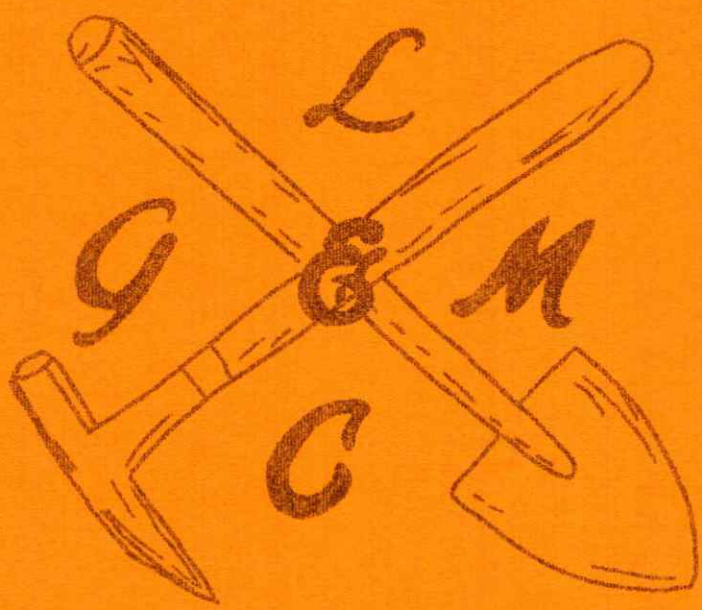


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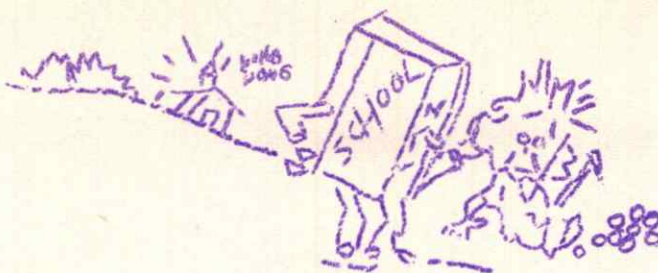
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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Fallow Rockhounds;

Our next meeting on Sept. 22 will be a very important meeting as the annual rock show will be one week away. We hope that everyone will turn out to report on their preparations or find out how they can best serve. In all our past rock shows no-one has collapsed from exhaustion and we don't intend to start this year because everyone will pitch in. If your work is a LABOR OF LOVE, you do not get as tired.

It will be a shame not to hear the members bragging about their terrific finds that they made this summer. Perhaps they can display some of these materials at the show even though they are still in the rough.

My research shows me that none of our members went to the Des Moines show by BOAT, but they certainly did flock to the show by car, train and airplane. It was good to see so many there and I missed seeing a large number who had come and gone before I arrived. The Des Moines folks have agreed to tell us of their problems in case we are interested in bidding for a Federation Show in the future.

Say, How about that Lincoln Case taking a second at the show? It missed first place by three points. Not bad for the first try. Congratulations to the club and everyone who worked and contributed in any way to the case. I understand the case gave the judges a couple of hours hard work grading and checking the accuracy of the locations and labels. Our high score shows that we have excellent cutters and very alert mineralogist in our club.

I understand that those folks who camped out at the Des Moines show experienced a side of rockhunting that cannot be obtained on the show room floor. The experience of living side by side with other rockhounds from all over the country and swapping rocks and tall tales was terrific. There is no-body as friendly as a rockhound away from home.

Most people are now back from their vacations and have settled down to a winters work. Where some folks have their memories and a few pictures, the rockhound has his rocks that he found or purchased. The rockhounds vacation will continue all winter long, each time he puts one of his rocks to the saw or wheel. You can bet that if one of those pieces turns out to be a beautiful gem that he will be looking to the next vacation when he can get out and search for more.

John A. Lewis



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ROCKY NUGGETS

Many people have taken vacations this year and among them were Phyllis and Jim Parks. On July 14 and 15th they were at Burley, Idaho visiting the Magic Valley Gem Club. They met and visited with a former Nebraskan, Leland "Pete" Cassel and were entertained by Merrill and Betty Glenn (Club Editor) of the Magic Valley Gem Club. A interesting and profitable field trip was taken to Nevada. Their trip covered 3,650 miles and took in the craters of the moon and Yellowstone National Park.

Congratulations are in order again to Adeline Nolde. On August 18 and 19th at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Denver, Colorado, the Colorado State show of the Colorado Mineral Society awarded Adeline the overall Trophy award in the jewelry division. She was awarded 3 first place blue ribbons and 1 second place red ribbon under the masters group in 4 various classes of the jewelry division. Adeline was in close contention for the sweepstakes trophy also. In attendance at the show were Mr and Mrs. C. Ray Waddle and their son Craig, a Colorado resident and his children.

Dick Hedges and his wife took a long trip this last month. Their first stop was the Mineral Museum in Denver, Colorado. After climbing some mountains they went on to Wyoming and looked for Sweetwater Agates. The biggest percent of their trip was spent in the Glaciel Wildress Area. This area is restricted to cars, trucks, or jeeps, the only way to get in is to go on foot or by horseback. Climbing from 8,500 ft. to 12,700 ft. in one day they were on the largest glacier in the United States barring Alaska with crevice 60 ft. deep and ice sheet 500 ft. thick. Leaving the mountains they went to Crawford, Nebraska. They had 7 days of a rugged but interesting trip with bringing home Ruby Crystals, garnets, agate, palm wood and chalcedony.

The Howard Taylors went to the Craters of the Diamonds in Arkansas and now have in their possession a 3.5 Carat brown diamond. This is the largest diamond found there this year and they have had it valued at a large sum in the rough. They have kindly consented to let the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club use it as a Special Attraction at our show.

Have you seen the check list of Cabochon Gem Materials in the Gems and Minerals Magazine for September (page 18). This is the first of three articles that will give the source, color, and general characteristics of 240 different gem materials. This should be a great aid to the collector and the cutters.

Did you get to see the rock display at the State Fair? There were eleven exhibitors from our club that did a fine job out there. This could be something that could grow into a real competitive exhibit section in our state with cooperation like this.

CONGRATULATIONS

Best in group: Mrs Dorothy Engelhart

Ten assorted cabochons: 1. Fred Gudtner, 2. Richard Hedges, 3. Mrs. Irl Everett  
Jewelry (handmade settings) 1. Richard Hedges

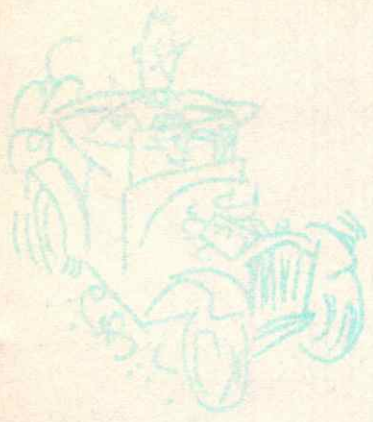
Jewelry (commercial settings): 1. Mrs Engelhart, 2. Arthur Bloyd, 3. Mrs. Everett

Other uses of stone: 1. Fred Gudtner, 2. Richard Hedges

Metals: Best in group: Adeline Nolde.

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Like to write letters? There are two bills before Congress that may have an influence on rockhounding.

One is the wilderness bill sponsored by Secretary Udall of the Interior Department. This bill will set aside another 22,000,000 acres of the public lands of the U.S. into areas where roads and wheeled vehicles will not be permitted. This inevitably would mean fewer opportunities for the rockhound and in the end fewer rockhound families.


The other is the Proposed Postal Rate Increase ( house bill 7972 ) This would effect the second and third class users of the mails. The magazines that we read will be effected and the many small mail order houses will be exterminated.

If after looking into these bills, you would like to express your feelings to your congressman the address is, " Honorable (Senators name ), United States Senate, Washington 25, D.C.

Nebraska Senators as you know are, Roman L. Hruska (r) and Carl T. Curtis(r) Write to them both.

NOTICE TO ROCKHOUNDS EVERYWHERE

If you are proud of your material and workmanship, here is a chance to display in a non-competitive exhibit. The rules are simple: No fees are charged. Exhibits must be in place Friday September 28th after 7:00 P.M. or before 9:00 A.M. September 29th. Exhibits may be removed after (9:00 P.M. Sunday September 30th. Out of town or members of other clubs especially welcome and will be helped in any way that we can. Contact Mr. Robert Gibson, 4109 Prescott Lincoln, Nebraska, who is our floor manager.



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A maintenance man at the East High School Stadium was busily working to fix the water fountain. Upon unplugging the drain he found that it was filled with gravel rock. Shaking his head he said " Well, What more can I expect to find with rockhounds using it."