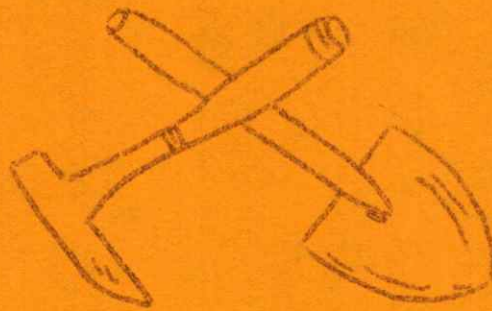


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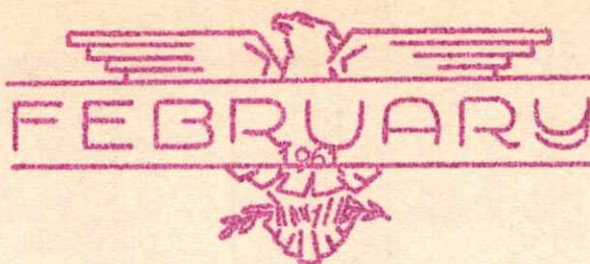
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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hello Again,

At the January meeting the members voted to change the meeting place from Morrill Hall to the Mury Building (2200 M Street). The members decided to see if this building met our needs more satisfactorily than Morrill Hall seemed to. This building should provide us with more opportunity to mix and visit with the other members and guests. There are facilities for coffee and refreshments, if the club wishes; and the restriction of adjourning and vacating by 10 P.M., as required at the University, will no longer cut short an interesting program or a brag session. I hope each member will make a special effort to attend the February meeting (Monday the 20th) so that we can test the adaptability of this building for our meetings. Oh yes, bring a prospective new member with you too.

The dates for the Third Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club Show are October 7th and 8th. We have reserved the National Guard Armory again this year. Irl Everett has begun contacting the dealers for the show; we again plan on having only those dealers that have choice material, as we did last year. Now is the time for each member and prospective member to start sorting and selecting material for his display. If each of us will plan on having at least two cases of material we could have around 150 cases, this would make our show twice as big as it was last year.

Check the list of committee appointments, if your name does not appear on a committee, please call me. I intended on having every member on a committee, and it may have been that I unintentionally overlooked your name. Each committee chairman has been instructed to call on any members of the club to help with some special activity, even though the member may not be on his special committee. I know that each of you will cooperate when called upon to help out in some way. With everyone doing his share, the activities of the club will not burden any single member.

Until I see you at the Mury Building on February 20th, I remain

Respectfully yours,

R. D. Gibson

1961 COMMITTEES

PROGRAM

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bainbridge, Co-Chairman
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Helena Baagl, Chairman
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 Frank Knott
 Adeline Nolds

MEMBERSHIP

Each member

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Ted Ashman	Bob Guenzel
Bill Boyd	Victor Hancock
Sherry Dean	David Landis
Dick Gibson	Judy Lewis
Nancy Gibson	Jay Pansing

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Richard Hedges, Chairman
 V. A. Carveth
 Maurice Tracy

SHOW COMMITTEES - CHAIRMAN ONLY

Housing	Maurice Tracy
Tickets & Advanced Sales	R. D. Gibson
Ticket Sales at Door	Frances Tracy
Dealers	Irl Everett
Publicity	Marie Carveth

Other members and committees will be selected as the need arises.



FEBRUARY 20, 1961

Regular Meeting - Mary Center, 22nd & H Sts., 7:30 p.m.

COMMITTEES FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

Refreshments - Executive Committee

Hospitality - Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eloyd
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moser

Junior Hospitality - Bill Boyd

House Committee - Bruce Simon
Dean Baumeister
Charles Elicker
John J. Gabarron

Hospitality Committee - See that the guests are introduced to the other members and made to feel welcome. Have them sign the guest book and introduce them during the "Introduction of Guests" in the meeting.

House Committee - Set up the chairs before the meeting and see that the room is in good order and the chairs replaced at the end of the meeting.

MARCH 4 - 5

1961 Annual Benefit Hobby Show and Handicraft Exposition

Hours 1:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. each day

Exposition Hall Pershing Municipal Auditorium

Get your tickets or entry blanks at City Recreation Department in the Auditorium or at any Hobby Shop



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Gene Dannar
1935 North 54th Street

G. W. (Mac) McKinney
6720 Ballard Street

Everett Weber
2533 Potter Street

We are happy to welcome these new members to our Club.



Here's a Tip:

If a burnishing tool is not available when you go to set a cabochon in a bezel, a wooden clothespin is a handy substitute.



THE LINCOLN PENNY

Not on the eagle golden
Will we behold his face
Nor yet on the gleaming silver
The honored features trace;
But to the common copper,
The lowly coin, instead,
Has fallen the distinction
Of bearing Lincoln's head.

The millionaire may seldom
These noble outlines grasp.
But childhood's chubby fingers
The image oft will clasp;
The poor man will esteem it,
And mothers hold it dear--
The plain and humble people
He loved when he was here.

Author unknown.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Arthur Eloyd	February 8
Virgil A. Carveth	February 14
Mrs. Kenneth Dodge	February 14
Mrs. Thomas Simmons	February 9

Flower of the Month - Violet or Primrose

Birthstone	Ancient - Amethyst
	Modern - Amethyst

Amethyst - A Variety of crystalline quartz. Light to dark purple in color. Transparent. Hardness 7.



Bell Caps.	\$2.50 gross
Neck Chains.25 each
	over 6 - 20¢
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Complete line of Mexican carved onyx, animals, etc.

Store Hours - Closed Monday
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.
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According to our By-Laws, if member's dues are not paid by March 1 an extra \$1.00 is to be charged for reinstatement, making a total of \$3.00 instead of \$2.00. So - - - -

Our booklet "Who's Who and Where" will go to press immediately after March 1. We would like to include your name as a paid member.

Also, don't forget the offer to members by the PROSPECTOR OUTDOORSMAN for a subscription to their magazine for only 24¢ a year. Can you think of a better deal?

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COVINGTON DEALER	Let me order your Lapidary Books and maps of rock collecting areas.
ESTWING ROCK HAMMERS	Let's plan that vacation trip to include special areas.
ROUGH AND SLAB MATERIAL	
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HOW AND WHY I BECAME A ROCKHOUND

Several years ago, in fact about 1954, Frances and I went over to visit a friend of ours. This friend had been to visit Curly Washechek at O'Neill and had brought back some of the jewelry with stones he had cut and polished. It was beautiful and of course, Frances, wanted some like it. She decided that I should make some and that is the way we got started. It didn't take much talking on her part because I was fascinated with the cabochons that Curly had cut.

We knew nothing about the hobby and as far as we knew there was no one else in Lincoln who did lapidary work. We went to the Library and got all the books we could find on the subject and then purchased a little Gem Maker from Sears & Roebuck. We used that machine for about three years and then bought a Frantom, which we still have.

One of our big mistakes (??) was to attend a rock show. After looking at all the things other rockhounds did we really got the bug. After seeing the lapidary work, collections of minerals, fossils, artifacts, silver and gold mountings that were on display we could hardly wait until the next show.

We are like other rockhounds who bring home two kinds of rocks, some that can be cut and polished and the throwin' kind. For every hundred pounds we bring home about 98% end up out behind our garage. It is a lot of fun to look and you are always hoping that you will really find something.


After we had been cutting for a couple of years, Frances started collecting mineral specimens. Our collection is growing as it is pretty hard to resist a pretty one in a dealer's show case. Some of our friends too have been most generous in parting with some of their specimens.

Sea shells, too, have found a special place in our basement. Here, again, our friends have helped contribute to our display, bringing them to us from the Gulf of Mexico, the Marianas Islands, the Pacific Ocean etc.

Some hobbyists collect just one thing, such as all the different minerals in the quartz family, some collect rare earths but Frances and I go all out and collect most everything - cups and saucers, ceramic dogs, rocks, minerals, sea shells or what have you.

This is us. How did you get started?

/s/ Maurice Tracy



Something to know about

Choice Slabs	Cabochons	Lapidary Equipment and Supplies
		Rough Cutting Material

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MIDWEST FEDERATION'S
L E T T E R - A - M O N T H
for February 1961

Subject: "HASSEL"
-By Leo W. Yanasak
Vice-President Midwest Federation

Last month I read in one of the exchange bulletins a paragraph by the editor. He was through with the club - dropping his membership - going on his own. About a year or so ago the same thing happened in another city. The reason in both cases - they were tired of the "continual hassel" over unimportant things.

Most of us have gone through this in our own clubs. Discussions and tempers have both risen to the boiling point - members have walked out of the meeting - some have quit the club - others quit the hobby entirely.

Why all this "hassel" and what is it doing to the hobby.

First of all the "hassel" usually indicates an active club. The members may be arguing over what may be "unimportant things" to others but important to them. Further, the fact that they are willing to get up and express themselves shows that they are thinking with the club. Perhaps their thinking is not very sound, but at least they are in there pitching, and it is they who are keeping the ball rolling. Anyone who has ever tried to conduct a meeting where the members just sat and waited for someone else to speak knows how much he depended on the few who were willing to get up and say something. Of course it is taken for granted that this discussion all has to do with club business, and it is up to the chairman to see that this is so.

Next, how do you quell the member who seems to want the floor all the time, who wants to do all the talking. Practically all our clubs state in their bylaws that their business meetings will be run according to Roberts Rules of Order. One provision in these rules states that after a member has expressed himself on a topic, he need not be given the floor again until all others have had their turn, and then only at the discretion of the chairman. In cases where there are "long winded" members, it is possible to curtail long discussions by agreeing in advance to a time limit for each speaker.

Thus with a little care and control, the "hassels" can be turned to good, constructive discussions without which no club can make much progress. If you are having "hassel" trouble, give this a try.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Leo W. Yanasak