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1957 S.E.P.M. Meeting, St. Louis

Lloyd M. Pyeatt attended the annual business meeting of S.E.P.M. in St. Louis, March 21st, where he gave a report on the activities of the Gulf Coast Section of S.E.P.M. In the past the president of the various sections of S.E.P.M. have been invited to attend the meeting in a non-voting capacity. At the St. Louis meeting it was decided that in the future the section presidents may attend and have voting privileges the same as the other members.

G.C.A.G.S. Executive Committee Meetings

The Gulf Coast Section of S.E.P.M. had representatives at all three of the G.C.A.G.S. committee meetings which were held in New Orleans. It is too early for any definite plans to be announced; however, we were assured that the S.E.P.M. would be given a one-half day separate session similar to the one held in San Antonio last year. The Annual G.C.A.G.S. Meeting will be held in the Roosevelt Hotel, November 6th, 7th, and 8th. Claude Quigley, Jr., our editor, asked that everyone who is going to present a paper be sure to have it in his office here in Houston not later than June 25th. We have a deadline to meet.

At the Executive Committee meeting, May 7th, the Gulf Coast Section of S.E.P.M. was given assurance of financial backing on the Type Locality Project by the G.C.A.G.S. It is now up to us to get busy on our Type Locality Project. I would like to see the work well toward completion by the end of this year. It can be done very easily with the proper planning and cooperation.

Field Trips:

The Gulf Coast Section of S.E.P.M. is planning to sponsor a field trip early this fall; no definite date has been set. The trip will start at Vicksburg, Mississippi, Mint Springs Bayou; then to Natchez. Make one stop to inspect the Loess deposits; then to Danville Landing on the Ouachita; to Rose Field, Catahoula Parish; then to Alexandria for the night. There will be a night meeting at Alexandria with a program including some outstanding speaker. Leave Alexandria the following day and proceed to Montgomery Landing; then to a Saline Bayou locality; then to Wilcox Bluff on Red River; to the Cane River type locality in the Town of Natchitoches. From Natchitoches to San Augustine; then to Nacogdoches, Texas where the trip will disband.

Fred Smith, our field trip director, assures us that we can see Vicksburg, Catahoula, Jackson, Cockfield (?); maybe Crockett, Cane River, Wilcox, and Weches. There are some very good fossil collecting localities.

The Mississippi Geological Society is planning a fall Field Trip. No definite date has been set, but it will probably be some time in September. The trip will cover the Wilcox and Midway Groups of Western Central Alabama. This trip is a re-run of a trip given by the Society in 1953, and is covered by the Society's tenth Field Trip Guide book.

More and Better Samples:

In the last few weeks there have been quite a large number of complaints about the size and quality of the well samples that are being distributed to our laboratories from the various cutting houses. This has always been our major problem. The sample cutting houses can not distribute large samples if they do not receive enough material from the operators. I believe that larger samples could be brought to the cutting houses if each of us would contact his drilling department and explain that we need better and larger sample cuts from his well. Let us all put forth a little more effort to get improved samples. Most of the operators will cooperate if they understand our needs.

News of the Members of S.E.P.M. Gulf Coast Section:

Dr. H. V. Howe, L.S.U., presented a paper titled, "Status of Cretaceous Ostracod Studies", at the Twentieth International Geological Congress held in Mexico last year.

Dr. Grover Murray presented a paper at the same meeting titled "Geologic Occurrence of Oil and Gas in the Gulf Coastal Province of the United States".

Dr. John Sandidge, San Antonio S.E.P.M. representative, reports that Magnolia Petroleum Company has a new paleontologist, Robert M. Neely, who will concentrate his efforts on the Texas Coastal Miocene Section.

A. D. Warren of the Stratigraphic Section of Magnolia Petroleum Company in Lake Charles, Louisiana presented his paper on "Ecology of Foraminifera of the Buras-Scofield Bayou Region, Southeast Louisiana" at the 1956 Meeting of the G.C.A.G.S. in San Antonio, Texas. The taxonomic portion of this paper was subsequently published in the "Contributions from the Cushman Foundation for Foraminiferal Research", Volume VIII, Part 1, January 1957.

Hervie Dillingham of the Atlantic Refining Company, present Secretary of the Gulf Coast Section of S.E.P.M. has been transferred from Houston to Lafayette, Louisiana.

W. H. Akers of the California Company in New Orleans, Louisiana, was co-author with C. W. Drooger, of an article of "Mioegypsinids, Planktonic Foraminifera, and Gulf Coast Oligocene-Miocene Correlations in April issue of A.A.P.G.

Wayne E. Moore of the California Company in Pensacola, Florida, wrote an article on "Ecology of Recent Foraminifera in Northern Florida Keys", which was published in the April issue of A.A.P.G.

C. W. Holcomb, Corpus Christi business representative, reported the following two news items:

Jack Terry, Shell Stratigrapher, has returned to work with the Stratigraphic Section of Shell Oil Company. Jack is returning from army duty and has been assigned to the Shell Office in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dr. Alan Lohse of Shell Oil Company will deliver a paper at the G.C.A.G.S. Meeting in New Orleans. Dr. Lohse's paper, which has been presented to the Texas Game and Fish Commission, as well as numerous sportsmen's Clubs is titled "Geology of Fish Passes of the Texas Gulf Coast".

The following members of the Gulf Coast Section, S.E.P.M. were elected at the Beaumont Geological Society meeting on May 17, 1957.

President	W. H. Matthews III	Lamar State College
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Mr. and Mrs C. M. Quigley, Jr. of Standard Oil Company of Texas, the present editor of the Gulf Coast Section of S.E.P.M., has just returned from a three week trip in Europe. He reports that he visited several European Geologists and Paleontologists while he was over there. He also made a nice collection of samples from many of their classic localities.

J. E. Kilgore assumed the duties of editor while Quigley was in Europe.

J. M. "Jack" Crosby left Union Producing Company September 1, 1956 to enter consulting business. His address is: 110 Athania Place, Metairie, Louisiana. Dave Pope replaced him as head of Union Producing Company's Kenner Laboratory.

Dave Pope was appointed by the executive committee of the New Orleans Geological Society to serve the remainder of the year as Secretary of the Society. The former Secretary, Cy Kilgore, has been transferred to Houston.

McLain Forman, with Atwater, Cowan and Associates in New Orleans, will go to Harvard the latter part of this month to defend his Doctor's thesis. He expects to receive his degree in June.

Jules Braunstein is editor of the G.C.A.G.S. "Transactions" this year.

Stuart Levinson is now Vice-President of S.E.P.M. He was one of the founders and the first President of the Gulf Coast Section of S.E.P.M.

Dr. H. B. Stenzel, at the present time is doing some special geological work with the Shell Oil Company. Due to illness, he has not been teaching at the University of Houston for several weeks. We are glad to hear that he is recovering satisfactorily. We have missed him at our geological meetings and field trips.

J. F. Burst, Shell Development Company, Houston, presented a paper at the Corpus Christi Geological Society Meeting, March 4th, on "Glauconite Pellets: Their Mineral Nature and Applications to Stratigraphic Interpretations".

Raymond Wood, Humble Oil and Refining Company, recently spoke before the Houston Geological Society on "The Northern Structural Rim of the Gulf Basin".

J. J. "Jake" Maechling recently joined Union Producing Company at Kenner, Louisiana. Jake received his degree in geology from L.S.U., February 1, 1957.

J. Frank West, Paleontologist for Shell Oil Company, Baton Rouge, Louisiana is recovering from a serious eye operation. We all join in wishing Frank a speedy recovery.

Recent additions to Calco, New Orleans paleontology laboratory were J. H. "Jim" Dorman, a Missouri graduate, and Aaron K. Stoley, a Nebraska graduate.

Immediately after the A.A.P.G. convention in St. Louis, W. H. Akers took a cruise to Trinidad and Jamaica to collect samples.

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