



HELPING ARRANGE a showcase of rocks and petrified woods for a rock and mineral show this weekend in Detroit is Mrs. Thomas Gibala of Livonia. Her husband has become an ardent collector since his retirement, and she goes along on all his collecting expeditions. It takes stamina.



FORMER MACHINIST Thomas Gibala of Livonia found his work experience came in handy when he took up rock collecting as a hobby. He has designed and built much of the machinery he uses in cutting and polishing his "finds." (Observer photos by Bob Woodring)



THIS IS ONE of the finds which makes rock collecting so fascinating. Gibala is holding a tribolite, a creature which lived about 550 million years ago and is believed to be the first to come out of water onto land. Tribolites are found in shale and limestone rocks, which have to be carefully cracked so the tribolites can be dug out with little scrapers and needles. The stone on which Gibala's hand is resting is full of fossilized creatures and is called a graveyard.

Collecting Takes Stamina

By BETTY MASSON

It takes a lot of stamina to be a rock collector, but more and more people are finding it is a fascinating leisure time activity.

Among them is Thomas Gibala who has a beautiful collection in the basement of his Livonia home.

He'll be showing a small part of his collection to the public this weekend at the Detroit International Gem and Mineral Show in the Detroit Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. Eight Mile.

Free Concert

YES! LANT

The Western Michigan University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Herbert Butler, will present a concert at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16, in Pease Auditorium on the Eastern Michigan University campus. There is no admission charge.

THE SHOW opened yesterday and runs through today and tomorrow (Oct. 14 and 15). It will be open to 10 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

You might say that Gibala became a resident of Livonia because of rocks.

He worked as a machinist for the Ford Motor Co. until his retirement seven years ago and lived in Detroit. While he was working, he decided that he would like to find out where the metals with which he worked came from.

So he joined the Roamin Club, Livonia's popular and active fraternity of rock hounds. At that time, meetings were held in Bentley High School. Gibala liked the area and found a house nearby.

But he still keeps traveling in his quest for rocks. The Roamin Club is now meeting

twice a month in Livonia's Senior Citizens' Center. Gibala also attends twice-monthly meetings of the Rock Exchange Club of Garden City, which meets in Burger Junior High School, and the Mineralogical and Lapidary Society which meets once a month in Dearborn.

He interested his brother, Stanley Gibala, who lives in Romulus, in rock collecting, and the brothers and their wives often spend a fascinating weekend in some gravel pit.

THIS IS where the stamina comes in. As Mrs. Gibala describes it, "You go into gravel pits so steep you have to back down on your hands and knees." All the while, Gibala points out, you're carrying picks, shovels, slide hammers, chisels of all kinds and wearing your hard hats and sometimes safety goggles.

During the past summer alone they spent nine days scrambling around rock piles in Ishpeming (looking for jasperite, kona dolomite, quartz and gonite), a weekend in gravel pits in Cincinnati (looking for fossils), a weekend in Muskegon and Wausau, Ohio, swapping rocks with other collectors, a few days in Alpena and been on several trips to Sylvania, Ohio, to look for fossils.

The results are often breathtaking in their beauty - after Gibala has finished cracking the rocks or sawing them (five minutes to an inch), "lapping" them down and polishing them. Many of the machines he uses for these processes have been designed and built by himself.

When he's tired of working on rocks he works on wood,

Amusements Writers Plan Meeting At OU

"I'm going to write a book. I've got this great idea..."

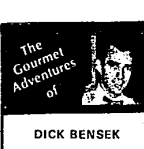
A lot of people have said this, then found that writing (and getting published), takes stamina, faith, organization, a resilient ego and luck, according to Mrs. James (Doris) Scharfberg of Farmington.

Mrs. Scharfberg is president of the Detroit Women Writers and chairman of the 11th annual Writers' Conference being held Saturday, Oct. 21, at Oakland University.

kind in the world, according to Mrs. Scharfberg.

She herself is a free lance writer who credits attendance at an earlier conference with giving her the courage to try writing herself.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER is Dr. Marshall Goldberg of Flint, who has written a best-selling book, "The Karomano Equations." A practicing physician-surgeon, Dr. Goldberg will describe the case history of his novel.



DICK BENSK

Do you know that macaroni, spaghetti, and noodles are mixtures resembling flour pastes? Quality, of course, depends primarily on the wheat used rather than upon the country where the products are manufactured. The pastes made from durum wheat break sharply without splintering when snapped between the fingers. This kind of wheat makes spaghetti as well as other products keep their shape during cooking.

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Hunters Become Hunted In 'Deliverance'

By WYLIE GERDES

Four men on a canoe trip become both hunters and hunted in the movie version of

James Dickey's best-selling novel "Deliverance."

On its surface, explores the interface between civilization and brutal wilderness. The movie's strength though, is its symbolism and mood.

THE FOUR MEN - an outdoorsman and three city dwellers - began a canoe trip through menacing wilderness. Midway in the trip, two of the group are waylaid by a pair of mountain men.

One of the canoe travelers is raped by a mountain man, but the outdoorsman in the group puts an arrow through the backwoodsman. The other mountain man escapes to stalk the travelers on the rest of their trip.

After one of the canoe travelers is shot by the mountain man, the others

counter by hunting for him with a bow and arrow.

One of the city dwellers finally nails the rifleman, and the men spend the rest of the movie covering up their tracks.

THE MOVIE is filled with religious symbolism. The canoe trip, visual symbols of baptism and redemption add to its impact.

The visual mood of the movie complements this. The wilderness through which the men pass is spectacular, but only a few steps away from the river, brutality awaits.

The actors' performances are great. But Reynolds plays the rough-and-ready outdoorsman, who is a living example of the "survival of the fittest" doctrine. Jon Voight plays the city dweller who becomes a killer. It's really a movie which

OPEN TO THE public for a registration fee of \$12.50, the conference is designed to give guidance to aspiring journalists, poets, playwrights and novelists.

Thirty-three authors and editors will share their expertise and encouragement, advise on manuscript preparation and marketing.

Interested persons should send their names and registration fees to Conference Department, Oakland University, Rochester, 48063.

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ANN ARBOR professor of organ at the Vienna Academy.

The conference will also include a lecture by Prof. Elinore Barber, professor of music, director of the Riemenschneider Bach Institute, the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory, Berea, Ohio. She will speak on "Dr. Albert Schweitzer at Guntzsch" at 3 p.m., Monday.

SEARLE WRIGHT, organist and choirmaster at Christ Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, and adjunct professor at the College Conservatory of the University of Cincinnati, will speak on "The Organist and Improvisation" at 1:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. The conference will begin at 10 a.m. each day.

Registration for the conference is \$20. Forms may be secured from the U-M Extension Service, Conferences and Institutes, 412 Maynard, Ann Arbor, 48104.

ALL WILL BE in Hill Auditorium. The students will perform each afternoon at 4:30 p.m., and the other three concerts will be at 8:30 p.m.

The organist Sunday-evening will be Jones, associate professor of organ at the University of Houston. Monday's program will feature Glasgow, associate professor of music at the U-M.

Tuesday evening, the recitalist will be Radulescu,

DELIVERANCE now showing at **LaParisien, Americana** Rating: R

you ought to see twice. The themes explored are familiar ground, but much enduring literature is. How the material is handled is what counts, especially in a movie.

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