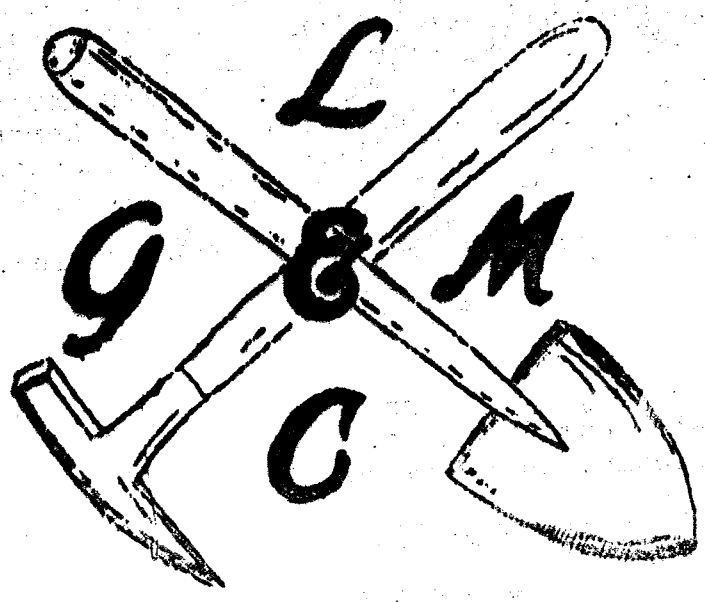


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SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 27, 1965

Regular meeting - 7:30 P. M.

Roberts Dairy Party Room  
211 South 20th Street

PROGRAM

Cretaceous Rocks of Nebraska  
Speaker - Mr. Harold M. DeGraw

Mr. DeGraw is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and is presently the Cretaceous and Tertiary stratigrapher with the Nebraska Geological Survey, Conservation and Survey Division. He is best known to us as the discoverer of the Plesiosaur which was recently excavated by members of the club and donated to the University Museum.

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Study Mineral of the Month - Quartz, variety AMETHYST ( any form)

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DUES ARE DUE

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SHOW CALENDAR

- Apr. 10-11 Lincoln Hobby Show and Handicraft Exposition,  
Nebr. State Fairgrounds
- 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 & Mineral  
Show, Evansville, Indiana
- Sept. 4-6 American Federation & Northwest Federation Convention,  
Yakima, Washington
- Sept. 25-26 Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Seventh Annual Show

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PLAN TO ATTEND SEVERAL SHOWS IN 1965

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The results of the dealer ballots are very disappointing. Only 34 members took the time and opportunity to help select dealers for our 1965 show. Most of those were husband & wife of two votes per ballot, a total count of 21 ballots returned.

The armory contract is signed. Show dates are 25 and 26, September 1965, the last weekend in September. Now we can mark our calendars and start preparing in earnest.

Our thanks to our program director Roger Pabian and to Gene Eno, Ray Sincebaugh and all those who helped with the January program. It was very informative, well edited, well narrated and very well liked by all who attended this meeting.

Many fine programs are planned for this year. Plan to attend as many as possible.

Mr. & Mrs. Claude Clary are in Texas attending the Border Gem Fiesta at McAllen. I hope they will give a short resumé of their trip at a future meeting.

Mrs. Millie Bainbridge is home from the hospital. Mr. Virg Carveth has also had a short stay at St. Elizabeth. He is home now and doing better. I hope both will be able to attend our next meeting.

About our show. We need a feature attraction that will attract the general public as well as rockhounds. Anyone with an idea about this please contact me as soon as possible. We need people with ideas for a club that is on the way up.

Enough confusion and rambling, see you at the next meeting.

-Everett Weber

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Advertisers please have patience with your new editor. I will learn to cut these stencils and make your ads look attractive again (or the Art Editor-Mrs. Arthur Bloyd- will be through her nursing duties at home and take over for me).

It seemed like old times to meet at Morrill Hall in January. Our thanks to Dr. Schultz and Mr. Tanner for the wonderful cooperation in setting up the meeting when our regular meeting place was not available. We sincerely appreciate the invitation from Dr. Schultz for us to make use of the Hall after it has been renovated. We will watch these proceedings with joy as there is much that we are interested in at Morrill Hall.

-Phyllis Parks

10 years Ago

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the Y.M.C.A. on February 14, 1955 for their monthly meeting with eleven members present.

Maurice Tracy was elected President; Irl Everett, Vice-President; and Frances Tracy, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Teelyea exhibited and gave a short history of a large piece of glass, said to be made by the early Dutch settlers in the eastern part of the United States.

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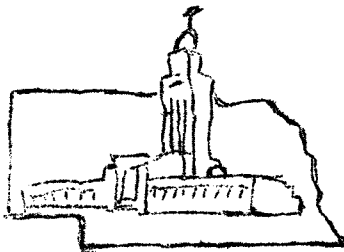
Virg Carveth would like to say "Many Thanks" to the members for all the fine cards, flowers and candy sent to him in the hospital and while he was recuperating at home.

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Thanks are also extended to the club members who volunteered blood to replace that needed by Mrs. Bob Bainbridge in her recent hospitalization, and for the cards and gifts.

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## TAMALES AND POMEGRANATES FOR BREAKFAST

Sound like a good breakfast? No? Well how about a dish of strawberry ice cream and a Reuben sandwich? or a runza? No, I'm not off my rocker. A recent article on nutrition which I read in one of the national magazines quoted these as perfectly good nutritional breakfasts. Of course it went on to say that it wasn't the usual type of breakfast eaten by the average American who has become a creature of habit and usually gulps down the menu of cereal, toast and juice or bacon and eggs or one of its variations. What it boils down to is this. We have become creatures of habit. We do things because we have always done them that way or because it is the way someone else does it.

I think many of us carry this over into field activities. We collect in the same old spots year after year or wait until someone else has discovered a new collecting spot and then go there. Ask yourself how many times in the past three years you have gone just exploring to see what you might find in a spot you didn't know about. If you are like me a good bit of the enjoyment of collecting in the field is just in being in the field.

This kind of activity does bring one problem into play. Most of us do like to find a little something or have a good chance of finding something when we do go prospecting. You shouldn't go to the map blindfolded, stick in a pin and say, "I will prospect here today." It is much better to do a little research first. The best time of the year to do that is now, when the cold weather keeps us close to the home fire.

If you want to do your prospecting in Nebraska you can secure quite a bit of help in our own club library. It contains several publications by the State Geological Survey which can give you some background which might be helpful. At least you can determine where rock outcrops are most likely to occur. You can get other publications and geological maps at the survey offices in Nebraska Hall for a nominal cost. Nebraska Hall is the old Elgin building. The survey's offices are in the east end on the ground floor.

If your collecting desires take you to other areas in the country you can take advantage of numerous publications available from the United States Geological Survey. These I believe will have to be sent away for but a list should be available at their offices which are located with our state offices in Nebraska Hall.

If you combine the information which you can obtain from these sources with a little knowledge of what kind of rocks are likely to occur in the various formations and the ability to recognize something when you find it you should be able to do some exploring of your own to good advantage. Good luck!

- Gene Eno, Vice President in  
Charge of Field Trips

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Your regular meetings which were to start the third Saturday have been postponed until further notice due to illness in the home of your sponsor. Don't know how many of you juniors are aware of the fact that one of your group, Clifford Bloyd, has been having a lot of shut-in time this past month, and is again on the doctors calling list.

Also would like to note here that your 1964 Junior Chairman, Judy Weber, is finding it necessary to relax and take it easy for awhile.

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The 1965 Annual Benefit Lincoln Hobby Show and Handicraft Exposition sponsored by the City Recreation Department and the Lincoln Hobby Club will be held Saturday and Sunday April 10th and 11th, 1:00 to 10:00 P. M. each day, at the Exposition Building on the Nebraska State Fair Grounds. Tickets and Entry Blanks are available at the City Recreation Dept. in the Auditorium or at any Hobby Shop.

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## ROCKY NUGGETS

Roger Simmons had a short trip to the Tri-State Area and brought back some beautiful minerals. They may be seen in his dad's shop.

From the Classrooms come these notes:

The mineral class of Dick Hedges which meets on Sunday nights is really being enjoyed. He has several very interested students. Leslie Miller really found a bragging geode one night when he learned to open it in class.

The classes in Stratigraphy, Structure and Sedimentation conducted by Roger Pabian on Wednesday nights are also fascinating. Just learning to pronounce the name is hard enough for some of the class (stratigraphy that is).

This summer the club should have some rockhounds with more eagerness to get into the field and make use of their knowledge.

The Tracys presented their "Grotto" slides to the Beatrice Club for its January meeting.

The Lloyd Baughers went to Iowa for the wedding of Miss Margaret Ann Janasak, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leo Janasak. They had a delightful time and met lots of rockhounds. In fact some of these eager rockhounds were prepared to take the Baughers out rock hunting on a very icy Sunday morning.

The Des Moines Lapidary Society has asked Gene Eno to show our "Story of Plesy" for one of their early meetings.

The Rezacs are still having visitors to the site of the Monster Dig. It seems people visit the present home of Plesy at Morrill Hall and want to see his original home.

Brrrrr!! Brave and hardy individuals take note: January fields trips are possible in this area, at least Roger Pabian and Gene Eno with Mike and Sally went fossil hunting to try and secure some nice specimens for the fossil cases of which Roger is the industrious Chairman.

--From the notebook of  
Dorothy Engelhart

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F O U N D

One large black, cloth-covered button in the Geology Lab where coffee was served after the January meeting. It may be obtained by calling Mrs. Ruth Weber, 434-1169.

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PLEASE BRING FOSSILS

Roger Pabian, Chaiman of the Committee on Fossil Cases for the Public Schools and Rock Cases for the Boy Scouts, reports that the cases are being built and material is being prepared. They are in real need of many more fossils and would appreciate having them brought to the February meeting.

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SILVERSMITHING CLASS

Anyone interested in mounting their cabs in sterling silver are invited to take the silversmithing class at Whittier Junior High at 2240 Vine Street. The west parking lot & west entrance will be used. Class is held in Room 123. Tuition is \$5.00 for 10 weeks. Any material you will need is available. The next session will start Wednesday, March 24, 1965 provided we get the necessary enrollment.

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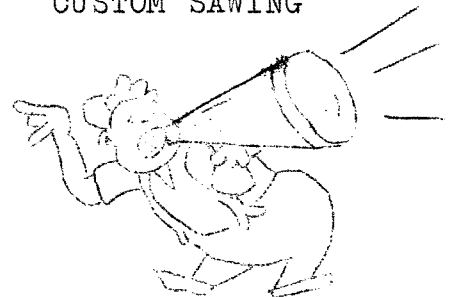
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#### ARCHIVES PROJECT

The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies has now attained the ripe maturity of 25 years of service to earth science and lapidary hobbyists. It is now old enough to have a history. Dr. Ben Hur Wilson, the Federation's Honorary President, has suggested that an archives of pictures of conventions and prominent Federation personalities, of show, rockrama and convention programs, of club bulletins and books about the Federation and the earth sciences, be formed. This would be safely housed in some place accessible to scholars and interested persons where it could be safely cared for, with the hope that it would become the nucleus of a national archives of such material.

This might be done under the sponsorship of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies or exist as an individually financed library and archives.

Toward the realization of this purpose, clubs and members of the Midwest Federation are asked (1) to give any such historical material, including correspondence, badges and other memorabilia in addition to the above mentioned material, to the Federation through its historian, so that the Federation may have as complete a collection as possible of its written and printed record, and (2) that clubs that have sponsored conventions make available their scrapbooks for photostating of material and newspaper clippings. This should be done by writing the historian and making individual arrangements, before sending along the scrapbook or having the work done under club auspices.

Ultimately it is hoped that the archives will become the repository of gifts of books and pamphlet material on the earth sciences and perhaps of mineral and fossil specimens. Its scope, however, will depend on the acceptance of the archives project by the Federation.

Material and communications on the archives project, which is now under consideration of the Federation's executive committee should be sent to the historian, Russell P. MacFall, 721 Foster Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

1966. This will be the Field-Trip meeting year and we have been asked to visit the Houghten, Michigan area in July. No definite dates have been set as yet. The host club will be the Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club. This is a wonderful field trip country and we are looking forward to receiving more details in the future.

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## "Letter-A-Month" - LOOKING AHEAD (continued)

1967. The Annual meeting and Show of the MWF will be hosted by the Illowa Gem and Mineral Society of Davenport, Iowa in July.

1968. The Corn Belt Lapidary Society in cooperation with the Illinois State University have offered to host the joint meetings and show of the American and Midwest Federation on the Illinois State Campus at Normal, Illinois the last weekend of August.

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To All Society and Club Officers:

To those Clubs & Societies whose contributions to the Scholarship Fund to date total \$1.00 or more per member, the FOUNDATION wishes to issue a ONE HUNDRED PERCENTERS CERTIFICATE.

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He will verify this data from his records and, if correct, will certify it to the President of the FOUNDATION; the President will thereupon issue a Certificate to your Club or Society, and will send it to the Officer you designate, in grateful recognition of your special efforts and support.

It is not possible for the Treasurer to initiate this Award, since that would involve setting up a separate recording for each of our 800 or more Member Societies - - an obviously tremendous undertaking. The records do show all contributions, in the order of their arrival, by donor and amount, and it will be readily possible to verify the data you submit in response to this announcement.

Send the suggested data now, or at any time in the future, to the FOUNDATION Treasurer, W. H. deNeui, 6600 Cornelia Drive, Minneapolis, Minn. 55424

-Signed- Richard W. Burnham, President  
AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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SPECIAL NOTE!! It is urged that every member place an AFMS emblem on his car to identify the occupants as rockhounds who will observe the American Federation Code of Ethics. This will greatly aid in getting us into collecting areas and building up good will so we can go back again. Your club secretary can secure them for you.

## TURTLES - ANYONE?

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club has been given some fossil turtles to reconstruct and restore. They now repose at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Bloyd waiting the tender mercies of any and all club members who have an interest. The matrix will need to be removed and the pieces treated and pieced together after which we hope to display them at our Seventh Annual Show and many times thereafter. The Bloyds (now known as the Keepers of the Turtles) have signified that workers will be welcome any evening from 7 P.M. to 10 P. M. but would appreciate a call before you come over.

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While we are on the subject of working-- we can still use more workers for the University of Nebraska project of helping to prepare specimens for Museum or classroom use. Time 7:30 A. M. to 4:00 P.M. on week days. Only adult members of the club will be permitted to work. Call - - Mrs. Bloyd 434-4781  
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