

## Geology Exhibit At Polk County Library

Rare and precious minerals and stones out of the collection of Professor Willard H. Parsons are on display at the Polk County Library during the month of October.

The exhibit includes minerals in their natural state, often showing the symmetric crystalline structure of the material, plus gems and stones that have been polished to high lustre. While a great variety of minerals common to the continental United States are shown, there also are a number from other parts of the world. There are specimens of quartz containing zinc and copper from Colorado, obsidian from Oregon, crystalline gold from California, rhodonite from Australia, a tigereye (quartz that has replaced asbestos) from Africa, coral from Hawaii and the Caribbean, amber from Mexico, amethyst from Brazil. The display also includes a few examples of synthetic gems.

Dr. Parsons is a geologist, his baccalaureate degree from Hamilton College and MA and PhD from Princeton University. Prior to retiring from the

academic environment, Prof. Parsons had for more than 30 years been a member of the Department of Geology, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, serving for much of that time as Department Chairman. He has traveled widely, most of his research over the past 25 years concentrated on volcanic activity and volcanic rock formations in Hawaii, the Azores, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Central America, and New Zealand.

Dr. and Mrs. Parsons moved to Columbus in 1976. He continues to consult and lecture on geologic subjects.

Persons who view the exhibit may have questions about specimens in the display, or about geology in general. Dr. Parsons will be at the library from 2:00 to 4:00 Thursday afternoon, October 23, to talk with those who have such interests. — Library Reporter

When you listen to a political speech, it's like shooting at a target; you must allow for the wind.

An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought.

## Bloodmobile Here Monday

Red Cross' Bloodmobile will be at the Parish Hall of Holy Cross Episcopal Church from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20th.

"It's a critical visit", said William E. Baird, chapter chairman, "probably as critical as we have had in months."

"There have been two Bloodmobile visits to Tryon since July of this year. In those two visits, generous people have donated 140 pints of blood.

"But between July 1st and October 1st, St. Luke's Hospital alone has used 220 pints of blood and plasma. So our donations were 80 pints short of what was needed and this has to be supplied by other communities outside our area."

In a vigorous effort to replenish the dwindling blood supply, a community blood committee has been organized to canvas for donors next Monday. The committee will call on people in downtown Tryon, the schools, county offices and town offices in Tryon, Columbus and elsewhere.

Members of the committee are Ann Carswell, Frances Collins, Barry Flood, Ray Grigg, Bill

Hague, Tim Jones, Bill Neal, Elmo Neal, Rachel Ramsey, Dottie Randolph, Walt Schweder and Robert Thompson.

All former donors and new volunteers are urged to contribute to this critical catch-up effort.

"We're stressing this need in our posters and ads," said Baird, "but the fact is that you, your family, your friends and neighbors could need lifesaving blood — and there wouldn't be any unless generous, concerned people contribute the basic pints."

Red Cross emphasizes that the process is easy, and takes only a few minutes. And donors, potential and actual, get their blood type catalogued, their blood pressure checked and temperature and pulse taken — all for free.

"The satisfaction of helping to save someone's life or turning them from sickness to good health can last a long time," Baird said.

Anyone between 17 and 65 (or older with a physician's concurrence) can donate blood and contributions can be made every 56 days the Red Cross said.

"So y'all come Monday between noon and 5:30", Baird said. — Reporter

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