to our Honorary Librarian, Mrs.M.Wood. We would like to hear from other organisations and make arrangements for regular receipt of publications.

(ii) Cave Research Group of Great Britain Library. Members are reminded that the very extensive library of the C.R.G. is available for their use. You are required to pay all costs involved. Your application for material from the C.R.G.Library must be accompanied by evidence that you are a member of the Society. Hon.Librarian: Brig.E.A.Glennie, Seaton House, Shrublands Road, Berkhamstead, Herts.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Russel Bayles.	"Teuthill," Frodsham, Warrington.
F.R.Collins.	Low Green, Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire.
Dr.A.Raistrick, M.Sc., F.G.S.,	Holme Croft, Linton, Skipton, Yorkshire.

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J.Ambler.	Danisgarth Top Lane, Copmanthorpe, Yorkshire.
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C.F.Blackwell.	1 Marlborough Road, Idle, Bradford.
A.Butterfield.	Yew Cottage, Green Lane, Glusburn, Crosshills, Keighley, Yorkshire.
M.Butterfield.	High Gate, Green Lane, Glusburn, Crosshills, Keighley, Yorkshire.
A.E.Cannell.	7 Birch Road, Garstang, Lancashire.
Mrs.M.Cannell.	- do - - do -
R.T.Clough.	"Stoneleigh," Utley, Keighley, Yorkshire.
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G.M.Davies.	2 Millefield Street, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate.
J.M.Dickinson.	8 Cedar Avenue, Sutton-in-Craven, Keighley, Yorks.
S.Dodsworth.	14 Monkswood Close, Seacroft, Leeds 14.
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B.Emmott.	21 Prospect Mount, Fell Lane, Keighley, Yorkshire.
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J.R.Foster-Smith.	The Old Rectory, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle.
J.E.Freeman.	35 York Road, Drifffield.
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R.G.Guthrie.	Hawthorn House, Wolverton Road, Billingham.
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Miss J.G.Guthrie.	- do - - do -
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W.J.Houston.	9 Arncliffe Road, Harrogate, Yorkshire.
C.J.Hunt.	Eustace Percy Hall, Freeman Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
K.C.Jackson.	64 Princess Drive, Skipton, Yorkshire.
D.Joy.	1 Water End, Clifton, York.
W.J.Keay.	Flat 2, Belgrave House, Ilkley, Yorkshire.
Miss N.Kirkham.	7 Abbots Way, Newcastle, Staffs.

List of Ordinary Members (continued)

R. Leach.
W. Marshall.
J. E. Metcalfe.
J. L. Midgley.
J. Moon.
A. M. McCall.
A. R. Nichols.
D. Platt.
G. M. Renshaw.
D. T. Richardson.
M. Roxburgh.
P. S. Schofield.
A. Stobbs.
A. Stubbs.
A. Sutcliffe.
R. M. Thornton.
J. C. Wade.
F. Walker.
W. Walton.
J. D. Wilcock.

J. E. Wildridge.
M. R. Wilson.
Miss E. Wood.
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62 Ratcliffe Street, Darwen, Lancashire.
9 Park View Crescent, Leeds 8.
Rosebank, Hebden, Skipton, Yorkshire.
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3 Mill Cottages, Distington, Workington.
20 Norfolk Road, Harrogate, Yorkshire.
c/o Black Horse Hotel, Grassington, Skipton, Yorks.
39 Sharphaw Avenue, Skipton, Yorkshire.
National Provincial Bank House, Queen Street, Morley.
5 Calton Terrace, Carleton Road, Skipton, Yorkshire.
158 Green Lane, Cookridge, Leeds 16.
3 Elswick Road, Leyland, Lancashire.
8 Defoe Avenue, Biddick Hall Estate, South Shields.
2 Ashfield Cottages, Grassington, Skipton, Yorks.
Dept. of Paleontology, British Museum, London, S.W.7.
89 Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.
14 Branch Road, Skipton, Yorkshire.
Dry Gill House, Greenhow, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate.
22 The Whinfield, Summerbridge, Nr. Harrogate, Yorks.
c/o Mrs. Pettit, 98 Church Street, Butt Lane, Talke,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
13 Banklands, Workington, Co. Durham.
7 Westbourne Place, Stanningley, Pudsey, Yorkshire.
12 Westcliffe Avenue, Ilkley, Yorkshire.
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CLUB MEMBERS.

Leicester University Cave Club, University College of Leicester.

16. NEXT GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING. Saturday 16th. March 1963 at 7 p.m. prompt.
The Brick Hall Hotel, High Street, Skipton. Non-Committee Members welcomed.

FULL REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

AT THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SKIPTON on 10th.NOVEMBER 1962

PRESENT: MRS.M.WOOD. R.T.CLOUGH. W.J.KEAY. D.T.RICHARDSON.
 J.M.DICKINSON. J.E.HOLDING. J.C.WADE. A.R.NICHOLS.
 W.EMMOTT. MRS.CANNELL. A.CANNELL. R.LEACH.
 J.FREEMAN. D.PLATT. M.ROXBURGH.

Apologies for Absence: Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Guthrie. P.S. Schofield.
M.A. Wilson.

The Chair was taken by the President, Mr. R. T. Clough.

1. The Minutes of the preceeding three General Committee Meetings were read and approved, also the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 12th. November 1961. These were approved.

2. Honorary Treasurer's Report - Mr. J.E. Holding. The Treasurer said that we had £63. 4. 10¹/₂d. in hand on the 31st. October 1962 and pointed out that the forthcoming Transactions would absorb this. Paid-up Members: 55. Some 18 Members had been struck off the register for non-payment of subscriptions in 1962. Sale of 1960/61 Transactions was now complete. The Treasurer apologised for not being able to present each Member with a copy of the Balance Sheet.

Mr. Holding said he would be pleased if we could find another Treasurer as he found it exceedingly difficult to carry on with this duty. The Meeting accepted his resignation.

3. Honorary Recorder's Report - Mr.J.M.Dickinson. Mr.Dickinson stated that Records, Meet Reports and Members' Reports were not coming in as well as last year. However, much progress had been made on the Grassington Moor survey, which was well advanced, some Government-held mining plans of the Greenhow area had been obtained on loan. A large collection of paperwork on the Grimwith Lead Co. had been obtained through Messrs.R. Harker and C.Harker - these were now in Records.

10 whole-plate photographs, from the Crowther collection of the Keighley News had been obtained by D.Platt for Records. Mr.W.H.Black, the Editor of the Keighley News, had donated these at his own expense for the Society's Records.

4. Honorary Secretary's Report - Mr.D.Platt. Mr.Platt stated that it had been a good year of progress in many fields: 20 new Members and one Club joined in the year; one Member had resigned. Members had been well received at many functions. Mr.J.Wilcock had presented an illustrated talk to the Cave Research Group Northern Meeting, on the Oxford University Expedition to Northern Spain in 1961.

Hon. Secretary's Report (continued)

The Society had put on a one-day Exhibition at Hebden Sports, which was well attended. Mr.C.Wade had, at his own expense, hired the tent which housed the Exhibition.

A large party attended the Derbyshire Congress held again at Buxton, which once more was a most attractive event.

The Field Centre had been moved from Greenhow to the new site at Hebden, thanks to the kindness of Mr.J.Holmes, the tenant farmer.

Permission had been given to lock up and use a trial level for studies in fresh water ecology. Some delay in this project had been encountered due to the Craven Water Board's taking over a nearby level for a public water supply.

5. Honorary Librarian's Report - Mrs.M.Wood. Very few of the Society books or surveys had been asked for on loan by Members during the year. The Society had several volumes promised by various persons and we await their arrival. The Librarian said she had hoped to produce a Library list during the Society year; this had not materialised, but it would be ready in the near future.

6. Honorary Editor's Report - Mr.R.T.Clough. Nearly all the articles for the 1962/63 Transactions were to hand. We had had favourable quotations for printing, binding and production of illustrations. The Meeting agreed to leave the matter of the final decision to the Editor and the Editorial Sub-Committee (R.T.Clough; D.Platt; C.Wade; J.M.Dickinson and J.Holden). Transactions Vol.I.1960/61 had sold well and only an odd copy remained unsold. A very favourable review by Nellie Kirkham had appeared in the Cave Research Group Newsletter No.85 (September 1962). This was read out at the Meeting.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr.Clough and all those who had helped to make our past Transactions such an outstanding success.

7. Honorary Biological Recorder's Report - Mr.P.S.Schofield. Mr.Schofield was unable to attend the Meeting - his report had, however, been submitted in writing and was read out by the Honorary Secretary.

Mr.Schofield said he was experiencing difficulty in getting specimens turned round at the British Museum. This was apparently due to work at the Museum. Quite a lot of material had been obtained during the year.

A scheme for a punched card index of known cave fauna was outlined - the Meeting discussed this project but decided to shelve the matter for the time being.

8. Election of Officers & Committee. The undermentioned were elected to Office:-

PRESIDENT: R.T.Clough, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.A.(Scot).
Stoneleigh, Utley, Keighley, Yorks.

Senior Vice-President: J.E.Freeman. 35 York Road, Drifffield, Yorks.

Vice-President: R.G.Guthrie. Hawthorn House, Wolverton Rd., Billingham.

Hon.General Secretary: D.Platt. 39 Sharpshaw Avenue, Skipton, Yorkshire.

Hon.Treasurer. J.C.Wade. 14 Branch Road, Skipton, Yorkshire.

Hon.Recorder. J.M.Dickinson. 8 Cedar Grove, Sutton-in-Craven, Keighley.

Hon.Librarian. Mrs.M.G.Wood. 12 Westville Avenue, Ilkley, Yorkshire.

Hon.Biological Recorder. P.C.Schofield. 3 Elswick Road, Leyland, Lancashire.

Hon.Caving Officer. W.Emmott. 21 Prospect Mount, Fell Lane, Keighley.

Hon.Tackle Manager. & Cottage Warden.) A.R.Nichols. c/o Black Horse Hotel, Grassington, Skipton.

Hon.Editor & Mining Officer.) R.T.Clough, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.A.(Scot) Address as above.

COMMITTEE:

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9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Letter from Dr.A.Raistrick read at General Committee Meeting 30.9.1962.
A letter containing a strong protest by Dr.A.Raistrick against the recommendation by the Committee that, in the case of the disbanding of the Society, the Society Records should be deposited in the Leeds City Reference Library. The following proposal was made at the September Meeting by Mr.J.W.Keay:

"That, in the event of our having to dispose of, or deposit, Society Records, we should lodge them at the Craven Museum, Skipton, providing that we were assured by the Museum authorities that Members of the Society should have free access to the Records and should also have the right to withdraw material at any time for display purposes."

As this was a matter for the A.G.M. to decide, the matter was referred to the A.G.M. At the Annual General Meeting Mr.J.Holden seconded the proposal and there was a unanimous vote in favour thereof.

9. Any Other Business (continued)

(ii) Dr.A.Raistrick - Honorary Membership. Mr.A.R.Nichols proposed that Dr.A.Raistrick, M.Sc., F.G.S., at present an ordinary Member of the Society, be invited to become an Honorary Member. The proposal was seconded by Mr. D.T.Richardson and there was a unanimous vote in favour.

The Hon.Secretary was instructed to write to Dr.Raistrick on the subject.

(iii) Leicester University Pothole Club. This organisation had applied for Club Membership of the Society. It was proposed by Mr.J.M.Dickinson and seconded by Mr.R.Leach, that the application be accepted. All were in favour.

(iv) Annual Dinner. It was pointed out that November was proving a poor choice for the Annual Dinner. Many other Clubs have established the precedence of having their Social functions in November and for that matter, December and January. As it has always been the policy of this Society to hold its Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner on the same day, the question arose as to whether or not we should split these events in the future.

Mr.D.T.Richardson said that in his opinion, the question resolved itself into altering the date of the end of the Society's financial year, thus allowing us to continue having the A.G.M. and Dinner on the same day and at the same time giving Society officials time to prepare their reports etc. for the A.G.M. To further this end, Mr.Richardson proposed that the Society's financial year should end on the 30th.September. This proposal was seconded by Mr.M.Roxburgh and all were in favour. The Hon.Secretary was given authority to make the necessary alterations in the Society Constitution.

(v) Annual General Meeting & Annual Dinner. The Meeting agreed that, in future, these functions be held on the last Saturday in October.

(vi) Dance. No decision had been reached by the Sub-Committee on this matter - the business was, therefore, left over for re-consideration.

(vii) Tackle Sub-Committee. Mr.D.Platt proposed that Mr.Roy Leach be appointed in place of Mr.J.Sletcher. Mr.A.R.Nichols seconded this proposal and all were in favour. The Tackle Sub-Committee, therefore, comprises: Messrs.A.R.Nichols, W.Emmott, K.Foster and R.Leach.

(viii) Library. Mr.D.T.Richardson asked if it would be possible for us to have the various booklets, etc. belonging to the Library bound between stout covers in order to preserve them. He pointed out that many of the publications received or purchased by the Society were in fact irreplaceable and went out of print the minute they were issued. The Meeting decided that, in view of our financial commitments for the new Transactions, we could not at the moment invest in such a project. It was agreed that the idea was a sound one which should not be overlooked.

10. As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

LIBRARY

BOOKS & PERIODICALS SECTION

LIBRARIAN: Mrs. Mary Wood, 12 Westville Avenue, Ilkley, Yorkshire.

This abridged list of books and periodicals in the N.C.M.R.S. Library is being sent to all Members, because it is felt that hitherto, Members have had no means of knowing what the Library contains. It will be seen that this section of the Library is regrettably inadequate and gifts of suitable books will gladly be welcomed by the Librarian.

Some books and periodicals are kept at Pickering End and these must not be taken therefrom except by permission of the Cottage Warden. Other books may be borrowed from the Librarian at the above address. All enquiries regarding books should be addressed to the Librarian.

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SECTION A(i). Books about Caves.

1. Britain Underground. 1953.
2. Underground in Furness. Holland. 1960.
3. The Hollow Mountains. Mitchell. 1961.
4. Yorkshire Caves & Potholes. Vol. I. N. Ribblesdale. 1948. Mitchell.
5. Explorations in Counties Sligo & Leitrim, Eire.
Leeds University Speleological Society. 1959-60.
6. Caving in North Wales. 1958-60. Shepton Mallet Caving Club.
7. C.R.G. Occasional Publication No. 3. Cave Rescue. Dr. O. Lloyd. 1961.
8. - do - No. 4. The Instruction & Training of
Novices to Caving. Little. 1961.
9. - do - No. 5. The Deepest Caves in the World, &c.
T. Shaw. 1961.
10. The Caving Code.
11. British Caving. Cullingford. See Appendix B. for:-
List of Caves, Mines & Resurgences.
List of British Caving Organisations.
Glossary of Caving Terms.
12. Caves & Cave Diving. Guy de Lavour. (Trans. E. J. Mason)

(Most of this Section is kept at Pickering End)

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SECTION A(ii). Books about Mines.

1. Mines & Miners of Swaledale. Raistrick. 1955.
2. Mines & Quarries. Home Office Report 1904. (Hist.Int.)
4.) "T'oad Uns Upon Greenhow" & Character Sketches of Old
5.) Yorkshire Lead Miners. by H.J.L.Bruff.

The following books may not be taken out of the Library, but may be seen by arrangement with the Librarian:-

- A(ii). 3. The Lead Smelting Mills of the Yorkshire Dales by Robert Clough
(typed copy) 1951.
- A(ii) 6. The Lead Smelting Mills of the Yorkshire Dales by Robert Clough
(printed copy) 1962.
- A(ii) 7. Greenhow Deep Level Lead Scheme. 1935.

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SECTION A(iii). Geology.

1. White Watson (1760-1835) & his Geological Sections. 1958.
Trevor Ford. Leicester University.
2. The Copper Deposits of Middleton Tyas, N.Yorkshire. Raistrick.
3. The Glaciation of Wharfedale, Yorkshire. 1931. Raistrick.

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SECTION B. JOURNALS, &c. OF OTHER CLUBS.

Section B(i). Cave Research Group.

1. Transactions 1954. Incl.Underground Water & Some Derbyshire Lead Mine
Soughs. Nellie Kirkham - Artesian Flow & Cave Formation.
E.A.Glennie.
3. Biological Records C.R.G.Supplement. Pt.VI. (1954-5-6)
5. Transactions 1961. Incl.Underground Water, Geology & Water-Divining.
T.D.Ford - Recent Excavations at the Torbryan Caves. A.Rosenfeld.
6. Ogof Agen Allwedd. David E.Leitch. 1960.

Section B(ii). Craven Pothole Club.

- 1-4 Journals 1957-60. Incl.Mongo Gill Hole & Mongo Gill North
J.M.Dickinson - Lighting in Caves. J.B.Cook - Digging for Cave
Systems. D.Brindle - Kirk Gill Pot. P.A.Garland - Stump Cross
Caverns. J.M.Dickinson - The Scaling Pole. D.Brindle - Cave Rescue
A.C.Waterfall - Nylon Mountaineering Ropes. A British Standards
Specification - Mackwell's Cavern. J.M.Dickinson - Extensions to
North Pot Greenhow. D.M.Judson - Can There be any Painted Caves in
Craven? Mitchell - Boreham Cave, Littondale. N.Brindle - Great
Close Scar, Malham. N.Haughton - Gaping Ghyll Survey Revision 1960.
Grainger - Birkdale Watershed. Coe.

Abridged Library List (Continued)

Section B(iii). Derbyshire Caving Club (Formerly Orpheus C.C.)

1 & 2 Journal & Bulletin. Incl.Ref.Caving Areas N.Wales 1961.

Section B(iv). Derbyshire & Northern Speleological Groups.

1. The Speleologist. 1957.

Section B(v). Gargrave Archaeological Association.

1. Annual Report. 1960.

Section B(vi) Geological Society of London.

1. Journal. 1945. (With Geological Map of Greenhow Mining Area)

Section B(vii) Leicester University Geological Society.

1 & 2. Petros. June & Decr. 1961. Incl.The Silurian Inlier of the Eastern Mendips. Tenney - Field Excursion, Matlock Area - Field Excursion, Ingleton District - The Ingletonian of Chapel-le-Dale. Ineson - Fossil Microplankton. Bruton - Field Excursions to N.Wales & Welsh Borderland.

Section B(x). The Peak District Mines Historical Society.

Bulletins from May 1960 - May 1962. Incl.Watergrove Mine - Merlin Mine - J.W.Puttrell - With Speleologists in the Golconda - Excursion to Matlock Bath - Ecton Mines & Some Problems of Preservation - Mines of Calver, Coombs Dale & Longstone Edge - Recent Developments at the Mandale Mine - Visit to the Great Barmote Court - Lead Mines & Soughs of Eyam Edge - Magpie Sough & Mine - Some Notes on a Thermal Spring, Wragg Mine, Matlock Bath - Mandale Mine Engine House, Lathkill Dale - Some Terms used by the Lead Miners of Derbyshire - Short Survey of the Problem of Ore Genesis Through the Agea - Connections between the Pioneers of Civil Engineering & Mining Practice - Drainage of the Victory & Burnt Heath Mines - Discoveries at Ashley Hay Lead Mines, Wirksworth - The Warm Springs of Matlock by T.Short, M.D.(1733) & Comments by W.A.S.Sergeant - Agricola & the History of the Derbyshire Mines - Descent of the Cart Gate, Odin Mine, Castleton - Development of Middleton Dale, Derbyshire - Recent Studies of Mineral Distributions in Derbyshire & Their Significance - Winster Sough, Nellie Kirkham - The Mines N.W.of Monyash - Description of Famous Copper Mine Belonging to His Grace the Duke of Devonshire at Ecton Hill in the County of Stafford - Old Coal Mines & Works of Ringinglow, Sheffield - Tearsal & Dalefield Soughs, Wensley, Nellie Kirkham - Odin Mine, Castleton - Lindal Moor Iron Mines, Cumberland - Peakland Mining - Gypsum in Derbyshire.

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Section B(xi) The Wessex Caving Club.

1. Journal 1956.

Section B(xii) The White Rose Pothole Club.

1. Journal 1961.

Section B(xiii) The Cave Diving Group.

1. Review 1961. Reports of Cave Dives & Exploration in the ff.areas:-
N.Pennines, Mendips, Derbyshire, S.Wales, Ireland.

Section B(xiv). Warsaw Speleological Society.

- 1-3 Bulletins 1959-60. In Polish & French. English Translations incl.
Experimental Work on Flutes Development - Development of the "Corkscrew
Chimneys" in the Zimna Cavern.

(Most of Section B. is kept at Pickering End.)

SECTION C. N.C.M.R.S.PUBLICATIONS.

SECTION D. MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION D(i). Bibliographies.

1. MacMillan's Catalogue of Scientific & Technical Books. 1952.
2. Derbyshire Lead & Lead Mining: a Bibliography. 1960.
3. A Selective Bibliography of Books & Sources of Information on Mining,
Smelting, Metallurgy, with special reference to Lead Mining & Lead
Smelting in the North of England. R.Clough. 1960.
4. List of Potholing Books, Bradford City Library. 1962.

SECTION D(ii). Guide Books, &c.

1. Nidderdale - Brief History & Guide, Pateley Bridge W.E.A. 1962.
2. Nidderdale. H.Speight. 1906.

- SECTION D(iii). A Very Miscellaneous Section including Publications in
Spanish sent from Cuba by Dr.Antonio Nunez Jimenez and other books
of general interest incl.
8. The Ascent of Everest. Hunt.
 13. Adam Brunskill - A Novel about Lead-Miners. Thomas Armstrong.

(A COMPLETE LIST OF BOOKS CAN BE BORROWED FROM THE LIBRARIAN)