

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met January 21, 1957 in the auditorium of Morrill Hall.

A class, similar to the ones held in 1956, for study of common minerals was discussed. Sufficient members were interested and the Tracy's offered their home. Thursday evenings at 7:00 o'clock was chosen for these classes.

Kenneth Doe was in charge of the program on ways of recognizing the different varieties of quartz, feldspar and mica.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met February 18, 1957 in the auditorium of Morrill Hall.

Mrs. Del Whitmarsh gave an interesting talk on her experiences in hunting gem material in Nebraska.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met March 18, 1957 in the Morrill Hall. auditorium.

The president, Dick Hedges, advised that a case at Morrill Hall was available to our club for a display. Plans were discussed for material for this case.

Members were to meet March 21 to bring their minerals, cut stones or jewelry for the window display at the National Bank of Commerce. Mr. C. Ray Waddle suggested that, if possible, a piece of uncut material should be displayed with the polished stones.

A colored film "Prospecting for Oil" was shown through the courtesy of the Shell Oil Company.

The April 15, 1957 meeting was held in the auditorium of Morrill Hall.

The president, Dick Hedges, asked for volunteers to serve on a program committee for the fall meetings. Clyde Benham and Irl Everett offered to serve with Dick on this committee.

Dick Hedges gave a lecture and demonstration on "What every rockhound should know about equipment and field trip tools".

Our meeting this month was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dodge. John Lewis was one of eight guests.

Mr. Dodge ably demonstrated the steps in cutting, grinding and polishing and Mrs. Dodge explained the process used in casting.

A field trip to Pleasantdale for artifacts was planned for Sunday, June 2 with a picnic for members and their families.

No meeting - June, July, August

Our meeting was held September 16, 1957 at Morrill Hall.

President, Dick Hedges, announced plans for a picnic at Pioneer Park on Sunday, October 6. All rockhounds and dealers were invited. Several clubs were contacted by letter and announcements were made through the various magazines. Mr. and Mrs. Del Whitmarsh, John Lewis, Frank Knott and Ewald Paul were in charge of the games and prizes.

Eight of the members spoke briefly on their vacation trips and displayed their bragging materials.

Dr. D. L. Spaulding of Omaha, importer of Burmese gems, spoke at our meeting October 21, 1957. He told of his around the ^{world} ~~work~~ trip and his experiences in Burma. He displayed rough and polished gem material from the Mogok area and showed slides of mining operations and cutting techniques.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Irl Everett. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carveth, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lybyer and Evelyn Pearson were guests.

Irl Everett presented the program on the techniques of tumbling and mounting baroque stones.

Each member and guest was presented with ^a ~~the~~ souvenir baroque attached to the napkin on their lunch tray.

Our December meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hedges.

Arthur Beckman was elected president, D. L. Whitmarsh, vice-president and Frances Tracy, secretary-treasurer.

Dick Hedges spoke on his collection of miniature mounts.

A gift exchange of mineral specimens or cutting material completed the enjoyable evening.