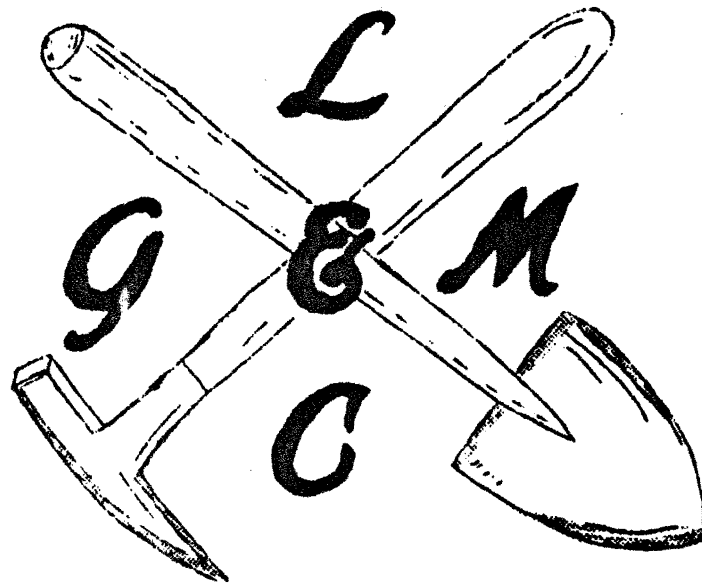


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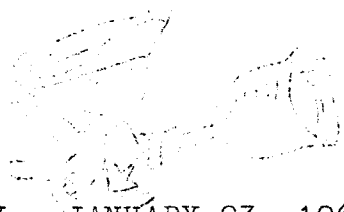
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SATURDAY - JANUARY 23, 1965

Regular meeting - 7:30 P. M.

Roberts Dairy Party Room  
211 South 20th Street

PROGRAM

Slide Program of the "Plesiosaur" to be presented by Mrs. Bloyd

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STUDY OF THE MONTH - Plesiosaur

Mineral of the Month - GARNET

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DUES ARE DUE

1965 dues of \$2.00 per person are due and payable before March 1st in order to continue your membership. You may pay at the club meetings or mail a check to the treasurer.

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SHOW CALENDAR

- Feb. 12-14 Border Gem Fiesta, McAllen, Texas
- Apr. 23-25 Central Nebraska Rock & Mineral Society, Hastings
- Jun. 11-13 Rocky Mt. Federation Annual Convention, Wichita, Kansas
- Jul. 29-Aug. 1 Midwest Federation Silver Anniversary Gem and Mineral Show, Evansville, Indiana
- Sept. 4-6 American Federation & Northwest Federation Convention, Yakima, Washington

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Plan to Attend Several Shows in 1965

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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for your confidence in me by electing me your club president for the year 1965.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club has grown tremendously in the 4 years I have known it. Larger membership, community projects, junior activities, wonderful shows, field trips, local and national publicity, good meetings, good programs, conscientious hard working members, the list is almost endless.

Rockhounding and the activities of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club are ideal for family enjoyment. The Weber Family certainly enjoys the meetings and participating in the many fine projects. What a congenial, well-mannered group.

I hope that 1965, the 10th anniversary year for our "Rock Club" will be as good as the first 9.

Are you looking for a job with the club or our show? Have you any suggestions or criticism? Call me or any other club officer or bring them up at a meeting so they can be written into the minutes and acted on.

Members are welcome at the board meetings, but to eliminate confusion and make for shorter meetings why not use your phone. Several board meetings have lasted almost until midnight.

"Evey" yells, "Hey Rett you busy?"

Sure I'm busy but never too busy for rocks, or the rock club, or rockhounds present or future.

To make it easier for my fellow members to contact me at home I am listing my scheduled activities:

Monday - Guard Drill 7-10 PM

Tuesday - Open

Wednesday - City Rock Class (wife & I)

Thursday - Evening for study (G.I. correspondence & a little gun work -- I'm also a gun & ammo Buff)

Friday - 1st & 3rd - Boys Club (Boys of Woodcraft)

2nd - Board Meeting

4th - Open

Saturday - Open except for club meeting on the 4th Saturday

Throughout the year we have an occasional Guard Drill on Sundays or even a back-to-back drill which means Saturday afternoon & evening plus all day Sunday.

I would like to make more field trips, go to at least two rock shows and two gun shows a year. Also visit with more rockhounds and club members.

- Everett Weber

W O W our club did soar  
In One Nine Six Four

Now lets D I V E  
Into year '65.

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## CHIPS AND CHATTER

Our Rocky Nuggets Reporters have been very busy helping prepare "Plesy" for display and now working on other fossils and specimens. We hope they will have some Nuggets for us in February, but in the meantime we do have a few things which we hope might be of interest.

For those of us who did not attend the Christmas Party, we have every assurance that it was a real success. Having prepared for 70 persons, the committee had to double the seating space. The Club wishes to express its thanks to the Naval Reserve Training Center for the use of its facilities.

Let's welcome Roger Simmons home from his tour of duty in Okinawa. We understand he'll be here a few weeks then go back to California to finish his Gemology Course, hoping to return to Lincoln and open his own business.

The January-February issue of Earth Science carries a fine picture and write-ups of our biggest Field Trip. We understand some of the other publications have used articles on the plesiosaurs also.

In commemoration of our 10th Anniversary Year we have a new feature for our monthly bulletin, "10 YEARS AGO", prepared by our Club Historian, Mrs. Frances Tracy. We hope everyone will be as interested in our Beginning as they are in our Present.

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## PLESIOSAUR ON DISPLAY

For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to see more than one or two pieces of the plesiosaur at the same time you can now see almost all of the specimen laid out just as he was found. The casts were cut away on the side and end and the matrix removed to completely expose the top half of the specimen. The casts were then fitted together in the exact order of removal and crushed rock placed around it to cover the matrix on the side. It makes quite an impressive display with the dark bone contrasting with the light gray crushed rock.

It is located in the same room with the two specimens of Allosaurus which are displayed on the floor above Elephant Hall. The head is near the door of the room making perspective really make it look longer than it is. Most of the work of the preparation was done by club members under the supervision of Don Martin and Ivan Burr, the Museum preparators.

I have recently been informed that Dr. Wells of the University of California, who is considered to be one of the top authorities in the world when it comes to plesiosaurs, will make a trip to the Museum to study our find and identify it as a joint project with Dr. Schultz of the Museum.

I am sure all of you who worked on this project can be justifiably proud of your efforts. Besides the fun and fellowship involved it has brought much favorable attention to our club and the Museum, to say nothing of leaving a specimen for the education and entertainment of thousands who will view this specimen in the Museum in future years.

Several of our club members didn't seem to get enough when they helped the Museum prepare the plesiosaur and are continuing to help the Museum with the preparation of other specimens. Dr. Schultz states that other club members who wish may join them. The work consists of removing matrix from various fossil bones. You may schedule your hours to suit you and you don't have to keep a certain schedule. A cast containing the specimen will be assigned to you and it is yours until completed. You work on it when you can. As long as you continue to do some work on it no one else will touch it. Your work will be examined periodically and suggestions made by the Museum staff members. The specimens you will work on will be used either for display or study, sometimes both. If you have a few spare hours here and there this is a good place to spend them.

If you are interested in participating in this activity contact Velma Bloyd, 434-4781. She will help you to arrange your first visit so that you receive some instructions the first time or two; After you have been checked out you work when you can, as much or as little as your schedule or desire permits.

- Gene Eno  
Vice-President in charge of  
Field Trips

10 Years Ago

A meeting was held January 15, 1955 at the Y.M.C.A. for the purpose of organizing a rock and mineral club. Rev. Sabin was in charge of the meeting.

Clyde Behnam, Kenneth and Helen Dodge, Irl Everett, Thomas B. Johnson, Harry Mathena, Ansel Maw, E. A. Sabin, Gordon Teelyea and Maurice and Frances Tracy attended this first meeting. Each person introduced himself and told about his particular interest in the hobby. Samples of cabachons, jewelry and collections of rocks were displayed.

It was decided to call the club the "Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club".

A committee was appointed to formulate the Constitution and By-Laws and to plan future programs.

-From the Historian's Records

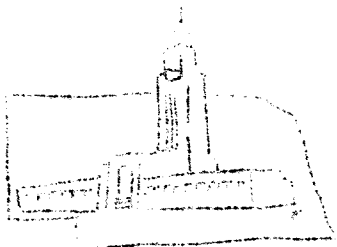
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## Letter from Your New Editor:

Thanks to the training and experience received from Mrs. Bloyd, and the desires of your Board, this issue starts my career as Editor of the PICK AND SHOVEL. I've looked forward to this time with pleasure and some trepidation. Hoping, with your help, to keep this strictly your membership bulletin, I'd like very much to have your views and suggestions to increase the interest of Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club members in all our various activities. All offers of help or ideas will be appreciated.

Lets help the new officers make 1965 the best year possible in celebration of our 10th year as a club. Reprinted below with no changes is a short paragraph from "The Rockhounds Call" of Compton, California. It seems appropriate at this time.

Sincerely,

*Angelle Parks*

"SO, come on you Club Members, get behind the officers you have elected for the coming year. Offer to take a job, be it big or small. If you are asked to help with an appointment, or to serve on a committee, don't get suddenly helpless, all of us can do a few things. There are some in a club, because of their willingness to help make the club better, and whose names always seem to appear as officers or as committee heads, seem to get the blame of being what is commonly termed as a "clique". Most clubs are made up of two groups, the ones who say "yes", and the ones who say "no". The "yes" group winds up doing the work while the "no" group sit back and complain because the things the "yes" team did, was not what the "no" group thought should have been done."

-The Rockhounds Call

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I'm having a ball reading the exchange bulletins. It's a fine way to see what other Rockhounds over the country are doing. Any who are interested should contact your Librarian.

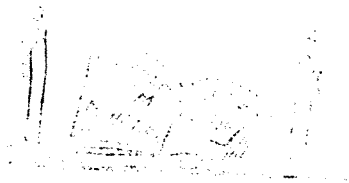
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## MEMO FROM GENE ENO:

The translation of the Latin title of the article I wrote last month seemed to create quite a stir among at least some of the club members. The correct English version of the title was "Where did you go, What did you do." No one hit the exact translation on the head but Louise Baugher came close enough that I think I can safely declare her the winner. See me at the next meeting for your prize, Louise.

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Did you know that jewels in ordinary watches cost about a nickel apiece; they are synthetic sapphires.



ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY IN 1964

BOOKS -- 1 Index of Mineral Species and Varieties,  
Max H. Hey (1962)

BULLETINS --

- The Rocky Reader, Toledo, Ohio
- The Berks Geode, Reading, Pa.
- The Rockhounds Call, Compton, Calif.
- The Pseudomorph, Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society,  
Dubuque, Iowa

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## THE "LETTER-A-MONTH"

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MERTON YOUNG

Since the Convention in Muskegon all of our Societies have elected officers. We congratulate them on having had the services of this excellent group of retiring servants, and

We congratulate the incoming officers upon the opportunity to serve the various societies and their dedicated members.

It has been asked, "What can the Federation do for me?" The answer is, "very little", but if you change the question to "What can the Federation do WITH me", then the answer is "very much".

It was reported at the Executive Council Meeting in Detroit, that certain Liaison officers decided arbitrarily what Letters-A-Month to bring before their Society and that certain Editors failed to either print, or read before the meetings, these communications.

Now that we have a New Year and new officers, let us break this bottle neck. Let us work WITH one another for the benefit of all.

As an important part of the service offered, chairmen of various divisions of the Earth Sciences have been established. They are capable and competent people. If you have any questions or need any information regarding any of these subjects, write the following:

Geology	-Dr. Willard Parsons, 9295 Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan
Mineralogy	-Dr. Benjamin Moulton, Science Dept. Indiana State College, Terre Haute, Ind.
Paleontology	-Jay Wollin, 8917 Austin, Morton Grove, Illinois
Archaeology	-John Phipps, 816 Grandview, Des Moines, Iowa
Lapidary	-Mrs. Doris Kemp, 16410 University Ave., South Holland, Illinois
Education	-Roy Clifton, 3100 Terrace Drive, Kokomo, Indiana
Programs	-Mrs. Cecilia Duluk, 6700 Amboy, Dearborn Heights, Michigan
Rules (exhibits)	-Tolson Radloff, 625 Winchester, Lincoln Park, Michigan

In the event your problem does not fall within any of these categories, write the president of the Midwest Federation.....

Merton Young, Michigantown,  
Indiana

B A L L O T

This year the Board has decided to have the membership select the dealers for the 1965 show.

These dealers have either been at our shows in the past or have expressed an interest in coming. ( All Lincoln Dealers were contacted before making this list and only those desiring space were listed.)

Please vote for eight (8) and return the ballot at the next meeting or mail to the President before February 1st. In the case of two voters per ballot please mark accordingly. Extra ballots will be provided at the January meeting for those needing them.

The top eight will be mailed contracts and we will continue down the list if there are any refusals.

- Everett Lapidary Shop, Lincoln
- Claus Lapidary & Ceramics, Lincoln
- Ebersoles, Wichita, Kansas
- Rocky Gems, Wichita, Kansas
- Guy Miller, Hastings, Nebr.
- Penick Lapidary, Lewellen, Nebr.
- Bob Root, Denver, Colorado
- Ken's Minerals, Custer, South Dakota
- Dick's Rock Museum, Estes Park, Colorado
- Shermans, Onawa, Iowa
- Odom's, Austin, Texas
- Hillside Rock Shop, Omaha, Nebr.

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