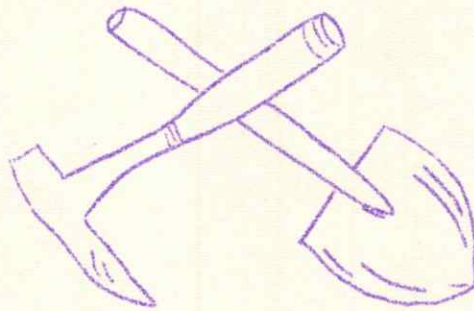


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FIELD TRIP - JULY 17

Our President, V. A. Carvoth, has obtained permission from the Lincoln Sand and Gravel Company for the club to hunt rocks in their gravel pits at Fremont. We will have our picnic dinner at the Fremont City Park, 8th and Broad (four blocks north of the viaduct) at one o'clock sharp. Bring food and drink for your family and we will serve family style. We will leave for the gravel pits at 2:00 o'clock. The gates will be unlocked for us at that time. The gates will be unlocked for us to leave about 5:30. We would suggest that you bring along a bucket or pan for washing rocks, as some of them are quite dirty and by washing them you will be better able to see what you are getting. Be sure to take along plenty of drinking water.

This pit has not been opened to a rock club before, so we should find some nice rocks and fossils. WARNING: Do not let any of your family get on any of the machinery or equipment that is there. We may want to go back again sometime or some other group may want to go there. It will depend on our conduct if any more groups are allowed to hunt. Don't be a litter bug.

FORT ROBINSON - SEPTEMBER 3, 4 & 5

Reservations should be made NOW if you are planning to go. Write to John C. Kurtz, Supt., Fort Robinson State Park Facility, Crawford, Nebraska. Cabins are limited in number so write immediately if you are interested in one of them. The following are the accommodations available:

Single, modern, without cooking facility	\$4.00 a day
Double, modern, without cooking facility	6.00 a day
Double, modern, with cooking facility	8.00 a day
3 bedroom, modern, with cooking facility	10.00 a day
Campgrounds, with central showers, etc.	.50 a day
Rooms in Lodge	3.00 a day



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FRANK AND FRANKIE KNOTT attended the Rocky Mountain Federation Show in Albuquerque and report that it was a fabulous show. Frank is very enthused now about thumbnail and miniature specimens. They also went on the field trip, with the group, to the Jack Pile Uranium Mine. While at the show, someone broke into their car and "borrowed" their binoculars and laundry. On their return home, they went through Durango, Colorado. At Silverton, an old time gun battle was staged. They attended a Kayak race for the Olympic trials at Colopaxi. It was a twenty-five mile race on the Arkansas river. An A.A.U. Tract Meet was also enjoyed.

Since their cook, Mrs. Knott, was unable to go along, Frank lost a pound a day after eating his own cooking and after about several days of overdone steaks, etc., Frankie was ready to fire the chef, if he could have found a suitable replacement. They had a wonderful trip and will be ready to go again.

MRS. FLORENCE BORING is taking a leave of absence for a year from the Lincoln Schools and will be leaving in August to teach in Okinawa. We will surely miss her. We wish her success and happiness in her new venture. We will be anxious to hear from her and to learn if there is any good rock hunting there.

The TRACY'S took their vacation in May this year. They had the "works" when it comes to weather - rain, sleet, hail, snow, tornados, wind, dust and sand storms, hot and cold. They went through Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona on their way to the Mohave Desert. They had a map of the area marking good hunting areas but their car is built too low to travel the desert roads. Any spots they might have been able to drive to were marked "No Trespassing", "Keep Out" etc. So they went to the Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks and saw the beautiful giant Redwoods and they are really giants. They got there at just the right time of the

year to see the Falls in full stream and the wild flowers in bloom. It was worth the trip to see them. They had planned also to go to Crater Lake in Oregon but it was snowing so hard that it was impossible to see it, so they went on to the thunder egg beds. They dug forty-nine pounds of thunder eggs in the rain. They are anxious to cut them and to see just what they brought back. From there, they went to Washington and visited three days with Pearl and Willard Haas. They have a very lovely home in Yakima with a view of mountains all around them. Their last day was spent digging petrified wood and some very choice pieces were brought back. They had a wonderful trip, in spite of the weather, and hope that the next time a similar trip is planned that they can drive a pickup or station wagon that can travel the off roads.

MR. AND MRS. NORMAN ENGELHART, MRS. MARJORY HEEDICK and their families spent their vacation at Fort Robinson and the Black Hills. They returned with some nice Fairburns, garnets and an outstanding piece of mica with a green tourmaline crystal embedded, as well as other cutting material and specimens. They report that Dinosaur Park in Rapid City as well as other areas were closed because of rattle snakes.

While at Fort Robinson they met some rockhounds: Mr. and Mrs. Even Smith and family from Council Bluffs and Mr. and Mrs. Milford Auker and family from the Hastings Club. They are looking forward to attending our show. While shopping at the Wall Drug Store in South Dakota a lady came up to them and said "Do I smell a rockhound?" She was a reporter for the club paper of the Helwood Rockrollers, Inc. If any of our members are in Washington she would enjoy meeting them. Her address is: Rose A. Rhoades, East 10114 Dalton, Spokane 6, Washington.

MILLIE and BOB RAINBRIDGE left July 1 for a two weeks vacation in Washington. They also are planning to visit with the Haas's. They went by train so Bob could enjoy the scenery to its fullest.

EARL PHIPPS is vacationing in California.

CLYDE BENHAN traveled to Fort Robinson over the 4th of July weekend and spent a day hunting Fairburns and came back with a very nice one.

The GIBSON'S spent sometime visiting in Kansas in June. They are planning to attend a class reunion on the 24th. Mrs. Gibson says Desi has been making plans for a year to attend this. It is always fun to look forward to seeing old friends again.

BEA WOOD, her son, and Mother enjoyed a one day drive to Rock City, Kansas. It is a city of rocks. Beautiful formations protrude up out of the ground and keep growing through the years. They look like pearls fused together, all sizes, some as large as a car, in black and gray granite. Bea said they looked like huge wasp nests, upside down. These formations are in separate areas, each area as large as several city blocks. It is a most interesting and worthwhile drive down -- about 400 miles round trip.

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Belated congratulations to MR. & MRS. V. A. CARVETH on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, June 3, 1960. We hope we will all be around to help them celebrate their fiftieth.

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If you are interested in show cases be sure to contact Dr. Gibson. Quite a few placed their order for some at the May meeting. He brought back twenty with him when he was down in Kansas (that's all he could haul in his trunk) so if you are interested speack now.

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Three-fourths of the surface of the Earth is covered by oceans.

The Philadelphia mint produces a half-billion coins a year.

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illumination, such as the lighting in a ballroom, is the best for diamond. A diamond purchased at night in the glare of a jewelry store interior will probably be disappointing when seen outdoors on a dull, cloudy day. However, those diamonds that show fluorescence may be at their loveliest in daylight, especially at high altitudes.

Opals show to best advantage on a bright sunny day, as do some other colored gems, emerald, aquamarine, and some stones from certain localities, such as sapphire from Montana, are more esteemed because of their ability to hold their color in artificial light.

Dealers often make use of the most flattering illumination for the particular gem that they are trying to sell, and it behooves the buyer to keep this in mind. The use of blue lamps (not the day-lite type, however) for displaying diamonds is frowned upon by reputable jewelers as being deceptive. On the other hand, some dealers are not themselves aware of the bad effects of unsuitable lighting, and reduce the appearance of their merchandise by showing it under insufficient illumination, or near posters and signs that cause unpleasant reflections.

The Gemological Institute of America has made great progress during the past ten years in encouraging the standardization of jewelry stores lighting for the purpose of grading gems, especially diamonds.

Lapis Lazuli is the 11th stone in the breast plate of Moses and means the realization of hopes.

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"P O E"

by Irl Everett

As we walk along life's path
And hear some folks say
"I hear he's a 'Rockhound'
It's too bad he's that way."

But they don't know what they're a miss'n
The things we do and find
Are really something very nice
And all "Rockhounds" are very kind.

They help each other with every test
With things that need amends
But that's what makes a "Rockhound"
Each one is a friend.

Now when you see a fella
Who's just a getting a start
Take and help him out a bit
I know it'll touch your heart.

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