

A meeting was held January 15, 1955 at the Y.M.C.A. for the purpose of organizing a rock and mineral club. Rev. Sabin was in charge of the meeting.

Clyde Benham, Kenneth and Helen Dodge, Irl Everett, Thomas B. Johnson, Harry Mathena, Ansel May, E. A. Sabin, Gordon Teelyea and Maurice and Frances Tracy attended this first meeting. Each person introduced himself and told about his particular interest in the hobby. Samples of cabachons, jewelry and collections of rocks were displayed.

It was decided to call the club the "Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club".

A committee was appointed to formulate the Constitution and By-Laws and to plan future programs.

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The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the Y.M.C.A. on February 14, 1955 for their monthly meeting with eleven members present.

Maurice Tracy was elected president; Irl Everett, vice-president and Frances Tracy, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Teelyea exhibited and gave a short history of a large piece of glass, said to be made by the early Dutch settlers in the eastern part of the United States.

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The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the Y.M.C.A. on March 31, 1955 with Maurice Tracy presiding. Mr. R. C. Gore, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh and Rosemary were welcomed as new members.

A door prize of several slabs was donated by Rev. Sabin and won by Mr. Gore.

Miss Evelyn Splichal from the University of Nebraska Extension Division offered the services of the department in setting up classes in jewelry making, geology, petrology and the identification of gems.

Mr. Mathena showed two colored films - The Fossil Story and Mt. Ranier.

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The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the Y.M.C.A. for their regular meeting April 28, 1955. Six members were present.

After a discussion of affiliation with the national organizations, it was decided to join the Rocky Mountain Federation.

Mr. Mathena presented the colored film "Birth of An Oil Field".

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The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the Y.M.C.A. for their regular meeting May 26, 1955. Nine members were present.

The club unanimously voted to purchase a book for Rev. Sabin as a token of appreciation for his work in organizing the club.

The door prize was won by Harry Mathena.

Mr. Gore presented the program - a talk on quartz and showed specimens as illustrations.

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The June 30th meeting of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tracy.

Mr. Dick Hedges and Mrs. Mathena were guests of the evening. Mrs. Dodge won the door prize.

The evening was spent examining and discussing rocks and minerals brought from Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado. Opalized specimens from Morris Bluffs were displayed by Clyde Benham.

A field trip and picnic was planned to Garland, Nebraska during the month of July under the direction of Dr. C. B. Schultz of the University of Nebraska.

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The September 29th meeting of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mathena. Rev. C. B. Howells, Mr. C. Ray Waddle and Mrs. S. Fern Westfall were welcomed as new members.

It was unanimously approved by the members to make Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz an honorary member of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club.

Irl Everett won the door prize.

The evening was spent examining the rocks and mineral specimens Mr. Mathena brought back from his vacation in Montana.

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A regular monthly business meeting was not held by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. However, on October 22, the club co-sponsored, with the University of Nebraska State Museum, a field trip to the crystalline deposits near Union. We gathered at 1:30 p.m. at Morrill Hall to make the jaunt with Lloyd Tanner and Newell Joiner of NU as guides. A basket dinner concluded the trip.

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The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the home of Irl Everett on November 22, 1955. Eleven members were present.

Mrs. J. C. Ober, a guest speaker, discussed the technique in silversmithing.

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The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at Morrill Hall on December 19, 1955. Ten members were present. Mrs. Hedges and Mrs. Howells were guests.

Officers for the coming year were elected: Irl Everett, president; Harry Mathena, vice-president, Dick Hedges, secretary-treasurer.

After a talk and demonstration by Betty Sieler on silver-smithing and the setting of gem stones, the members exchanged gifts of precious gems and minerals.