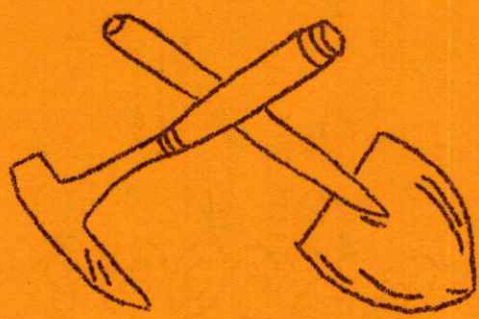
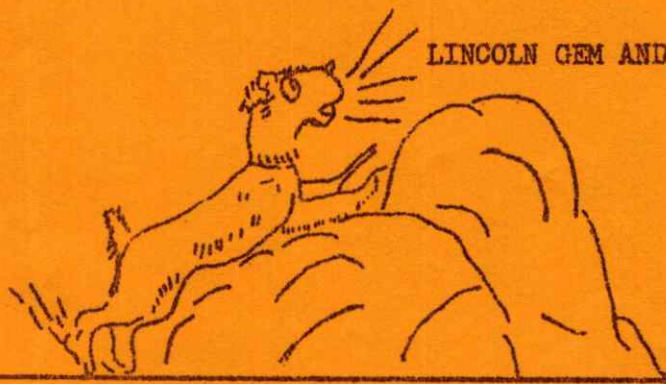


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LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Lincoln, Nebraska



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

On January 15, 1961 the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club will begin its seventh year. It is time for us to again think of the coming year. We have had six years of growth and increased activities, but unfortunately we cannot rest on the achievements of those past years. We must continue to grow and participate to make this next year equal to the past. Any organization which does not advance through growth and activities will soon cease to exist.

I wish to thank each of you for your confidence in me by selecting me to serve as your president for 1961. It is going to be difficult for me to fill Virgil's shoes; but I will strive to fulfill my office to the best of my ability. The officers of the club must have your patience, guidance and cooperation, with you providing these, our jobs will be made easier and the club will have another banner year.

I should like to remind you that this organization is not mine, nor does it belong to the other officers but it is your club. We officers were selected by you to provide the organizational structure for conducting the club's business in an orderly fashion. It is you, the members, that give us the material and ideas so that the club can fulfill the objectives and continue to be the organization you want it to be.

Each member will find your membership more rewarding if you will take an active interest in all of the club's activities. I am sure that most of you will agree with the statement, "the more you put into something, the more you will get out of it." I challenge each of you to test this philosophy!

Until I see each of you at the January meeting, I remain,

Rockspectfully yours,

/s/ Desmond

R. D. Gibson



JANUARY 16, 1961

Regular Meeting - Morrill Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Please give careful consideration to the Federation News Bulletins included in this issue so that you will be prepared to discuss them at our business meeting.

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FOUND - A spatula was left at our Christmas party table. If it is yours, please contact Mrs. Tracy - IV 8-5341.

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SAD NEWS

We noticed in the Lincoln Journal on December 21, the death of Emil J. Weyrich, retired druggist, of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Many of you will remember the interesting program he gave us on faceting. He had a wonderful collection of slabs as well as his faceted stones. Many of our members have visited his home and viewed his wonderful collection and fabulous fireplace of polished slabs of gem materials.

He was an active member of the Omaha club and he will be missed by his many friends.

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Here's a Tip:

Should both sides of a cab be polished?

Yes, if the material is transparent. When dendrites appear in clear chalcedony or moss or plume agate, it will give the appearance of being embedded, if both sides are polished.

If the material is not transparent or translucent, it is not necessary for both sides to be polished.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tod Ashmun
Everett Weber

January 26
January 2

Flower of the Month - Carnation or Snowdrop

Birthstone

Ancient - Garnet
Modern - Garnet

Garnet - Name for a group of minerals which crystallise in the cubic system. Some species occur rarely in igneous rocks, but are characteristic of metamorphic rocks, such as garnet - mica-schist, garnet gneiss, and eclogite. Some species are of value as gems, rivalling ruby. Hardness $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{4}$.

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On January 10, 1955 the following invitation was sent to twenty-three persons:

Agates, Crystals, Rocks, Minerals, Cabochons, Gems!!!!

Have you ever been bitten by the "rock bug?"
 Does a rock suggest more than material for a paving block to you?
 Do you see potential beauty and loveliness in a piece of agate?
 Does a crystal, with its chaste loveliness, send chills of delight coursing up and down your spinal column?
 Do you experience an irresistible urge to visit gravel pits in search of petrified wood, or jasper, or some other gemmy rock?

IF SO . . .

There is no known remedy for the spell which Nature has cast on you!
 Every effort only seems to intensify the affliction!
 Treatment recommended is to give way to that urge and scratch through the gravel of a pit, to slice a few slabs of gemmy stone, to polish a cabochon, to put a crystal under a magnifying glass, to identify and classify a few mineral specimens!

In fact, no one wants to be cured!!

BUT IT HELPS

To get together with others of like interest and "yak, yak," about matters of so great concern and interest and enthusiasm. What do YOU say to the suggestion that as many of us who are of like mind should meet together next Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 7:30, at the Y. M. C. A.?

You don't need to answer, just be there and we'll decide what steps to take next. Some of us think we should have a Rocks and Minerals Club, or its counter-part in Lincoln. What do you think?

Perhaps it would be interesting for each one to bring to the meeting a choice cabinet specimen, a few cabochons or gems, or something else that provokes enthusiasm! Come on out and let's see if we can get going!

Sincerely,

Irl C. Everett

Everett A. Sabin

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Anniversary Continued

Eleven rockhounds attended that first meeting and formed the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. Maurice Tracy was elected President, Irl Everett - Vice-President and Frances Tracy, Secretary-Treasurer.

The following year, 1956, Irl Everett served as President, Harry Mathena Vice-President and Dick Hedges, Secretary-Treasurer. Officers for 1957 were: Dick Hedges, President; Clyde Benham, Vice-President; Frances Tracy, Secretary-Treasurer. A. O. Beckman, President; D. L. Whitmarsh, Vice-President and Frances Tracy, Secretary-Treasurer, served as the officers for 1958. The following members were elected as officers for 1959: President - Irl Everett, First Vice-President - V. A. Carveth, Second Vice-President - D. L. Whitmarsh and Secretary-Treasurer - Frances Tracy. This past year V. A. Carveth served as our President, R. D. Gibson - First Vice-President, John A. Lewis - Second Vice-President and Frances Tracy - Secretary-Treasurer.

In 1959 we Incorporated as a non-profit organization under the Laws of the State of Nebraska.


Each year we have lost some of our members, some by death, others by moving from the community and some by loss of interest but we have gained many new members and ended the year 1960 with a total membership of 73.

Space will not permit me to list all of the interesting programs and field trips that we have had each year. Those of us who have attended meetings regularly have gained a lot of knowledge in all of the many facets of our hobby. We have had two successful shows, the first in 1959 and the second in 1960.

Officers to serve you this year will be:

President	R. D. Gibson
First Vice-President	John A. Lewis
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Something to crow about

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MIDWEST FEDERATIONS
L E T T E R - A - M O N T H
for January 1961

Subject: CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 1961
-By Bob Markert
Field Trip Coordinator

As Field Trip Coordinator for the Midwest Federation for 1961, I am hereby starting something new in THE MIDWEST and in order to fill up a complete calendar, I must have the sincere attention of each club President that reads this message. It is our goal to make the Midwest the most active Federation of America and publicize this fact so all may know about it.

The attached form is being sent to you in hopes that you will do something about it. In its present form it is blank... but... how long it will stay blank depends on YOU.

Would you like visiting rockhounds to join your club on one of your week-end field trips?

Would you like to participate in a field trip being conducted by some other area rock and mineral club? Just imagine planning that next vacation so that it would include a guided field trip.

I know that your answer is yes to both questions so help the MIDWEST in this good fellowship campaign by subscribing to at least one week-end in 1961. Please list three choices in order of preference so I may have some leeway in assigning your club a certain week-end slot.

RULES OF THE ROAD

Participating rockhounds must send a written notice to person designated on Calendar to receive such notices, stating that he plans on attending a certain field trip.

Participating rockhounds must arrange for own lodgings and food.

Participating rockhounds must be willing to sign any and all liability waivers. You will participate at YOUR OWN RISK.

Be a Good Sport... Leave some for the next guy. Wear safety goggles at all times... the eye that you save may be your own.

Fieldtrippingly yours,

/s/

Bob Markert, FTC
107 W. Ridge Street
Ishpeming, Michigan

P. S. Please list your Gem and Mineral Shows as well as we will place them on The Calendar. B. M.

SEASONS GREETINGS

TO: ALL MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND STAFF WORKERS

FROM: Floyd N. Mortenson, President MWF

As we rush through a busy life in the short time allotted to us as mortals, let us pause for a moment as we approach the time of the year that brings us the opportunity to turn our thoughts to the more spiritual blessings that have been brought to us and which have endured for so many years since the birth of the Babe in the manger.

Even as we were thankful for the many material things, which we all enjoy in our great Land of America, as we celebrated the Thanksgiving Season, so may we continue our expression of thanks for all the wonderful things that the Christmas Season implies together with an outlook for a happy and a prosperous New Year for 1961.

Helen and I wish that it could be possible to shake your hand and give you the following words in spoken form and even though we must of necessity be content with the written words at this time, they are given with just as warm and sincere meaning.

" A MERRY CHRISTMASANDA HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL "

/s/ Floyd

Floyd N. Mortenson, President
Midwest Federation of Mineralogical
and Geological Societies

With the holiday season at hand, and everyone busy as only rockhounds can be, we will try to hold this issue to a minimum, printing only the very important happenings since October.

We quote from President Graves' letter of November 13, 1960:

"It is with real pleasure and satisfaction that I am able to report that the American Federation has just been granted a letter of exemption by the Internal Revenue Service and on an EDUCATIONAL basis. This is certainly good news to all of us and takes a great load off of my mind and shoulders.

Full credit in this connection must be extended our our past President, Helen Rice. The great amount of time and work which she expended in research, gathering of facts and the compilation, auditing and submission, with the application, of facts and figures on our past activities were responsible for the favorable consideration and action by the I.R.S.

"In view of the fact that we can mail considerable more material under the minimum postage we have to use of the Bulletin, I plan on mailing the Tax Report, with a supplement completing and clarifying some items, along with the next issue of the Bulletin. In view of the conditions existing, I think that this information should go out directly and immediately to all affiliated Societies, rather than to wait for them to request same through their Federations. Supplies will also be forwarded to Federation secretaries for relay to new groups affiliating or in the formative stage."

The Midwest Federation was denied the educational exemption but was granted tax exempt status as a social organization. California Federation directors met on November 12th to review their by-laws, and take whatever steps are necessary to bring them into line with the requirements of exempt status. Quoting Verylle Carnahan, CF president, "A most serious problem faces not only the federation but each individual society which is incorporated as a non-profit organization."

May we remind you again, this is equally true of the clubs in every other regional federation.

The Treasurer writes us that he now has a plentiful supply of lapel buttons and pins carrying the AFMS insignia, car emblems, and directories. Has it occurred to you that any of these will make the finest friendship token you can give to a fellow rockhound? ORDER THESE SUPPLIES THROUGH YOUR REGIONAL SECRETARY OR TREASURER. Mr. Hughes cannot fill individual orders.

This from Al Keen, Chairman of the International Relations Committee: A trip was made to Vancouver, British Columbia, in October, for the dual purpose of visiting the Second Annual Show of the Lapidary Rock & Mineral Society of British Columbia and meeting some of its members and officers. The show put on by the eighteen member clubs forming this organization was a fine one. In a meeting with some of the officers, exchange of exhibits, ideas, programs and perhaps speakers, were some of the things discussed and it is felt a great deal was accomplished which will work to the mutual benefit of all rockhounds.

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This is like locking the barn door after the horse has been stolen, but we reprint this from the October Bulletin: Russ Trapnell, Show Co-ordinator, reminds you to write for clearance of your regional show so they can be spaced to accommodate everyone.

Apparently we aren't as widely read as we believed. Two federations cleared their dates through Henry Graves when he had the office, but we have received no letters at all. As a result Texas and Rocky Mountain chose identical dates and there are only three days between the close of California's show and the opening of Midwest's. This makes it pretty inconvenient for members who planned to attend more than one show, and downright rough on dealers whose livelihood depends on making the big exhibitions.

It is too late to do anything about the situation this year; halls have been hired, dealer space contracted, publicity mailings made. However, we hope you will begin now to plan for 1962 and avoid another such mix up. The office of Show Co-ordinator does not dictate when you can have your convention, but it can advise you when others are planned so you can arrange accordingly. Obviously no one wants to limit the attendance or the selection of dealers at his own or any other show, so it will help all concerned if everyone cooperates.

The Eastern Federation has ratified the AFMS Uniform Rules for Display and Judging. If you are planning to enter in competition at the Miami show it would be well to study these requirements carefully. A copy was sent to each club before the Eureka convention in July. For further information write to your regional Uniform Rules Chairman.

The officers of the American Federation join the affiliated clubs in saying to one another

WE WISH YOU THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS, AND EVERYTHING GOOD FOR 1961.

Russell & Katherine Trapnell

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SPECIAL BULLETIN

At the American Federation meeting held at Eureka in July, 1960, a number of Committee Reports were submitted, adopted and ordered reproduced in quantity for distribution to affiliated societies and other organizations and individuals to whom they might be helpful.

Among the above was a report on Federal Income Tax liability of clubs; the steps used in obtaining exemption and a set of Organizational Aids for the guidance of any groups or individuals in setting up new clubs. The latter material embodies a sample Constitution and By-laws.

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AFMS SPECIAL BULLETIN Continued

Subsequent research, developments, experience and a careful examination of both of these documents, indicates that the Tax Report would be benefited by the addition of a couple of paragraphs and that the use of the Organizational Aids should be made only in conjunction with, and embodying the recommendations made in, the Tax Report.

The additions to the Tax Report, which should be given careful consideration in the drawing up, or revision of, incorporation certificates, constitutions and by-laws, refer to the use of the funds of the organization and the disposition of its assets in the event of dissolution. Proper coverage of these points is considered necessary in obtaining favorable consideration by the Internal Revenue Service on applications for income tax exemption status.

The following covering paragraphs are picked from the newly amended Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the California Federation.

"This corporation is not formed for profit, and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof".

"All of the assets, properties and funds of the corporation shall be devoted to the furtherance of the primary objects and purposes of the corporation. Its works, purposes and objects are purely scientific and educational and, to the extent incidental thereto, social and recreational; and are solely in the interest of the advancement of its member societies, of their members, and of the public along scientific and educational lines".

"In the event of dissolution of the Federation, its assets shall be turned over, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, either to the State of California for educational purposes, or to a non-profit association or corporation for the continuation of such educational and scientific projects as the Federation may have commenced".

It is understood that, in the use of the above, "Society" may be substituted for "Federation", any other state of "California" and other minor changes made as may be necessary to fit particular circumstances, as long as the general sense of same is not altered.

Henry B. Graves,
President 1960-1961