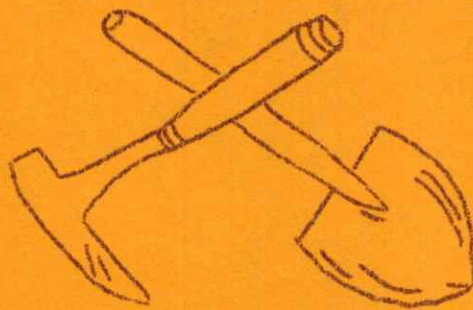
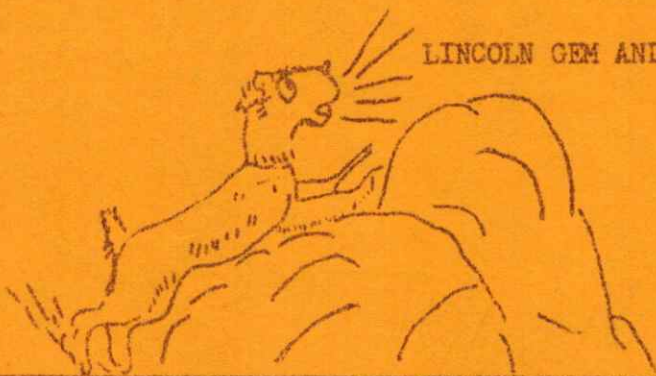


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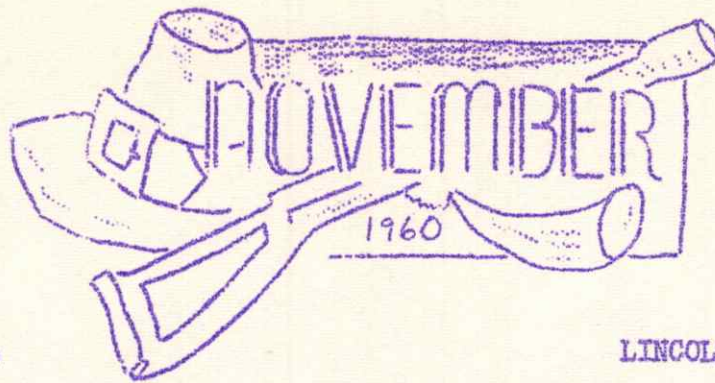


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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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

I received a notice from the magazine, PROSPECTOR OUTDOORSMAN and their subscriptions have gone over the top. All members will receive this magazine monthly for 24¢ per year, per family. The first issue will come out in January, 1961, so get your money to the Treasurer so she can send your subscription in. This magazine will bring all Rocky Mountain Federation news and interesting things about our hobby.

I hope you will all be at the meeting, NOVEMBER 21. We will be making plans for our Christmas party.

Adios,

V. A. Carveth



NOVEMBER 13

The Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club, Omaha, Nebraska are planning a trip to Lincoln. They have invited our club to join them at a picnic dinner at 12:30 at the enclosed shelter house in Antelope Park. Take the first road south, each of the railroad tracks at approximately 31st & A Streets. After the dinner, those wishing to may join them in a trip to the Planetarium.

NOVEMBER 21

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

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We were  to learn that Norman Engelhart had to submit to major surgery at St. Elizabeth Hospital on Tuesday, November 1. But we are  to report that he is getting along as well as can be expected at this time. We hope it won't be too long before he can be with us, and up cutting and polishing those cabs.

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Irl Everett represented our club at the Crete Hobby Show. He reports that many people were interested in our hobby and were fascinated with the things that could be done with rocks.

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ROCK FEVER

You've got rocks in your head, my husband said,
As he carried my knapsack all loaded with rocks.
He grumbled and snorted as my loot I sorted.
And put each one in a separate box.


But one day he found, right there on the ground,
A beautiful agate all shiny and round.
So he borrowed my pick and he dug and he dug
Till he unearthed a crystal all snug in a vug.

Oh, he had 'rock fever' and he had it bad.
It's a serious thing, but, Gee, was I glad?
For he built me a tumbler and bought me a saw--
But who gets to use them? You guessed it, it's Pa!

--- Betty McCarty

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Something to crow about

Choice Slabs Lapidary Equipment and Supplies

 Cabochons

 Rough Cutting Material

CLYDE BENHAM

1711 Harwood GA 3-4163



"Perhaps we'd have been better off with the caterpillars"



YOU CAN HUNT ROCKS, TOO

NO HUNTING LICENSE

NO AGE LIMIT

NO CLOSED SEASON

NO BAG LIMIT

NO EXPENSIVE GEAR

(From a placard at the Manhattan Mineral & Gem Club Show)

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HOW TO DISCOURAGE THE PROGRESS OF THE LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

Don't attend meetings.

If you do attend, always be late.

If it's warm or cold or rainy, don't think of going.

When you attend, find fault with everybody and everything.

Don't accept an office, as you may be criticized.

Get sore if you are not appointed on committees, but if you are, don't serve.

If the president or chairman asks you for an opinion on some matter, tell him or her you have nothing to say. After the meeting, tell everybody how it ought to be done.

Do nothing you can get out of doing, but when those willing to work overtime to keep things moving, howl that the thing is run by a clique.

Don't bother about getting new members.

Always put the work of other organizations ahead so that you "just don't have time" to do your share.

Last, and most important, if you see a stranger in the crowd, don't bother to go up and say a friendly word. Look the other way and appear indifferent.

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TRIBUTE

They shall not grow old,
 As we that are left grow old-
 Age shall not weary them -
 Nor the years condemn,
 At the going down of the sun,
 And in the morning
 We shall remember them.

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MIDWEST FEDERATION'S
 L E T T E R - A - M O N T H
 for November 1960

Subject: ROCKRAMAS ARE SUCCESSFUL
 -By Russ Kemp
 Rockrama Director

The two Rockramas scheduled for 1960 have now taken their place in Midwest Federation history. They were both very good shows and the Midwest Federation wishes to thank the Michigan Gem and Mineral Society of Jackson, Michigan and the Central Illinois Rockhounds of Decatur, Illinois for hosting the two Rockramas held this year.

Which society or club will hold the next Rockrama and where will it be held? We do not have the answers to these questions at this time as we are waiting to be contacted by clubs wishing to hold Rockramas in 1961. Consider the possibility of holding one of these shows at your next meeting and contact the Rockrama Division if you have an interest. We are ready to work with you and furnish you with information.

Those of you who exhibited or visited at either the Jackson or Decatur shows know that these were successful shows and that a great number of clubs and individuals benefited from them. The exhibits, programs, demonstrations were all superb and the dealers gave us a choice of exceptional materials.

These shows will help to promote our hobby, your club and the Midwest Federation. They will be continued, remember in 1961 there could be a Rockrama in three of our regions. The eastern region is not eligible as our annual Midwest Federation show and convention will be held in Saginaw, Michigan, June 29-30 and July 1-2.

Mark you calendar now to attend and exhibit at Saginaw in 1961.

Contact the Rockrama Division if we can be of any help. Have fun in your hobby.

Rockramally yours,

Russ Kemp, Rockrama Director

CRYSTAL GLASER

Answers Personal Problems

Dear Crystal Glaser:

I bought a rock but have forgotten its name. The man called it by a man's name and a soft drink. What rock do you think it is?

Forgetful.

Dear Forgetful:

I think you have Chris-a-cola (Chrysacolla).

Dear Crystal Glaser:

My girl is a gem. What could I use for a pet name. She is quite slender (in her girdle), very shapely (when padded), and real pretty (with make-up).

Boy Friend

Dear Boy Friend:

I think you should call her "psuedomorph".

Dear Crystal Glaser:

At the Lincoln Rock Show who was that dealer that wore the loud colored cap all the time.

Wondering

Dear Wondering:

The crystal ball is not clear, all that I can see are the letters I. E.



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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Dear Father, as we gather at this table,
Filled with lavish bounty of Thy hand,
We ask Thy help that we be better able
Thy loving care to feel and understand.

Grant that, as 'round this board we take our places,
Our heads be bowed in deep humility;
And may we, feasting, think, with happy faces,
Of all Thy many gifts we do not see.

For Thou dost give us care and love supernal,
And strength to smile in spite of pain and loss,
And faith to follow on to realms eternal,
Where we shall find a crown beyond the cross.

Then teach us, Father, to be meek and lowly,
Be near us as we bow our heads to pray;
Thus in our prayers we'll find communion holy,
And in our hearts we'll find Thanksgiving Day.

- Author Unknown.

