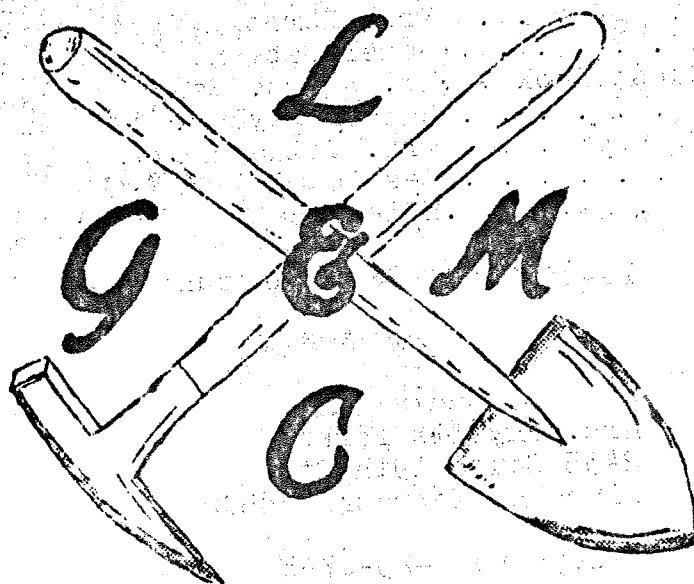


THE PICK & SHOVEL



MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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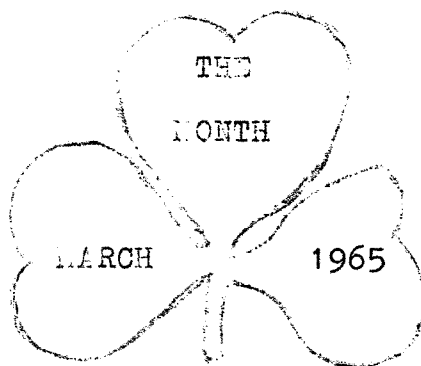
It is with sorrow we learn of the death of Arthur O. Beckman on Tuesday, March 16, 1965 at the age of 72. He passed away in Arizona where he has been spending his winters. We will remember him as a devoted club member and ardent rockhound. He was one of the incorporators of Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. and held the post of President in the year 1958. Our sincere sympathy is with you Mrs. Beckman.

THE PICK AND SHOVEL

Regular Meeting

Saturday - March 27, 1965

Roberts Dairy Party Room
211 South 20th Street



PROGRAM

General Geology of the Tasersiaq Area in Southwest Greenland
Speaker - Mr. John Boellstorff

Mr. Boellstorff worked in this area making preliminary maps in 1963. He also collected many rock samples in this area; chemical dating methods indicate that the rocks of this area are the oldest known exposed rocks in the world. Mr. Boellstorff's program will be slides of these rocks and glaciers in the Tasersiaq Area. Mr. Boellstorff is a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He has spent two seasons in Polar Regions, Greenland and Alaska, and is presently employed as a Geologist with Western Laboratories.

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Study Rock of the Month - JASPER - All varieties

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REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Claus

Mr. & Mrs. John A. Lewis

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dutton

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SHOW CALENDAR

Apr. 10-11	Lincoln Hobby Show and Handicraft Exposition, State Fairgrounds
Apr. 23-25	Central Nebraska Rock & Mineral Society, Hastings
May 21-23	ROCKRAMA. Greater Kansas City Gem and Mineral Show, Kansas Natl. Guard Armory, Kansas City
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 - - -

MAKE ONE A FEDERATION SHOW

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

'65 looks like a great year for the club. Things are progressing nicely towards our show, dealers are responding to contracts, show committees are burning midnight oil, several nice features are being lined up. The Executive Board is going "great guns" in handling club affairs. We've had good programs and more are in store for future meetings.

The weatherman is beginning to cooperate with our Field Trip Chairman. Our first trip is this month. Several more are in the offing. They sound great. They will interest all because of the variety; trips for mineral specimens, geodes, cutting materials, fossils. Something for all ages and interests in Earth Science.

At least two members will show at the Lincoln Hobby Show. I personally wish for about 10 or 12 cases shown by our club. We gain from this show in terms of experience and members gotten by way of Lapidary classes sponsored by the Lincoln City Recreation Department. This is another opportunity to boost our club and hobby in this area.

Several members have been on the sick list recently. I wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you at our meetings again.

Also am looking forward to meeting all the new members, we are gaining several each month.

-Sincerely

Everett Weber

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!



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SHOW

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NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors and their advisory group wish to put out an extra plea to the membership to Help Get the Rocks into our meetings by bringing them with you each meeting night. Bring Bragging Rocks, Swapping Rocks, and just plain Looking Rocks. All this in addition to the Rock or Mineral of the Month. Please label them or place them on a card bearing your name so everyone can have a chance to find out about them.

Several appointments were announced at the March Board Meeting:
Nomenclature -Irl Everett
Uniform Rules -Mr. & Mrs. Ray Sincebaugh
Gems on Location Case-Frank Rule
Rockhound of the Year
and Jr. Rockhound of
the Year Awards -Irl Everett, Tom Simmons, Fred Claus

More committees may be formed at a later date as needed. It has already been suggested that we renew our building committee with the possibility of gaining real estate or a building because of the Air Base closing.

Some members have been appointed for jobs on our annual show committees and will be announced in the near future when the list is complete.

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SPECIALS

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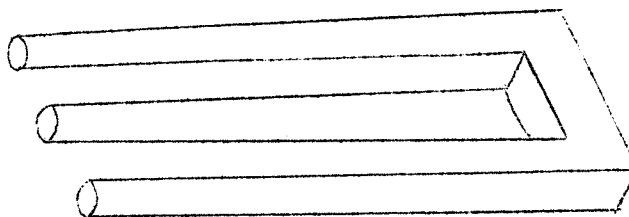
Oklahoma Selenite Crystals

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STOCK UP ON TUMBLING SUPPLIES

- - Grits - - Filler - - Rocks - -

AFIELD IN '65



Has winter left you bleary eyed? Have the occasional warm days made your feet itch? Itch to take a field trip, that is?

Well take heart, the field trip season is almost to begin in earnest. Just to give your hopes and spirits a bit of a lift and to help chase away the lethargy most of us have developed during the winter I will take a bit of time to tell you of the plans tentatively made for your club field trips this season.

To begin with most of us know that a new club has been formed in Beatrice. We have extended an invitation to them to participate in any of our field activities and have received a similar invitation in return, or was it the other way around. Anyway you'll probably see some Homesteaders on our trips and you all are welcome at theirs.

One of their trips will initiate the season. This one is scheduled for March 21 to the Old County Quarry at Wymore. This is the quarry which has bladed celestite in geodes, also attractive calcite much of which is intensely fluorescent. This will be a good opportunity to get acquainted with the rockhounds from Beatrice and get some nice specimens also.

The rest of the years activities afield are in the formative stage as yet but I can report the following tentative trips. Sometime in May we hope to visit Pint's Quarry near Perry, Iowa. This area has very attractive and interesting calcite crystals of several shapes and sizes. Associated with the calcite are often pyrite, marcasite, barite and florite.

In June we plan a return to the geode area near Keokuk, Iowa. We will spend some time in the Hamilton Quarry at Hamilton, Illinois on the east side of the Mississippi River and will also try to work in a couple of other spots to add a little variety.

The trip for July will take us to Pitcher, Oklahoma where we are arranging some underground collecting in one of the mines. Chuck Enders of Pitcher will be our guide and comes highly recommended by LeRoy Dumler, Vice President in charge of field trips for the Wichita, Kansas club who have made a number of trips there. There is a charge of \$4.00 a person to go down in the mine. You will have underground guides and a jeep to help you transport specimens to the elevator. Hard hats will be required on this trip. Those of you who are interested in taking this trip might keep this in mind. Maybe you can find a bargain somewhere before we take off. You also have to provide your own illumination so you might resurrect your flashlights or lanterns and get them in working order. One nice thing about this trip will be the cool 57° temperature in the mine. Can't think of a better spot to rockhunt in July. The mine will contain the usual tri-state mineral specimens. For those who

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(continuation)

are not familiar with them, you will find calcite, dolomite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, galena and several others.

For those of you who want a big trip in August I would suggest you plan to attend the Swap and Field Trip at Lake Keomah State Park near Oskaloosa, Iowa, which is usually an August affair. This rockhound roundup always includes a field trip to the local open pit coal mines in search of septarians. These septarians contain very unusual and colorful calcite crystals. The trip is worth it for the field trip alone but you will also have the opportunity to engage in swapping with rockhounds from all over the Midwest. They bring specimens from all over the world to swap. Its a good opportunity to get ahold of good material from all over.

Labor Day we will have our traditional trip to Crawford again for those who seek those pretty little fortification agates called Fairburns. Of course there will be some who also pick up some of the nice chalcedony and a little wood and jasper here and there too.

Sandwiched in between these trips already mentioned which will all be weekend affairs will be some shorter trips of one day duration to places like Holmesville, Wymore, Weeping Water, Fremont, etc. and maybe northern Kansas.

All in all it should provide you with a variety of trips and materials to collect. If you have a favorite spot you would like to see the club visit, let me hear about it. Maybe we can work it in.

As for right now its a good time to check over your collecting equipment which brings me to another subject. Somebody carted home my rockhammer from the "Monster Dig". If you find you have an extra one and it has a blue handle, I'll be glad to pick it up and not charge you a thing for storing it for me this winter.

-Gene Eno, Field Trip Chairman



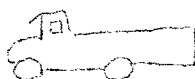
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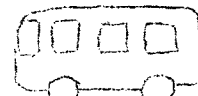
Keokuk



Pitcher



Oskaloosa



Crawford

BEATRICE WELCOMES US TO JOIN THEM FOR A FIELD TRIP

Time - March 21, 1965 (Sunday)
 Place - Old County Quarry
 Held by - Homestead Rock and Mineral Club of Beatrice
 Find - Calcite, (fluorescent) quartz, bladed celestite
 Directions- Go to SE corner of Wymore, then south until
 1 mile south of grain bin. Turn east one-half
 mile to quarry.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

To the Homestead Gem and Mineral Club of Beatrice. You have certainly made fine progress in setting up your organization. Our sincere good wishes to your officers and members and continuing success with your fine bulletin. Also "Thank you" to your club for inviting the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club to participate in your field trips.

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The Treasurer had a note from the Julius Youngs when they sent their 1965 dues. Their Pick and Shovels had just caught up with them at Goleta, California. They write that they will arrive home about the latter part of May after continuing their travels. They are having a great time and wish they had been here to help us excavate "Plesy".

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F O U N D

A Tri-Color Retractable Ball Point Pen after last meeting. You may have by contacting Mrs. Ruth Weber - 434 1169

Programs To Come

April - Field Trip Previews by Chairman Gene Eno
May - The Intricacies of Iris Agate by Roger Pabian

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SUBJECT: Letter from Evansville Lapidary Society

TO ALL MIDWEST FEDERATION CLUB MEMBERS:

We want to invite you to attend the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies' 25th Annual Convention and Silver Jubilee Gem and Mineral Show to be held in Roberts Municipal Stadium on July 29, 30, 31 and August 1, 1965. The Evansville Lapidary Society will be host.

We are planning the largest show ever with many fine programs, some never before presented. We will have dealers from all over the United States offering everything in lapidary, jewelry, findings, fossils and equipment for sale to the public.

COMPETITIVE DISPLAYS

We would like competitive exhibits from each Midwest Affiliated Club. American Federation Rules will be used and trophies will be awarded in major divisions in addition to First, Second and Third Place Ribbons. A trophy will be given in the Junior Division. Ribbons will be presented to each exhibitor, whether competitive or not. We would like for you to furnish your own case, but we will have cases on a first come, first served basis.

NON-COMPETITIVE DISPLAYS

Non-competitive displays, club and individual, are invited for showing also. For both the competitive and non-competitive categories, write for application and information to: Dr. Thomas Westfall, P. O. Box 394, Newburgh, Indiana.

SPECIAL AND CLUB DISPLAYS

We will provide special exhibits of interest to the general public and to our visitors from various clubs. We invite such exhibits from clubs, individuals and educational facilities. No doubt many fine exhibits are available in addition to those we now have knowledge of and we would be most appreciative for information you could send on any such exhibits available in your group. Please write to: Mr. Edward W. Love, 43 N. Alvord Blvd., Evansville, Indiana 47711.

It is our hope to make this a truly outstanding and worthwhile convention and show and we urge all members and their families to include a visit here in their plans for summer fun.

A follow-up letter with more detailed information about the show will be mailed. If you have any questions about displays, please write to the Chairman in the proper category and he will give you information to the best of his ability.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Dugan,
General Show Chairman

10 Years Ago

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the Y.M.C.A. on March 31, 1955 with Maurice Tracy presiding. Mr. R. C. Gore, Mr. & Mrs. D.L. Whitmarsh and Rosemary were welcomed as new members.

A door prize of several slabs was donated by Rev. Sabin and won by Mr. Gore.

Miss Evelyn Splichal from the University of Nebraska Extension Division offered the services of the department in setting up classes in jewelry making, geology, petrology and the identification of gems.

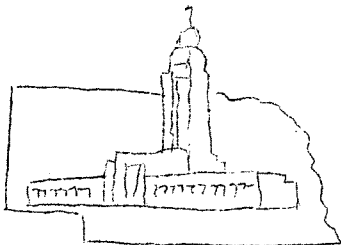
Mr. Mathena showed two colored films - The Fossil Story and Mt. Ranier.

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Thank you all for the kind expression of sympathy at the loss of my sister. These kind deeds are deeply appreciated.

- Marie & Virgil Carveth

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Issue No. 53, March 1965

THE 100 PERCENTERS CLUB OF THE AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
(From Richard W. Burnham, President, AFMS Scholarship Foundation)

Your Pick and Shovel Editor picked this letter up from the AFMS Bulletin last month in hopes of starting our club to thinking about the scholarship program. I'm not printing it again but hope you will read it over once more.

NOW HEAR THIS (From Bill deNeui, Foundation Treasurer)

The Scholarship Fund has just been enriched by a further check from the Stone Steppers Club, Fort Worth, Texas. With the check comes this letter, written and signed by it's President, Donald B. Langston, so apparently it means business. Proclaims Mr. Langston... "Since our Club was the first in the nation to contribute \$1.00 per member to the Scholarship Fund, we have now set a goal to contribute \$1.00 per member each year. We hereby challenge all other clubs in the AFMS to do likewise".

How do you like that? Are you folks going to just sit and let this guy from Texas get away with this sort of talk or are you going to do something about it?

Come on, you Midwest Federation Member Clubs.....let's show up these Texas Oilmen.....Let's make 'em eat those fighting words!

THE BIG ONE IN 1965

Coming Your Way This Summer.....
SILVER JUBILEE - 25th ANNIVERSARY
SHOW AND CONVENTION
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA
JULY 29-30-31 - August 1

These Federation LETTER-A-MONTH notes along with other publications from the Midwest Federation and from the American Federation will be on display for your examination at the monthly club meetings. They then go to the Club Library where you are welcome to go over them as you wish. They help you know what others interested in this great hobby are planning and doing and give you ideas how you can help further the Education and Interest in the Earth Sciences.

We would like to extend sincere sympathy to the Lloyd Baugher Family in the loss of Lloyd's mother and also to the Virgil Carveths in the loss of Marie's sister.

Borrowed from Irene Carstens - Editor of the Polished Slab

OUR HOBBY

A few days ago I read an article in the "Prevention" magazine concerning our hobby. It seems more and more doctors and folks concerned about health are recommending rockhounding. They stress the true dividends come in the benefit to health, and the creative joy one gets from transforming a plain looking stone into something of beauty.

Boredom is one of the greatest enemies of health. It causes folks to become prematurely old by overeating, drinking, smoking, and a source of general deterioration. Too much leisure time causes everyone to be bored. Even children and the very young, who are out of school or jobless, find it hard to be avoided. For older folks it's even worse, for romance is no longer a challenge, we don't have the endurance for skiing, tennis or other demanding sports, and our eyesight is not so good, so too much reading and TV is out.

The long walks, the mountain climbing, and the thrill of converting a dull looking stone into a thing of beauty and fascination can't help but give us a keener interest in every aspect of the life we are living. Great things can be accomplished by this spare time occupation.

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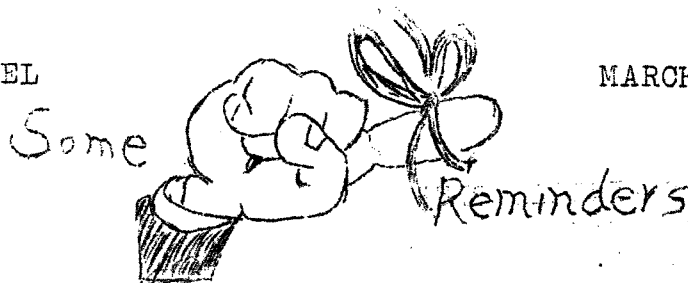
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CLUB EMBLEMS -

Remember to get your club patches from the Treasurer and wear them on field trips and to all Rock Shows and other affairs where you might come in contact with other Rockhounds. They can be worn over a button or made into an armband or just sewn on.

SCHOLARSHIP COUPONS -

It is interesting to see that \$255.00 in General Mills Coupons, that would be 51,000, has been received from all Federations. We, of Midwest, rate second among these. As of October 31, 1964 the Scholarship Fund stands at \$7,735.76. The goal of \$50,000 is a modest one for an organization with over 45,000 members. It averages only about \$1.00 per member so come on LGMC members, let's do something. Remember donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS FOR MILK -

Cancelled commemorative, foreign, and all stamps over 5¢ are used to furnish milk and other food for hungry children. Can you think of a better use for a used stamp? Turn them in to your club officers; they know where to send them. Use commemorative stamps on all your mail; they cost no more.

Help Eliminate Litter Please

PLEASE BRING FOSSILS

Roger Pabian, Chairman of the Committee on Fossil Cases for the Public Schools and Rock Cases for the Boy Scouts, reports that he still needs fossils. He would appreciate your bringing them to the next club 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. "

" Instructor -- L. A. Stachura "

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