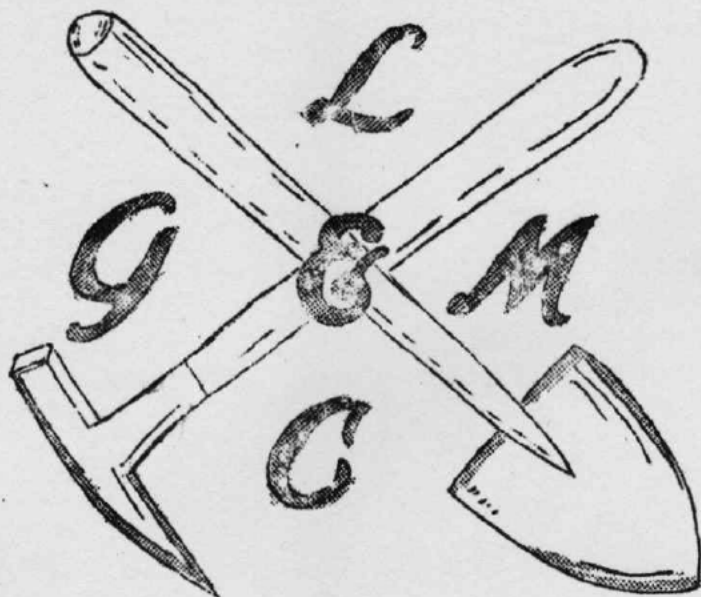


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THE PRESIDENTS PAGE

Dear Fellow ~ Members:

Here it is -- November!

Thanksgiving time!

A time to be thankful for  
many things ---

A rewarding field trip ---

Many fine shows attended this year---

Our own successful show ---

The new friends and members we came to know this year ---

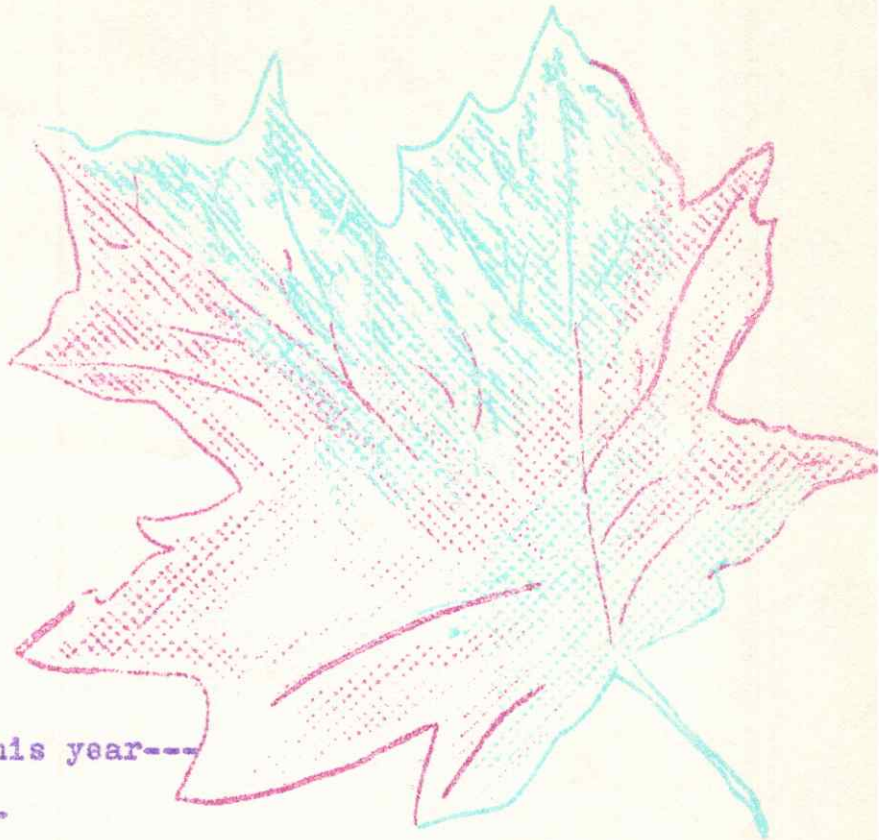
The good time we had with our Omaha, and Nebraska City clubs at  
our recent "Rock Swap". From all reports, both clubs visiting us on  
this occasion are in favor of many more events like this.

Our guests this month are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Munn. These people  
have spent several years in Australia and their subject will be  
OPAL.

Until then,

Marie J. Carveth

DUES ARE DUE THIS MONTH.





SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 23, 1963

Regular meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Program - The subject for the evening will be Opal. The quest speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. Walter Munn. They have spent several years in the opal fields in Australia.

Roberts Dairy Party Room  
211 South 20th Street

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REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Baumeister  
Mr. and Mrs. Irl Everett  
Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis

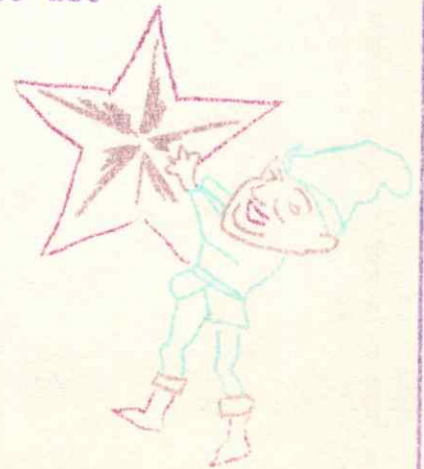


We Are Santas Helpers

Let us help you fill those Christmas stockings!

We have a large stock of the following items yet. Come and see us.

- MINERALS
- FINDINGS
- ROUGH
- SUPPLIES
- FLUORESCENTS



EVERETT LAPIDARY SHOP

Capitol Citys First Rock Shop  
2941 No. 65 St. 466-6204

## VACATION? WHERE?

Ask Phyllis or Jim Parks and the answer is "Idaho". Why? Idaho, appropriately named "The Gem State" has given them two very fine excursions. The few days sample in 1962 when their vacation coincided with the "Magic Valley Gem Club" show at Burley and the friendly people met there made the "Northwest Federation Show" hosted by Magic Valley Gem Club in 1963 a must. Every thought for over a year aimed at that for their 1963 vacation. Needless to say, they were not disappointed.

To start a successful vacation for "Rockhounds" they were able to sidetrack in Wyoming long enough to find a few fossil fish, fragile but full of interest.

Next "The Show", which fulfilled their every expectation. The quality and quantity of the exhibits exceeded all hopes and the special hour set aside for "Camera Bugs" gave them a chance for lasting reminders of time well spent.

The friendly hosts who extended their hands in welcome and often dropped everything to plot and plan several "Field Trips" truly made Idaho the spot for many future vacations for Phyllis and Jim.

How they envy the people who have so many truly "Gem" hunting localities at close range. It is a state that goes from "Bizzare" to "Beautiful" so many times in an hour or so of driving with many spots just begging to be examined a bit more carefully.

The Parks hope to explore many other "Rockhound" states but sincerely doubt if any will surpass "Idaho".

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## HOW TRUE!!

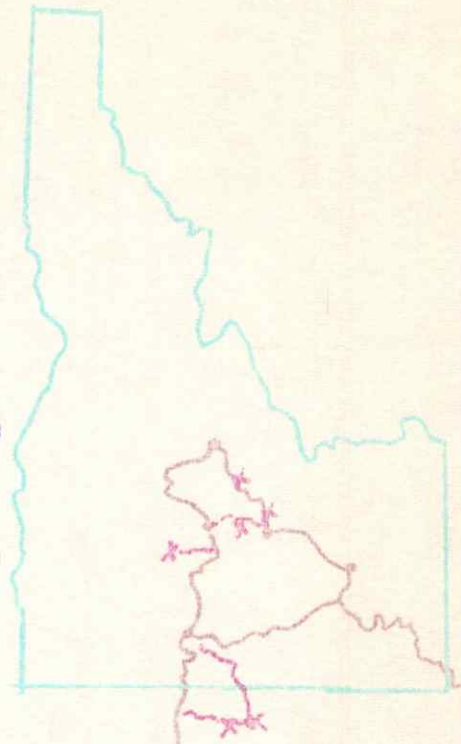
There are agates in the ash trays  
 (Some cabs I made myself)  
 Geodes underneath the bed,  
 Fossils on the shelf  
 Can't get the dishes in the cupboard  
 (got to save room for rough)

Or coffee in the cannister  
 (It's full of tumbled stuff)  
 We haven't got a fancy car  
 or a pair of decent sox  
 Or pockets bulging out with  
 dough ----

BUT WE SURE GOT ROCKS

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# SIMMONS

## Rental & Lapidary

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR  
YOUR ROCKHOUND?

Fascinating colors are found in rocks everywhere. Maybe you are throwing your good ones away and do not know it. Maybe a black light is what you would like to give that certain someone for Christmas. Let me order you one now so it will be here in time for the holiday seasons.

MACHINERY?

If you plan on ordering machinery for the seasons holidays NOW is the time to get your order in. I am ready to take your order and you will start your Christmas shopping in a rockhounds way.

We still have lapidary aprons, rock hunting equipment, finished cabochons and mountings. If we don't have it in stock we will order it for you.

ROCKS?

Perhaps you are not satisfied with the rough material you have on hand to make those special presents for the holidays! We have rough material here that would make up in beautiful jewelry. Come and see our stock and then make a selection.



### ROCKY NUGGETS

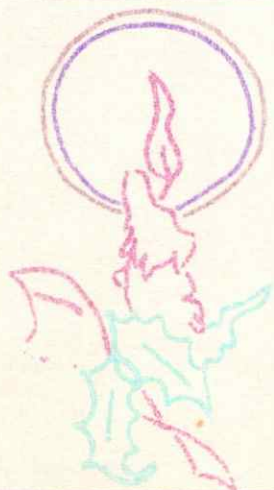
Mr. Jim Kramer and friends have been making good use of the balmy days before winter sets in. October 26th they went to Nebraska City along the Missouri River and found chunk limestone imbedded with coral horns, perfect ones with tips. They also found Dog-tooth Calcite.

November 2nd and 3rd they were in Marysville, Kansas, at a limestone quarry where Geodes and Calcite were their find.

November 7th found Jim north of Ft. Madison, Iowa, with Floyd Fellows and friends. Large Geodes with Quartz crystals, (some with small Pyrite,) were found on Private Property. Other Geodes contained Pink Calcite and Pyrite. One specimen, the prize of all, was a cluster of fossil plants.

Gene Eno discovered the latest in lapidary equipment--grinding opal on the knife-sharpener. It worked beautifully (if you like "sharp" opal) until his wife Jen stopped him.

## Dues Are Due Now



Used Motors

Lapidary Equipment and Supplies

Choice Slabs

Cabochons

Rough Cutting Material

CLYDE BENHAM

1711 Harwood St.

Ga 3-4163

## Audio-Visual Study Cases

Subject: Progress Report

Lists of mineral and other specimens needed for the cases have been mailed to members of the club. Anyone that has not received their copy please contact the Committee Chairman, Mrs. Velma Bloyd.

A working committee has been formed consisting of:

Chairman-- Mrs. Arthur Bloyd  
 Co-Chairman-- Mr. Arthur Bloyd  
 Members-- Dr. & Mrs. R. D. Gibson  
           Mr. & Mrs. James Parks  
           Mr. & Mrs. Norman Engelhart  
           Mr. Gene Eno

The chairman has been in contact with the 8th grade Science teachers who present this material in order that the cases may be co-ordinated with the study classes.

Please remember that the deadline for accepting donations of specimens for these cases is December 22. At that time the orders have to be mailed for purchasing the balance of the needed materials.

## AMMUNITION WANTED

For My Collection  
 S w a p   y o u r   O l d   S h e l l s  
       F o r   R o c k s   - - -   T r a d e   y o u r  
 W a r   S o u v e n i r s   f o r   G e m   M a t e r i a l s

Everett "Rett" Weber  
 5310 Colby St.

November 10 - 1963 -- Omaha, Nebraska City, Lincoln Covered Dish Supper  
 Approximately 75 people attending

## Door Prizes:

Robert Bainbridge - T. P. Canyon  
 Cliff Bloyd - Turquoise Bracelet  
 Dorothy Engelhart - Rosebud Agate  
 Ellen Mortenson - Arizona Wood

Dan Mortenson - Obsidian  
 Bess Berquist - Opals  
 Mrs. John Strom - Opal  
 Miss Johnson - Unknown

*Turquoise Anybody?*

We have a supply of Robin egg blue direct from the Villa Grove Mine.

Rare Slab Materials



*What To Give Your  
Rockhound for  
Christmas!*

How about an Opti Visor  
with an Opti Loupe or  
perhaps a Key Chain  
Magnifier?

Dealers for Star Gem  
Equipment.

*Just Ask For Santa Claus*

THE "LETTER -A-MONTH"  
BY Bernice L. Rexin

COUPONS FOR SCHOLORSHIP

\$50,000 is needed for the American Federation's scholarship fund. Yet, after four years the fund has not reached \$3,000. Discouraging? No!!!!

Our hopes are higher than ever, for General Mills, home of Betty Crocker food products, has promised to give the American Federation  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  for its scholarship fund for each Betty Crocker coupon turned in by the AFMS.

There are nearly 50,000 members in the AFMS and if 200 coupons or \$1.00 is turned in by each one of us, we will have raised the \$50,000.

We owe a debt to the professional earth scientists who generously share their knowledge with us and there is no better way to pay this debt than by helping educate future earth scientists. This is why the American Federation is getting up the scholarship foundation which will annually award a scholarship to a student who is working toward his master's degree in the earth science.

The gift you give to the scholarship fund, whether it be coupons or cash, will be a perpetual gift, for the original sum will never be spent, only the earnings on its investment will be used for the annual scholarship. Thus, the gift you give will serve the cause of education year after year and, God willing, century after century.

Betty Crocker coupons mount up fast! They come with over 50 General Mills products: Gold Medal Flour, Soft-as-silk Cake Flour, Bisquick, Betty Crocker Cake and Frosting Mixes, Cheerios, Wheaties, Kix, Total, Country Corn Flakes, all big G cereals, Betty Crocker Potato products, 3 little Kittens Cat Food, Red Band Flour, Sperry Drifted Snow Flour, and many more.

Start saving Betty Crocker coupons today! Your neighbors and relatives will be pleased to help you save for so worthy a cause.

The central collecting point in the American Federation for Betty Crocker coupons for the Scholarship Fund is "W. H. de Neui, 6600 Cornelia Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55424." Each society is urged to act as a local collecting point and forward coupons to Mr. de Neui. (The first three local members reading this and calling 434-4781 will receive a rock token.)

We urge you to join us in this worthy cause for the gift of knowledge is the finest gift you can give. If you cannot give money, you can give coupons.

Bernice L. Rexin, Chairman  
Coupons for Scholarship