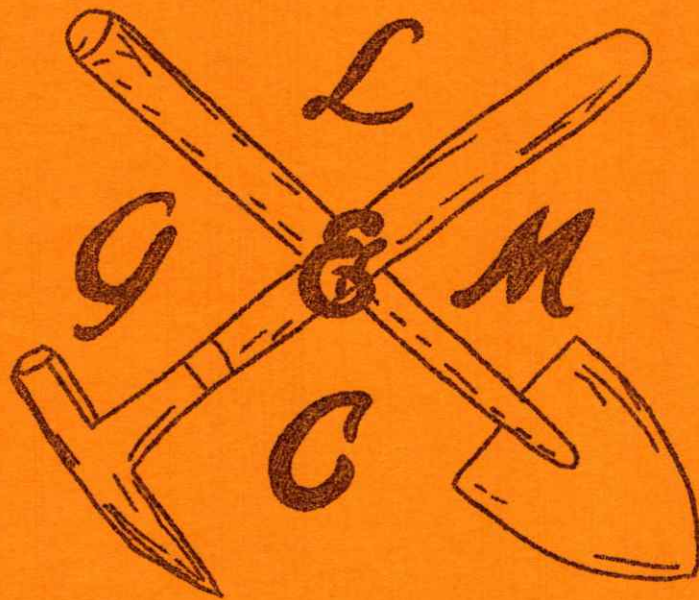
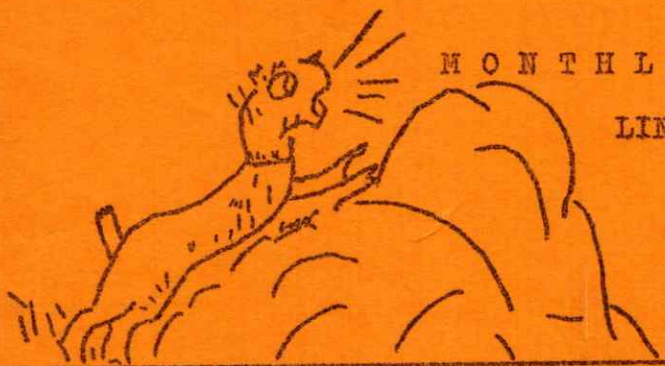


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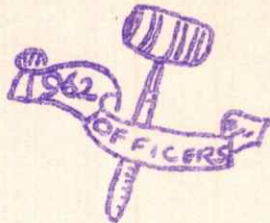
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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Fellow Rockhounds,

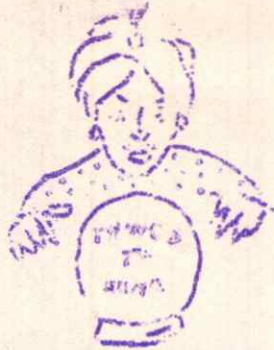
Well "How did we do?" This is the question all of our members are asking when they see each other. They are thinking financially of course so I generally reply, "I haven't heard yet." The reports are not yet all in. The show was a tremendous success if we never made a dime. There are so many enthusiastic comments from people outside of the members as to just what a fine show we had. The dealers were happy with their sales and say they would like to come back again.

I think that the greatest of all is the new feeling that has developed among the members. The new appreciation for the talents of others and their willingness to work above and beyond their expected limits. Working together has brought us together into a much closer group. If for no other reason than this, The club should continue having an annual show just to knit its members closer. And now that this show is over we can assume a somewhat slower pace and get down to the business of learning more about minerals and cutting just for our own satisfaction.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate all of you fine folks who worked so hard to make this show the success that it was. Since I cannot personally say "Thank you" to everyone who so generously contributed his time and talents before and during the show, I say now, "We could not have done it without your help."

Only one mystery about the show remains and that is, "Who put the auto bomb on Tom Simmon's truck?"

John Alden Lewis



SATURDAY - OCTOBER 27, 1962

Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
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211 South 20th Street

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of the show.

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ADVANCED TICKETS

The advanced tickets have not all been turned in. Would appreciate  
your bringing them with you to the next meeting. Thank You.



No matter where you look in the mountains, on gravel or  
on the ground, the most beautiful rock is still to be found.

Oscar Way

## ROCKY NUGGETTS

Dick Horning went to South Dakota for this years vacation. The month of September shall be remembered in his mind for a while as he brought back some lovely pieces to cut and polish and some nice minerals.

We were fortunate to have at our show a representation of twelve states. Three of these were from a coastal or border line of our lovely country. From our coast of Pacific was the state of California, The Atlantic coast was represented by South Carolina, and Northern border line was Wisconsin.

Also at the show were clubs that so graciously attended. Some of them are Wichita Mineral Society with numerous members, Omaha Mineralogical Society- Pamela Mollett, Omaha Jr. Mineral Society- President Martin Willstrusk and the Central Nebraska Rock and Mineral Society with President Frank Shafer, his lovely wife and members.

Although the summer seems to be leaving us there are still more shows in which someone might take interest in. The following are listed in the event someone might still have an earning vacation coming up and would like to attend:

- Oct. 16 to 28 Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society  
Womens bldg. Tulsa Fair Grounds, Show  
chairmen Mr. J. Slack, 1320 West Marshall  
Tulsa, Okla.
- Nov. 17 to 18 Dallas Gem and Mineral Society  
Details to be announced.
- July 17to 18 1963 Midwest Federation Field trip Convention  
Hibbling, Minn. Host club is Mesabi Rock  
and Mineral Club. Not to soon to be thinking  
about going on this trip next year.

I was very pleased to meet at our show a young man from Red Oak, Iowa, whom so many people were talking about. Jerry Darrell, I extended the welcome mat and have asked to have him visit our club meetings. He was accompanied by his parents.

Your reporter has found out for the women in our club that the Lavalliere ( pennett) is the big jewelry news for the coming year in fashion, with heavy chains and ear rings to match. Get your cutting material out now and start on these new rock you found this year and be stylish in the next year.

Any news or information you want to see in print, Please contact your reporters , Mrs. Dorothy Engelhart I.V.8 - 5383  
Mrs. Velma Bloyd I.D.# - 4781

## IMPROVE YOUR VOCABULARY

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the blanks and bring the answers to the October meeting. Win a gold star by having all of the answers correct.

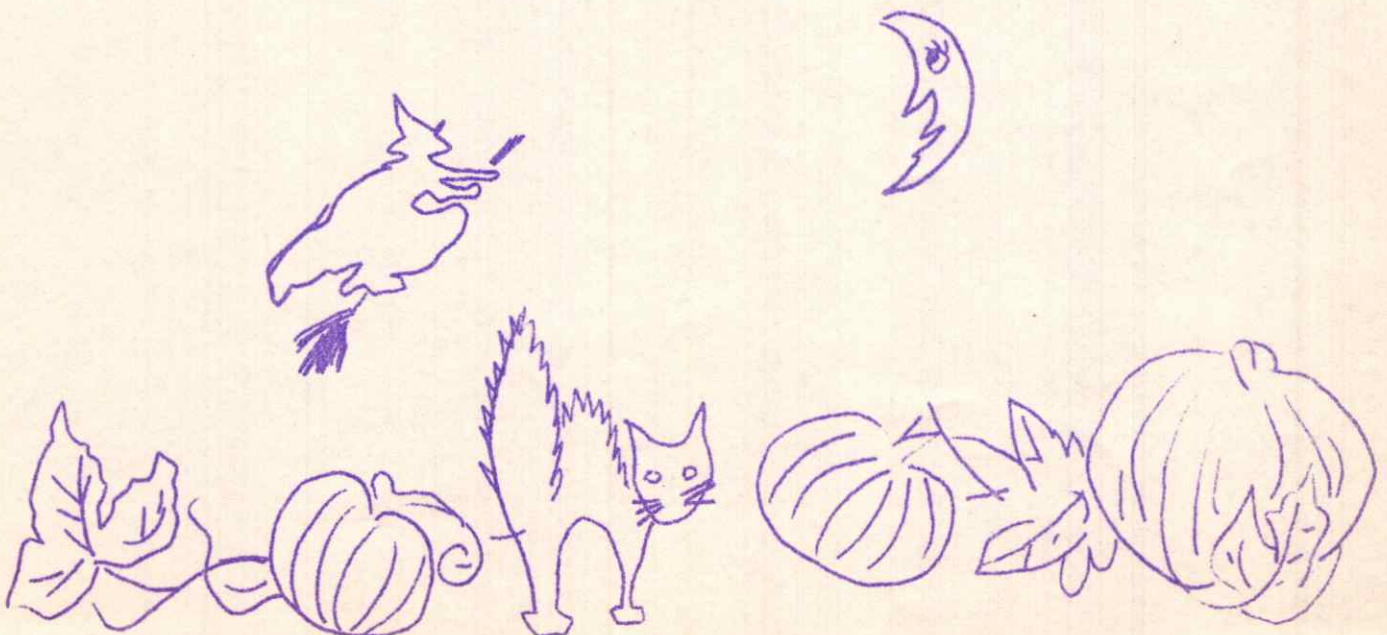
1. Which stone has many virtues attributed to it, such as a remedy for inflammatory diseases as well as hemorrhages? Also this same gem was used as bullets by Asiatic tribes, thinking the color would inflict a more deadly wound than a ordinary bullet?
2. This gem is considered an emblem of fearlessness, and invincibility. It is thought to bring the wearer superior strength, fortitude, courage, audacity. It too has according to legend, medicinal qualities, as a protection against plague and pestilence. The plague first attacks the poorer classes, sparing the rich, who can afford to adorn themselves with the \_\_\_\_\_ but powder from this gem could also be used as a poison.
3. This gem, the one of mystic power and beauty, the quest of Kings, the reward of queens, the name derived from the Persian word ZUMMURUD meaning \_\_\_\_\_. This gem is supposed to endow the wearer with the power to predict what is to come. Some have viewed this recently.
4. This birthstone recalls in its wonderful and varied plays of colors the glory of a bright day in the country where earth and sky vie each other for the brilliance of the sunset. Of all precious stones it is the most difficult to describe. Some say it glows when the wearer is happy and loses its luster when sad. Queen Victoria loved this gem (so does Bob Bainbridge). It is lucky for her, because under her guidance Great Britain reached its greatest glory.
5. This gem born of hot climates, the gem of ardent passions, a symbol of glory. The owner of this stone will live in peace and comfort with all men, neither his land or his ranch will be taken from him. All of these good effects will be his if this gem is set in a belt, ring, or bracelet and worn on the left side. Some call this the "King of Precious stones".
6. Among the ancient Hebrews an absolute must was a gift of this gem by a father to his daughter on her wedding day; to insure marital bliss. The Mohammedans believed the 3rd and 7th heavens were paved with this lovely gem.
7. The gem of Indian summer, it also is the beauty from which four presidential sculptures have been made. Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington and Eisenhower were carved. Jefferson, of 1,734 carats in the rough, now weighs 1,381 carats. It is 2½" high, 2½" wide, and 2" deep. These priceless sculptures are owned by the KAZANJIAN Foundation in Los Angeles. This material was found in Queensland, Australia.

## IMPROVE YOUR VOCABULARY (continued )

3. This stone is rarely classed as a precious stone, yet the orientals and Hindu's tell us they associated the moon and sun and five planets with astrological calculations. This gem represented Jupiter, the largest, this is strange since this gem is considered the lesser of gem stones.
9. This particular gem has the power to control evil thoughts, quicken the intelligence, made a man shrewd in business affairs, has a sobering effect on those who partake too freely of that which intoxicates.
10. This month has a alternate birthstone although it is in no way a common gemstone. It is also the stone with a dual personality the combination sometimes cut in Cameo. Has great durability.
11. This gem is the National stone of Persia, now Iran, where everyone uses these gems, from mule tenders to tent pitchers; who use the small "snake eye sets" while high officials wear large stones surrounded by rubies and other precious stones. the older turks used the stone in their horse bridles and the modern turks use them on the car radiators.
12. This stone was used extensively for seals by the early Christian Church as well as carved and engraved religious articles, and objects. This too was used as medicine, such as a mental stupor. A early Christian legend tells us the blood of the Saviour, as he hung on the cross, dropped upon the ground and upon this stone.

THESE ARE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON BELIEFS, SUPERSTITIONS  
AND FACTS ABOUT BIRTHSTONES.

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## KNOW YOUR FEDERATION

In this issue we have space to bring you only part of the proceedings at the convention, but later other reports will be printed under the KNOW YOUR FEDERATION heading. The show was a fabulous exhibition of mineral displays, lapidary crafts, fossil collections, fine materials for sale, excellent programs and lectures, entertainment for everyone. We thank the Midwest Federation and the Des Moines Lapidary Society for their gracious hospitality and congratulate them on accomplishing an outstanding show.

Bill deNeui will take over the office of president on November 1st with Al Keen assuming the duties of Executive Vice-president. Johnny Short steps into the Secretary post and Elsie Kane White will hold the purse strings as Treasurer. Harry Bish becomes the Regional Vice-president from Texas, Katy Trapnell from Rocky Mountain.

The regional elections are all over too and on November 1st these presidents and vice-presidents will become Directors of the AFMS Jack Danahue and Ennis Scott, California; Dick Burnham and Paul Seel for Eastern; Mrs. Bernice Rexin and Russell Kemp represent Midwest; Dr. Elwood Rees, Mrs Dorothy Lee in the Northwest; Norman Hamilton Norman Flaigg are the Rocky Mountaineers. Harry Bish can't hold two offices; that of regional Vice-President and Director so Texas will appoint someone else to serve with Ed Immel.

All three members of the Uniform Rules Committee were present in Des Moines, as were the six chairmen of the regional Rules Committee (the Rules Advisory Committee) as a result of the unique and fortunate situation, a meeting was held to discuss the Uniform Rules. Many controversial items, when talked out were no longer differences, misunderstandings were straightened out and debatable interpretations clarified. There were many visitors besides the nine voting committee members and they contributed opinions and suggestions also.

Veryle Carnham's report of the nomenclature committee was divided into two parts, the first containing a foreword, a plan for the future and part two is a list of new minerals names and discredited names, compiled by Mariam Godshaw, a member of the California Federation and the AFMS Nomenclature Committee. It supplements Heys index of Mineral Species published under U.R. This portion is being printed in the October issue of Gems and Mineral. It will be the center pages of the magazine so it can be removed and filed among your mineral reference books. Additional copies of this list will be made available by GEMS and MINERALS for a small cost.

The Scholarship Foundation has taken a giant step forward under the leadership of Richard Burnham. The plan he presented to the board was approved unanimously and he was authorized to proceed with the development of constitution and bylaws to cover it and to meet the legal requirements of the Bureau of Internal Revenue so that we can be assured of full tax exemption for all contributions to the fund.

## KNOW YOUR FEDERATION (continued )

Quoting from the report, our basic aims are; 1. To assist in stimulating increased assistance for especially able students, with financial needs, and greater support of educational institutions. 2. To contribute to increased knowledge by the discovery and development of the talented.

This is to be done by the granting of an AFMS award to be given annually to an outstanding scientist on the basis of his or her achievement. This person would be invited to address our annual banquet with a talk on his work. The award would consist of a mineral based plaque and a \$250 grant. The grant would be given to a college or university selected by the award winner. To establish a scholarship to be used to help a graduate student for work towards a Master's degree in Mineralogy, Geology or Earth Science. The recipient of the award can also select the student, who upon graduation would present his thesis at our business meeting.

Five club contributions were given Mr. Burnham at the meeting and in connection with this he pointed out that checks from Clubs shows are also especially desirable and the removed charges that these shows are solely for direct pecuniary gains.

## REGIONAL FEDERATION SECRETARYS

California- Mrs. Virginia Miller, 7730 Case st. Sun Valley, California  
Eastern- Mrs Marguerite Collyer, 49 Green Road, West Nyack, New York  
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Northwest- Mrs. Berrie Hancock, 2720 S.E. 84th Ave. Portland, Oregon  
Rocky Mtn.- Mrs Mary Anderson, 402 E. State Hwy. Copperton, Bingham Canyon, Utah  
Texas- Mrs. Pollie Williams, 405 Gilbert St. Edna, Texas

Just last week we received a letter from a teenager in Australia who wondered if the AFMS would be able to supply him with either some specimens or information of some of the minerals which are found in the area. He has become interested in geology and structure of the earth. The AFMS hasn't a supply of material but how about you juniors? Can you spare him a sample of a rock or mineral found near you, with a name and a description of the area? The address is:

JOHN TROTTER  
23 Manchester Road  
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Sidney, Australia

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MIDWEST FEDERATION  
L E T T E R - M O N T H  
for October 1962

Subject: A Thank You  
By: George Wingert, Show Chairman IWF

Fellow Rockhounds,

It is with sincere and heartfelt gratitude that I wish to say Thank You to every member of all the Federations that helped with the 1962 Convention and National Gem & Mineral Exposition. It was no one member nor club that was responsible for any success, but the supporting cooperation of every member who displayed, lectured, contributed rock, wrote articles for publicity, gave of their time, and most of all, those who gave of themselves, that helped make this an enjoyable show. Many worked months, even two or three years planning displays and etc. and we have had the support of our many rockhounds publications over a great many months.

Thanks to the dealers who brought their best, so that we could see and buy. We thank those of you who stayed with us to the end of our long show and hope it was profitable to you. Most of you we will recommend highly for other shows, for it was you who realized that it might be those last two days attendance that made the difference in the host club making their expenses. You, as dealers need us and we need you, for it would not be a truly well balanced show without you. A recommended list of dealers has been passed on to the Midwest and American Federation along with the list of names of the dealers who did not fulfill their contracts.

Thanks to the officers of the Federations who gave of their time and their money to help keep us together so that a cooperative effort such as this can be possible.

Thanks to the judges and rules committee. Yours is a job that need be done, but is often a thankless one. Many of us know the hours you have spent and the miles you have traveled; We hope that the more active competition will compensate in part for all of your efforts.

To You, my committee, I not only say thank you for sharing this responsibility with me, but "well done and God Bless You."

Sincerely  
George Wingert  
Show Chairman