

PRE-SUPPLEMENT TO THE SHOW EDITION OF OUR BULLETIN:

Normally we do not mail copies of the Pick and Shovel during the month of our Annual Show but we want to take this opportunity to remind the membership of several things previous to the show and also provide each of you with the Federation NEWSLETTER.

The REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING will be held one week early so there will be no conflict with the Show. This will be at Roberts Dairy Party Room, 211 South 20th St., on September 18, at 7:30 P.M. This is the night we will elect our nominating committee for 1965 so everyone be sure and come. We also will discuss final plans for our show to be held on the next weekend.

If you have not secured your Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club Patches they will be available at the meeting, 50¢ each or 3 for \$1.00.

Jerry Kohn still has advance tickets available at 1321 O St.

There are more of the large posters to be put out and can be secured by a call to Publicity Chairman Bruce Simon or President Everett Weber.

Thomas Simmons is Chairman of the Kitchen Committee for this show and would like donations of cakes as he will bake the pies on the spot. He also will accept volunteers to help as they have in the past.

The tables committee are still waiting for reports from the membership as to the number of cases planned or feet of display space needed by each of you. As of Sept. 10, only one reply was in. Exhibitor name tags with ribbons have been ordered and will be given to each exhibitor.

Marie Carveth would like to know by Saturday what colorful specimens you have to offer for use on the center display. (None larger than a football.)

Irv Weber still has some of the fine 12 x 14 cases and his address and phone number are in the Who's Who.

Don't forget if you need some last minute mountings, supplies or rough materials we have three very fine dealers in Lincoln whose ads have appeared in each issue of the Pick and Shovel. They are only too willing to help you if you have problems.

Last of all - your editor would like to apologize for the number of errors appearing in the August Pick and Shovel. Haste and inadequate proof-reading are the only excuses. I'm especially sorry that most of them came in the fine Delegate's Report.

NOW LET'S ALL S H O W AND W O R K TO MAKE THIS A FINE SHOW.

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A R C H E O L O G Y

by John Phipps - Archeology Chm., MWF

The modern "Rockhound" has come a far piece from the former image of Rockhounding. The old "find 'em and lick 'em" type has evolved into one that is also interested in chemical formulae, crystallography, historical geology, paleontology and on and on.

This new rockhound also sooner or later will find some evidence of men that lived here before the advent of the white man. Perhaps this stone axe, or arrow point, or scraper will find its way home and be put in a box and never see the light of day again. But on the other hand - it just might stir up enough curiosity to compel the finder to study further. He may read books on the subject of Archeology and any thing else he can get his hands on, but in most cases he feels lonely. Here we have an artifact-hunter that is a member of a Rock Club - sure, he's a rockhound - but he's a hybrid - he's different from the others.

Now - what to do about this strange hybrid - shall we make him look elsewhere or shall we welcome him as one of us? We already have fossil, mineral and lapidary hounds, faceters, micromounters and tumblers - why not an artifact hound? In many clubs there are already off-the-record discussions by artifact hunters at your club meetings. Let's bring this out into the light and encourage these fortunate people. They are fortunate because they have found an aspect of Rockhounding that is both fascinating and intriguing.

We can encourage the study of archeology by organized groups within our clubs. We can include displays of accurately labeled artifacts at our club shows.

We can encourage competitive displays at Federation shows as soon as uniform rules are adopted. We can realize that the artifact-hunter is a Rockhound too, and has been steadfast in his pursuit even though he's been more or less ignored.

The study of archeology in the United States is a continuing thing. New finds are made every year and the pages of the book are still unfolding. The organized amateur can play an important part in this long, slow effort by being alert to recognize important finds - offering help when needed and by keeping in contact with local professionals in the field of archeology. Too often the amateur has to live down the label "Pothunter" --but when the professional finds that he has a serious collector - one that collects not just for the sake of possession - but one that collects for information as well - in most cases he will be only too happy to have help. I hope this will cause some comment -it was meant to!

A N E W F A C E

As we begin our new season of mailings to our member societies, we begin with a "new face" as it were. You will note that we have headed up our page with "Midwest Federation's NEWSLETTER" in place of the "Letter-A-Month" which we have used in past seasons. It was

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thought that the heading "NEWSLETTER" could more fully cover the mailing each month than the "Letter-A-Month" since we have in the past, and will more so this year, send along items of interest to our member societies in addition to the main subject, or "Letter" as we have in the past. We trust that the societies will approve of this new heading and will be encouraged to send in items of interest to the whole Midwest Federation for publication in the monthly NEWSLETTER.

From recent suggestions from some of our societies because they use offset printing for their bulletins and can duplicate directly from these sheets we will print all of our monthly NEWSLETTERS on white paper.

If you have any items for this monthly NEWSLETTER, please send them to the address listed on the header.

"COME AND GO CASES"

From Marie Stingley of Kansas City comes the following: Several of you were anxious to know the results of the "Come and Go Cases" at our 1965 Rockrama in Kansas City. You may remember that last year I was pretty bitter because they had failed to go over on their first trial. Last year I believe that there were only 6 of the 10 available cases filled through the duration of the show.

This year we had 12 cases and had to add 3 or 4 more at different times and then when there were no more cases available we had to have a waiting list. Some exhibits were there for only 4 or 5 hours. Some for a day or longer, but they were definitely a success this year. Many people checked every so often during the day to see if there were changes made in the displays. As it happened, all of the "Come and Go Cases" were most outstanding ones.

Many commented on the convenience of the idea as it gave them a chance to exhibit without having to stay for the whole show and several clubs mentioned that they planned to try the idea in the future. Topeka (Rocky Mountain) plans to use the idea at their October show. I do hope some of the Midwest clubs will try the idea too. For example, I could not bring a case to the Evansville, Indiana show because I could not get there until Thursday late and would be leaving right after the Rollin' Rock Club meeting on Sunday morning."

(This "Come and Go" idea could prove to be a most welcome idea for many clubs at their future shows. Give it some thought when you are planning your show.)

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you might mark your calendars to include the Field Trip Conclave of the MWF in June to be held in Houghton, Michigan.