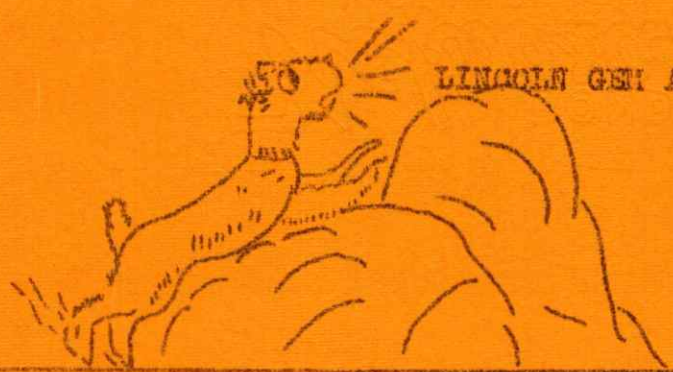


THE PICK & SHOVEL



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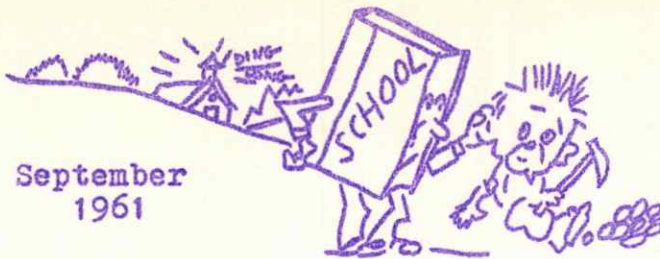
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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Rockhounds,

It seems rather strange to be writing this so early, but because of vacation plans of your president and secretary the paper is going to press early this month. So even though it is August 20th there is still plenty to remind you of, as the show will be less than a month away by the time you read this.

First, I should like to insist that each member make a special effort to attend the September meeting, as the final details of the show will be taken care of at this meeting. However, I should like to call your attention to some things that you should be thinking about between now and then.

1. All members will meet at the National Guard Armory (1776 North 10th) Friday evening, October 6, at 7 p.m. to help set up tables, to set up your cases, help dealers get moved in, etc. This evening is fun for everyone, so plan now to be there. It was decided not to decorate the building this year, so if you had decided not to show up because you might have to blow up balloons, you can come now.

2. The kitchen committee needs you. They are asking for men and women to help this year. They have divided the 2 days into 2 hour shifts, so decide when you can help as a "bus boy", cashier, or food handler. They also need pies and cakes, so be sure and be ready to report at the September meeting how many of each you can bring.

3. Tickets for advanced ticket sales are now ready, and can be obtained from Frances Tracy. If we sell all 1000 tickets we had printed, everyone will have to sell his share.

4. Decide how many cases (either Wichita or the small 12 x 14 in.) you will have to show. We need to know how many each will have by the September meeting so we can order tables. It is hoped that each member will have at least one case. We are shooting for 120 cases this year.

5. We are going to have a cutting and polishing demonstration. Can you help with this?

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The President's Page Continued

6. There will be a display in one of the "O" Street windows of the National Bank of Commerce during the week of October 2. What do you have that we can use in this window?

The club members that attended the picnic in August voted that all members will be charged admission for the show. You will be charged the price of admission (50¢) only once for the two days, providing you get your ticket initialed by Frances Tracy.

It is important that every member be present at the September meeting (third Monday), but be sure to look in the "Announcement" portion of this paper, to see where we will be meeting. We are trying to find the "ideal" meeting place, and at this time I have not had time to check on all of the possibilities, but we will know before this issue of the "Pick and Shovel" goes to press.

Rockspectfully,

Aes.

R. D. Gibson



W E L C O M E

Clayton Robarcheck
4000 Cornhusker Highway

We are happy to welcome this new member to our Club. Please add his name to your copy of "Who's Who and Where".

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1st flea: What's the matter with you?
2nd flea: I've just come from the dentist.
1st flea: Did you have a toothache?
2nd flea: Yes,--I bit a Rockhound!

Submitted by Roger Simmons from the GEOLOGIST JOURNAL.



SEPTEMBER 18

Regular Meeting - Hollywood Bowl - 7:30 p.m.
920 North 48th Street

"BRAGGIN" NIGHT"

Everyone would like to see what you found on your vacation and hear about it. So bring your braggin' rocks.

OCTOBER 7 & 8

LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB SHOW

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HOW WE BECAME ROCKHOUNDS

It is comparatively easy for me to tell how I became interested in rocks, rock collecting and the various allied fields. When my husband became a real "Rockhound" I had to become one too in self defense, as is so often the case.

I have thoroughly enjoyed it and am grateful to him for having opened up the new field of recreation for me. I particularly like getting out in the field and searching for new material even though we often come home with little to show for our efforts. We feel that getting out in the open and close to nature is reward enough but if you find something worth taking home you have a nice bonus as well as a real thrill.

When my husband started turning out some nice cabs I decided I should learn how to mount them, so have taken some instruction in silver work and hope to do more of it some day. We feel that a beautiful stone deserves a nice mounting and so often it is difficult to find just what you want.

Dr. Lange says he can't remember when he wasn't interested in rocks and rock collecting, however, he didn't get down to the serious business of making it a hobby until we moved to Lincoln in 1945.

He availed himself of the opportunity of taking several courses in Geology, Mineralogy, and Petrology which were offered at the University as well as joining discussion and study groups for which club members provided leadership. All this served to further stimulate his interest.

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We pick up a few rocks on a trip to the Black Hills and Bad Lands in 1951, but for the most part we concentrated on caves. I think we visited every cave in the area except for one that was closed because of a forest fire. That in itself was an unforgettable experience and an awesome and terrible sight. It was not a big fire as forest fires go but it looked pretty big to us.

In 1953 we drove to Seattle to meet our daughter who was returning home after a year spent in Alaska. We drove down the coast to Los Angeles, picking up rocks as we went, then home by way of Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest and Mesa Verde. On this trip we got started getting carried away, so that by the time we returned to Lincoln the car was well laden. In addition to what we were able to pack in the car, in addition to all our luggage, we shipped back what we had picked up along the coast. We found we had paid freight on a lot of worthless stuff, but there was some that was good too. You know how you save everything at first.

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How We Became Rockhounds (Continued)

We joined the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club in 1956 and have found it very helpful in every way. The programs are interesting and informational and we always enjoy the field trips, even though we haven't been as lucky as some folks. Often all we get is exercise and hot.

We are especially appreciative of the wonderful fellowship afforded by the club. We think the best people in the world are rockhounds.

Clara Lange & Doc Lange

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Something to Crow about

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C L Y D E B E N H A M

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For the benefit of new members and a reminder to all members, we would like to again call attention to the offer made by the two following magazines for reduced subscription rates to club members.

EARTH SCIENCE is the official publication of the Midwest Federation. The club rate is only \$2.00 a year (\$2.50 to non-Club subscribers). For this you receive six issues containing articles on all phases of the earth sciences, lapidary etc.

GEMS & MINERALS is published monthly and is the official publication of the California Federation but they offer it to club members outside of their Federation at \$2.00 per year (regular rate \$3.00 per year).

If you are interested in subscribing to either or both of these magazines please contact your club treasurer for certification of membership so that you can receive these magazines at the reduced rates.

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 GEM AND MINERAL SHOW.
 OCTOBER 7TH AND 8TH, 1961

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

Subject: "Where Are We Headed?"
By: Leo Yanasak
President of the Midwest Federation

The 1961 Midwest Convention is now past history and we may focus our attention to the coming year. The question is, "Where Are We Headed For?"

In a recent letter to Ken Kyte of the Rolling Rocks Club Newsletter, Dr. H. C. Dake asked the same question. He was quite critical of the trend of most clubs to become social organizations, knife and fork gatherings. He states, "I have always been saddened by the fact that most of the many clubs all over the country have overlooked opportunities to engage in the more worthy "educational" phases of the hobby, even if in a small way."

Our own June Zeitner of Mission, South Dakota gave what Dr. Ben Hur Wilson termed the best lecture ever presented at a Midwest Convention. Those of us who heard the lecture agree with Dr. Wilson. June recommended very strongly that Midwest Clubs wake up to the many opportunities that arise for the promotion of education....that is education related to our hobby.

Our Articles of Incorporation state that The Midwest Federation is created exclusively for education and scientific purposes. Yet the income tax people refused to accredit the Midwest Federation as an educational organization, social - yes, educational - no.

Now then, what are we going to do about this? When accepting the Presidents gavel at the Saginaw Convention, I stated that the theme for the Midwest for the coming year was going to be "Education". It is my hope that every one of our 115 clubs will take an active part in some form of education in their community. Further, I hope that when ever such activity takes place, the club secretary or liaison officer will mail a report of it to the chairman of the Education Committee. Unfortunately I have not yet received a reply from the person I have asked to be Chairman and cannot give his name until he accepts. However, this should not keep us from going ahead.

May we all have a pleasant and exciting year working together toward our goals.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Leo W. Yanasak

President