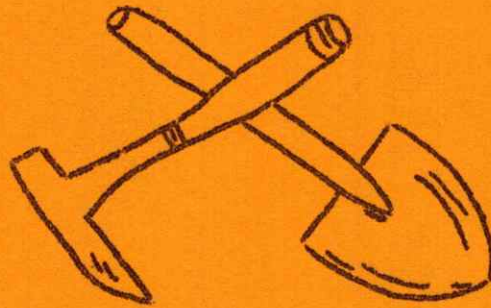


# THE PICK & SHOVEL



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Lincoln, Nebraska

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MEETINGS - FOURTH SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY  
Roberts Dairy Party Room - 20th & N Streets

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- Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies
- American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear fellow rockhounds,

Even though the third annual Lincoln Gem and Mineral show is past, I feel that I must still thank each of you for your part in making it so successful. Of all the organizations I am associated with, I have never seen the membership take hold and do their part as each of you did. It was your efforts that gave us the tremendous show we had. To say thank you, seems rather insignificant, but thank you so very much for your part.

I am sure that many of you have some suggestions for improving some phase of the show. Would you please let Mrs. Tracy or me know what they are? If we continue to learn, continue to improve, continue to cooperate the shows will become bigger and better each year.

Two of the dealers made comments that I must pass along too. They said we had the friendliest, most helpful people in our club of any that they have ever seen. Of course I knew this, but to have "outsiders" tell us, really means something.

At the last meeting the club voted to change the meeting night to a Saturday. I realize that this change will make it impossible for some of you to attend, it will also make it possible for some of the others to attend. The change was necessary so that we could get a regular meeting place. We now have Robert's Dairy party room every 4th Saturday of the month. From what I understand this is the ultimate in meeting places - so come out at the next meeting and see for yourselves.

Rockspectfully yours,

R. D. Gibson



SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 25, 1961

Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Robert's Dairy Party Room  
20th & N Streets

Refreshments

Mrs. V. A. Carveth  
Mrs. Jerrold Kohn  
Mrs. Frank Krejci

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Couldn't help passing on these remarks from two of our Exchange Bulletin s, in case you don't have an opportunity to see the Bulletins at the meeting.

From THE PSEUDOMORPH - The Tri-State Gem and Mineral Society of Dubuque, Iowa. "Mrs. Lampe went west to see her two daughters and their families, and she also took in the Lincoln Rock Show. This is the third show that Lincoln's club has had, and most of the 80 members had exhibits. That's teamwork!"

From QUARRY QUIPS - The Wichita Gem and Mineral Society. "Among visitors at the Lincoln show were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hile, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Elliott and Miss Lois Bennett. They report that some opal displays there were among the most interesting they had seen."

At the present time we are exchanging bulletins with twelve clubs. If any of you members would like to check out these bulletins you are welcome to. You will find several evenings of very interesting reading. I have bound the bulletins of each club separately. Some will have ten or eleven issues and others perhaps only two or three, depending on the length of time we have been exchanging with them. All we ask is that you take good care of them and return them so that someone else may have the opportunity of reading them.

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*Mark your calendar now, so you won't forget.*




W E L C O M E

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| Jay Hockensmith<br>6810 Morrill               | * - Junior Members<br>** - Former Members   |

We are happy to welcome these new members to our Club. Please add their names to your copy of "Who's Who and Where".

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*Something to Crow about*

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???                                      QUICKIE QUIZ???                                      ???

If 40 people went rock hunting and 5% picked up one stone, half the others picked up none, and the rest picked up two stones, how many stones were picked up?

See answer on another page.

## CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

from

EVERETT LAPIDARY SHOP  
2941 North 65th St.  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
Phone IN 6-6204

Hi, Rockhound Friends!!!

May we take this opportunity to make a few suggestions for those Christmas presents!

As most of you know, we are now a full time rock shop with new hours and a lot of new things for you. We have spent hundreds of dollars to make it convenient for you. We carry all types of findings, rough, fluorescents, slabs and minerals right here at the shop.

FOR DAD...We would like for you to consider a new rock or gem making machine. We are authorized dealers (and have been ever since we opened) for all types of machines. To name a few - Frantom, Highland Park, Hillquist, Slik Tumblers, Ultra Violet Light Products, Congo and Felker blades. We could list more but it would only confuse you. Our name is built on supplying you with top name products.

FOR MOM...Why don't you think about buying her one of the Slik Tumblers? This is a real nice machine that even she can run. The price is only \$39.50 plus postage. I am sure she would enjoy it all through the year.

FOR JUNIOR...I know every kid would like one of the new do-it-yourself Gemini Black Lights. This little unit will out perform most of the bigger and higher priced outfits. They come all ready to put together and their price is only \$19.95. Then, if you want to make this an out-in-the-field-at-night portable light you can buy the battery power pack to convert it to six volts for only \$14.95. These units are all plus postage. With every light that is sold for Christmas we will throw in free (5) different fluorescents. This is a real buy.

FOR SIS...How about buying her a couple of pounds of our very highly polished baroques? We have them in assorted sizes, colors and types for only \$3.50 a pound. Then to make it a Christmas she will never forget, buy her a few bell caps, bracelet chains and neckchains. Let her make up some nice jewelry to wear.

FOR GRANDPA...I'll bet he's a mineral collector! Well, we have just the things for him. In our shop we carry over 2,000 minerals and crystals. I know we have some-thing that will please him.

GRANDMA?...Say, we have just the set for her! This is a one of its kind. Yes, we have only one of these sets. This is beautiful Wyoming green Jade pendant and earrings. They are set in lovely gold filled findings and are only \$25.00 plus \$2.50 tax. Gosh, I wish I was a Grandma!!! I'd love this for my Christmas present.

Now I know we could not think of all the folks you have to buy for, so please come on out and let us help you with those Xmas drudgeries. Our hours are - Monday through Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Sundays, 2:00 to 6:00. We are a full time store.

Also remember, we carry in stock grits and polish for the tumblers. The course grit is only 50¢ per pound and the fine is 60¢ per pound. The polish which we use and recommend is Tin Oxide at \$2.10 per pound.

We have on hand for you cutters some really nice cutting rough and also the best in slabs. Our prices are fair and pleasing.

Feel free to call us on your problems and we will do our best to help you. This is our seventh year as gem and mineral dealers in Lincoln. Our satisfied customers are our best advertisement.

Rockspectfully,

Iri Everett



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FRIENDS ?

MIDWEST FEDERATION'S  
L E T T E R - A - M O N T H  
For November 1961

Subject: Lapidary Division, Midwest Federation  
By: Doris Kemp, Chairman

As the newly appointed chairman of the Lapidary Division of the Midwest Federation, it has occurred to me that the Letter-of-the-Month may be a very fine media for decimating information about this division of your Federation.

There have been many books written on the art of lapidary and the methods of doing lapidary work. Many questions are answered in these books, some remain unanswered. Realizing this, the Federation some time ago, established this division to pass on information and new methods to members interested in lapidary work. At recent shows, particularly the Saginaw show, it is apparent that the art of lapidary is advancing rapidly in our area. Some of you have developed new methods of working with stones, making jewelry and displaying these things. This information should be passed on and exchanged with others interested in this phase of our hobby.

Several ways this information can be passed on are by writing articles for your club bulletins, preparing talks and demonstrative lectures for club meetings. Some articles with illustrations and pictures could be submitted to the national rockhound publications. Naturally, we feel they should be first offered to Earth Science Magazine, because it is the voice of the Midwest Federation.

Many clubs have established for their members usage, a library either through club purchases or members donations. These libraries are available to help you find answers to any problems you may encounter in your lapidary work. However, if you do not find what you are looking for, contact this division and we will attempt to answer your questions with the latest information.

We would like to stress that everyone can be creative in their efforts. This pertains not only to lapidary work but you will be surprised to learn, if you try, that with a little effort you can write educational, helpful articles and give programs that would be of interest to your fellow club members.

We will look forward to seeing some of the articles and programs in the near future.

Happy cutting and polishing,

/s/ Doris Kemp

19 E. 144th Street  
Chicago 27, Illinois

BULLETIN FROM THE  
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

by Russell &amp; Katherine Trapnell

The Miami convention has come and gone. For those of you who could not attend we report the highlights of the annual business meeting. All of the Regional Federations were represented by delegates, and all but one of the officers were present. The secretary, Mrs. Carnahan was unable to attend because of illness.

Last year at Eureka we discussed the need for a new Constitution and Bylaws. The old code, written hurriedly before the organization meeting in Salt Lake City, had not been kept up to date as revisions were voted, and nobody knew for sure just how to interpret some sections of it. Mrs. Helen M. Rice of Portland, Oregon, was appointed Chairman of a committee to rewrite the charter, and Mr. Albert J. Keen was the other member.

Several months were spent in studying the regulations governing the six Regionals, conferring with the IRS to be sure we conform with tax requirements, and writing and rewriting the first draft which was presented to the officers, directors and past presidents for their study. Suggestions received were incorporated wherever practical, and the final copy mailed to the Board for approval to present to the meeting.

This new Constitution and Bylaws was adopted. We are now working on a fiscal year, November 1st to October 31st. The newly elected officers do not assume their duties until November 1st of this year.

This not only conforms with tax laws, but gives the Board a full year term, gives the officers time to appoint committees and prepare for the job ahead before assuming office, and gives the directors an opportunity to attend a business meeting. Under the old plan officers served anywhere from seven to 14 months, and frequently directors were voted out of office before an AFMS meeting came around.

It might be well to explain here the terms Board, Officers and Directors. One officer is elected from each of the six regional federations, i. e., president, executive vice president, secretary, treasurer and two regional vice presidents. Provision has been made for additional vice presidents when and if we admit more federations. The Directors are the president and senior ranking vice president of each regional federation. The only exception to this is when either of these officers is also an officer of the AFMS. In such cases another director must be appointed, thus assuring each affiliated federation three votes. The Board is the entire governing body, consisting of the officers and directors.

Mrs. Rice has been appointed to a Revisory Committee, which will keep the Constitution and Bylaws up to date. This job is combined with the Tax Advisory Committee and she is being aided by Mr. Glenn Elsfelder of Beverly Hills, California. They will make the necessary changes in the Articles of Incorporation to comply with IRS requirements. Questions concerning federation or club tax problems may be addressed to this committee.

## Bulletin from the AFMS Continued

We may be sporting a new car emblem that sticks on the rear window or bumper instead of the metal plate and clamp. These latter do not fit on the new cars very well. Floyd Mortenson and Bill deNeui are looking into this matter.

The AFMS has been asked to make a study of the problems encountered by regionals having a large geographical area. The Eastern Federation meeting was an example of the difficulty of getting an adequate attendance at business meetings that are held at the furthestmost boundaries of the organization. Miami, Florida is a long way from Maine. Rocky Mountain and Midwest face this same situation, and for that matter, it is a long drive from the top of California to the Mexican border, or from Oregon to Alaska. Texas has never been considered small either. On the other hand, small groups cannot hope to duplicate the benefits to their affiliated clubs. A committee is being appointed to make a survey of the problem, and of the steps taken by various regionals to solve it. An evaluation of this information will be reported at Des Moines in '62.

The Scholarship Fund stands at \$1068. This money is drawing interest in a McAllen bank until plans are completed for the Foundation. This is an ambitious undertaking, and progress must of necessity be slow.

The Uniform Rules weathered a pretty rugged storm at Miami. This is their first trial at a national show, and the hassle that developed was the result of a series of errors. No one person or group can take full blame for the misinterpretations, but certainly the mixup called attention to the need for more widespread understanding from the exhibitor, the display committee, and the judges. A concerted effort will be made this year to publicize the U-R and encourage discussions.

The Junior Essay Contest rules were changed somewhat this year so there were eight winners to receive the prize money ranging from \$5 to \$25. The first, second and third award winning essays will be reprinted in Gems & Minerals. Entries were received from such far off places as Japan and the Canal Zone.

These are the officers elected:

President:	Russell H. Trapnell	Regional Vice President from-
Vice Pres.:	H. R. Hughes	
Secretary:	Albert J. Keen	California: Johnnie Short
Treasurer:	William H. deNeui	Eastern: Elsie Kane White

THE SHOW - President Graves said in the business meeting that the Miami Show might not be the biggest in the world, but he hoped we had the best time. The Miamians were wonderful hosts. Bob and Marie Hagglund of Everett, Washington probably won the prize (a lucite leucite?) for traveling the greatest distance. Unless it was Lydia Czapek. How far away is the Panama Canal Zone?

Henry Graves and Roy Clark shared honors as master of ceremonies at the banquet on Saturday night. Henry is, of course, well known to all

## Bulletin from the AFMS Continued

of us, but for those of you outside the Eastern Federation who have not had an opportunity to hear Roy Clark, he is a deft and witty m.c. His quick ad libs coupled with that delightful southern drawl brought roars of appreciation from the audience. The happy custom of auto-graphing everybody's banquet program brought grumblings of writer's cramp, but we noticed that the loudest grumblers were collecting the most signatures. Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild made the agatized coral favors, pendants for the ladies and key chains for the men. On behalf of the entire organization we say "thank you" to everyone who worked to make our visit to Miami a happy occasion.

## SHOW CALENDAR

1962	TEXAS EASTERN * MIDWEST CALIFORNIA NORTHWEST	March 2-3-4, McAllen, Texas June 28-July 1, Raleigh-Durham, N. C. July 27-31, Des Moines, Iowa July 21-23, Del Mar, Calif. Labor Day weekend, Spokane, Wash.
1963	ROCKY MOUNTAIN EASTERN NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA	June 13-16, Oklahoma City, Okla. Lake Placid, N. Y., last of June Labor Day weekend, Twin Falls, Idaho July 12-13-14, San Jose, Calif.
1964	* TEXAS NORTHWEST	San Antonio, Texas, first weekend in May Labor Day weekend
1965	* NORTHWEST	Labor Day weekend

\* Joint American-Regional convention

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Answer to Quickie Quiz - 40

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