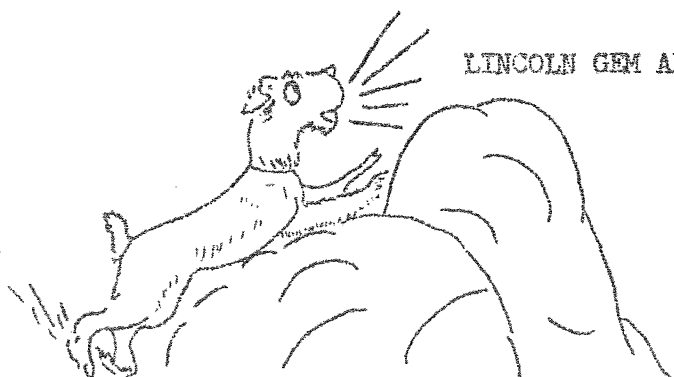
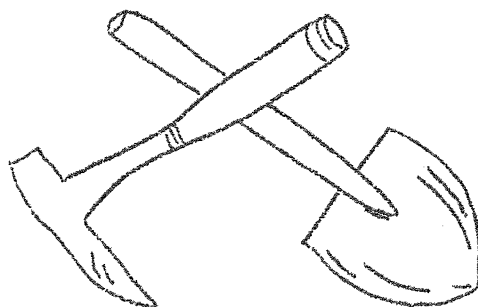


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LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Lincoln, Nebraska

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# The President's Page

Greetings to the members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club:

The foremost thought in our minds right now is the big show. The plans are shaping up well, and we hope you all have your cases and displays almost ready to go.

We have had calls for several more cases. At present we have six more left to sell, for those who may need more. Some of the members we have talked to have some wonderful ideas on what they will show. We hope for a case or more from each member.

The ticket sales will start September 1. Those who do not have tickets to sell, contact me, we have tickets waiting for you.

The Manhattan Club is holding their show October 1 and 2, Pottorf Hall, at Manhattan, Kansas. So anyone interested may take in their show.

We held the family style picnic at Pioneer Park, as planned. All reports are the same, everyone had a very good time and we all enjoyed the afternoon getting better acquainted with fellow members. We missed those of you who were not there.

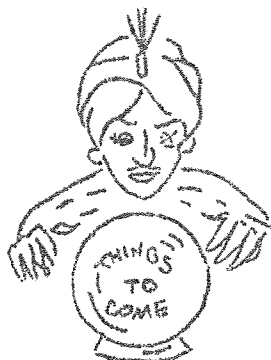
With the next meeting at Merrill Hall, we start our regular monthly meetings there, same place, and same time, the third Monday in the month.

Remember, the first meeting in the fall is "braggin' night" so bring your "braggin'" rocks! To the new members in the club, an explanation of the above is due. Bring the rocks you found in your travels this summer, whether you were on vacation or not. Just bring them along to the meeting to show the rest of your fellow members.

We hope to see you all at the first meeting, it will be the only meeting before the show. A warm welcome to all the new members to come, is extended, and anyone else interested in our hobby and the club.

Adios,

V. A. Carveth



SEPTEMBER 19

Regular Meeting - Morrill Hall Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.

"BRAGGIN' NIGHT"

SEPTEMBER 24 & 25

LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB SHOW

National Guard Armory  
1776 No. 10th Street Lincoln, Nebr.

Hours - 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.

OCTOBER 1 & 2

MANHATTAN MINERAL, GEM AND FOSSIL CLUB  
SECOND ANNUAL SHOW

Pottorf Hall, 629 South 11th Street, Manhattan, Kansas

Admission 25¢

1:00 to 9:00 P.M. each day

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V aluable to your club because you are  
O bjective in your attitudes  
L ooking for ways to serve  
U nderstanding for all human frailties  
N ever critical  
T reating all as friends  
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E arnest in carrying responsibility  
R espectful of rightful authority  
S incerely interested in club service.

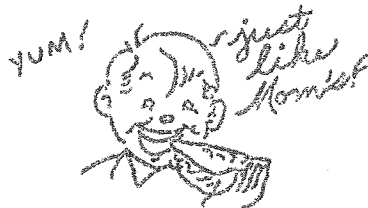
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OUR CHEF... .. SUGGESTS~



Homemade pies or cakes from the members for our Snack Bar. Marjory Heedick would appreciate hearing from you at the September meeting so that she will know approximately how many pies and cakes to plan on.

We had many compliments on our food last year and with YOUR HELP we will hear it said:



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We wish to thank you for your prompt response to ratify the offer of the Prospector Publishing Company in regard to the PROSPECTOR OUTDOORSMEN magazine.

While we did not receive a 100% reply to the cards sent out, we are hoping that they will get a total of 3,000 subscriptions from Federation members so that we may all benefit from this magazine at this extremely low club rate.

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*Something to crow about*

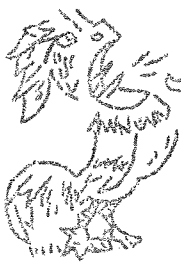
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Midwest Federation's  
L E T T E R - A - M O N T H  
for September 1960

Subject: CONSERVATION  
-By Floyd N. Mortenson  
President Midwest Federation

Most of us as vacationists have enjoyed the opportunity to roam the great out-of-doors during this past summer. Camp ground facilities, forest, beaches, fishing sites, wild flowers, birds, animals, interesting mineralogical and geological features were there to the extent that the various local, State, and National agencies were able to provide and maintain them.

Unfortunately, the number of people wanting to get out in the great out-of-doors is growing by leaps and bounds (and that includes us earth-science enthusiasts) while the land needed is relentlessly being gobbled-up by private interests. No one realizes this situation more keenly than our "Conservation" people. Each State has an agency or Department which is struggling with the problems of conserving our natural resources.

Considering our interest in the mineralogical and geological features of the great out-of-doors, I am of the opinion that we owe a vote of thanks to these conservation agencies for the effort they are making in their struggle to conserve our very important and essential natural resources for the benefit of the greatest number of people and prevent wasteful exploitation which gives no serious thought for the future. Many of our societies have enjoyed the willing cooperation of these Conservation Departments in the furnishing of speakers and films for programs and in making available at reasonable cost such aids as printed matter and maps. I am sure that we all appreciate their help and we should let them know it.

While mineral collecting is prohibited in National Parks, such rules are justified in order that their natural status be preserved. The geological features are usually outstanding enough to overwhelm us with their beauty and allow us to interpret and appreciate the story of their past. There are many other places where collecting is permitted and even at those places we should be mindful of our obligation to be considerate and thoughtful of the "other fellow" and leave some material for him to collect.

I am sure that most rock collectors are considerate and really appreciate the true meaning of the word "CONSERVATION". Demonstrate that you belong in this group by being considerate for those that follow and by letting your "Conservation" people know that you are behind them.

Sincerely,

(Signed) F. N. Mortenson

President Midwest Federation  
of Mineralogical and Geological Societies

69 West End Avenue  
Pontiac 18, Michigan

Bear Butte is located in South Dakota, near Sturgis and Fort Mead. No spot in the hills has more history. Geological laymen usually think it is an extinct volcano, some say it is a laccolith, a hardened plug of lava, pushed part way through the earth's surface, but now exposed by erosion. The Sioux Indians revered it, and many myths and legends are associated with it. The Cheyenne Indians, too, held Bear Butte high in their esteem. They regarded it as a source for their most revered fetish, the Sacred Arrows. The Butte towers 1,200 feet from the prairie and when the clouds are hanging low the peak is not visible, the same as during the snows. The Indians held many councils there, and these legends were the inspiration for this bit of prose.

## "ODE TO BEAR BUTTE"

Someone came, under cover of night,  
 Quietly, softly, surely moccasins  
     trode  
 O'er the wind-swept prairie land,  
 O'er the barren, rocky land---  
 Only the Great White Spirit, the  
     God  
 Knew who came, came in the dark-  
     ness.  
 The morning mist hung heavy, and  
     white  
 Visions came, smoke signals rose on  
     high,  
 On high, to carry the message.  
 Someone came, with darkness fallen,  
 Where is Bear Butte? come dawn,  
 Its lofty peak, touching the blue,  
 Truly magnificent---  
 One cannot see it now,  
 Only the smokey haze  
 Of the fires, of long ago,  
 Hung low in the sky.  
 Spirited away was Bear Butte,  
 Away to the Sioux land,  
 Where many an Indian brave  
 With his squaw by his side,  
 May dream of happy hunting  
 Of the green forest cover  
 On hills, in great splendour---  
 Held sacred still!  
 May they return Bear Butte to us.

These brave souls of the past,  
 When mists rise,  
 Sunshine again will see it there.  
 We share your shrine,  
 O Indian Brave of yesterday,  
 O Brown Brother, true American,  
 Your freedom to roam, we cannot  
     return.  
 Bear Butte, we will share  
 When snow, rain, misty clouds  
 Shroud your mountain top,  
 Your peak so proud, rising high  
 Out of Mother Earth.  
 It is yours to claim again!  
 Build your fire bright---  
 Hold your council, smoke your  
     peace pipe---  
 Indian Mother, sing your lullaby,  
 Hold your papoose, your brown-  
     eyed baby tight.  
 Wild creatures of the night---  
 Yours is Bear Butte this night!  
 On the morrow, when the heavens  
     clear,  
 Return to us, this shrine you hold  
     dear,  
 This shrine, share with us.  
 When snows fall, when mists hang  
     low,  
 It is yours, we give it back to you;  
 The Indian, the Sioux,  
 The brave, brave Sioux.

-- MARIE J. CARVEITH.

We are sorry that all of you couldn't join us on our trip to Fort Robinson over the Labor Day week-end. Several of the members who had planned to go were unable to do so because of their jobs. It just wasn't a holiday for many of them.

Dr. & Mrs. Gibson and their three Pebble Pups, Dr. & Mrs. Lange, Mr. & Mrs. V. A. Carveth and Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Tracy met at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and headed for the field. While it was extremely hot we had a grand time together and several very nice Fairburns were found along with cutting material. A group from the Wichita club were also represented and they reported several Fairburns found by their group. The Gibson family remained another day and the Lange's were planning to stay several more days. We hope that they were lucky enough to find the Fairburns we overlooked.

There are tons and tons of good cutting materials to be found in this area - agate, petrified wood, jasper and beautiful multicolored stones in the quartz family. Nearly every stone you pick up can be cut and polished so we hope more of you can plan to go next year to enjoy this fine hunting.

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#### TO A ROCKHOUND'S WIFE

If your blood is mostly water  
And your lungs can't stand fresh air;  
If the wind mars your complexion  
And the sunlight ruins your hair;  
If you worry about your feeble pulse  
And your health is under par --  
I'll bet you're the kind of woman  
Who "just sits in the car".

No, you may not suspect it,  
But the facts are plainly seen;  
Your husband would not be healthy  
If he followed the same routine.  
So, put on a pair of denims;  
Pull on some boots and socks;  
Get out your hammer and knapsack  
And join the search for rocks.

You'll find that life has a flavor;  
You'll soon be filled with a zest  
For finding a beautiful crystal  
That really outshadows the rest.  
You'll learn that your spouse has no magic;  
Your eyes can spot specimens, too,  
And, when the rock hunt is over,  
That the choicest were found by you.

You'll forget about reading and knitting  
To while the hours away;  
For you will be eager and anxious  
To be first in the quarry next day.  
You'll be filled with a spirit and fervor;  
Your eyes will sparkle like stars;  
And your heart will have nothing but pity  
For the women "who sit in cars".

By special permission from Fran Schiller, author of "Rockhound's Book of Verse".

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