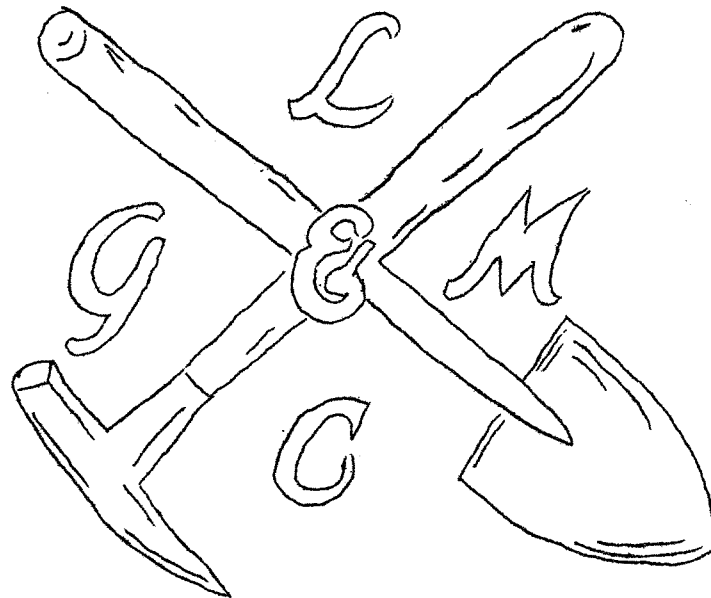


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President's Message

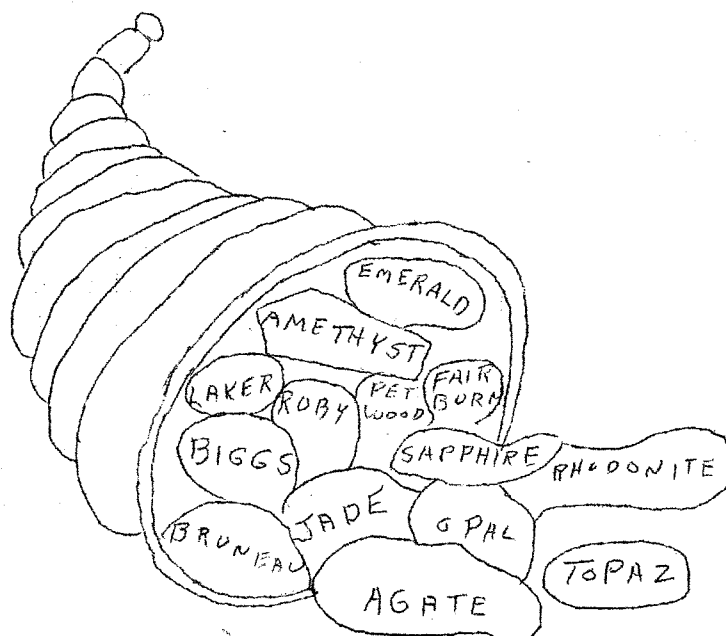
Now comes that special time of year, that one day of the year set aside for special thanks to God Almighty. Thanks for our health and happiness, for our family and friends, for all our worldly goods and joys, perhaps even a special Thanksgiving note for Rockhounds all over the world for our everlasting wealth of rocks, minerals and gemstones, the friendships found hunting and trading our gems of the earth.

When the Lord made "Rockhounds" he chose the friendliest folks in the land. I give my own thanks for being allowed to be a part of this group and President of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. At times it has been disappointing, very trying and tiring, but over all an experience to be cherished and long remembered.

Our meeting this month takes an added importance with our annual election and planning for Christmas. We also arrive at a decision for the good of all about our controversial 1967 Show.

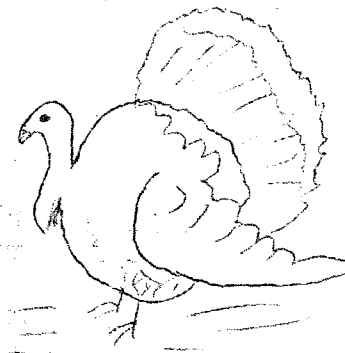
Hope to see a real turn out on Saturday, November 27, 1965.

- Everett H. Weber



## T H I S      M O N T H

Annual Meeting - Election of officers  
 Saturday, November 27, 1965 at 7:30 P. M.  
 Roberts Dairy Party Room, 211 South 20th St.

PROGRAM

DONATION AUCTION - Committee will contact people  
 for 30 items to auction.

REFRESHMENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kohn

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Parks

Judy Weber

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ADD TO YOUR 1965 WHO'S WHO -- Danny Cowell, New Junior Member  
 1212 Lake St., Phone 435 2824

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## DECEMBER

The December meeting will be held on Saturday, December 18, 1965 at the Naval Reserve Training Center on North 10th St, at 6:30 P. M. Bring your own table service and covered dishes to be served buffet style. Coffee and children's drinks will be furnished. A gift exchange will be held so bring a \$1.00, Rock-Hobby gift to put under the tree for each member of the family who would like to receive a gift. Be sure to bring the whole family to this meeting.

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THANKS, BUT HELP!!!!

Have you stopped to consider how all those delicious cookies and the beverages appeared for our refreshments on Saturday meeting nights? A very hearty thanks should go to the hostesses who provided those goodies, but also concern because apparently a certain few are constantly serving the rest of us. Now perhaps some of you are not aware how the service comes about. This year the hostess chairman has contacted club members to contribute their efforts in serving and bringing cookies. With so many negative responses, the same few have been called upon to help. In a previous year, a request for volunteers on specific dates was made at a meeting. The dates were filled, but not all volunteers held to their pledge - again making the job embarrassing and difficult for the chairman. If this could be spread out among many members for one time during the year it would seem much fairer and easier - actually at only 8 meetings a year do we use this service.

Do we want to continue having a variety of cookies brought by members for our enjoyment? Or should we dispense with this practice and charge for this service with higher dues to accommodate buying cookies? This, however, would still leave the basic problem unsolved - how can reliable hostesses be obtained? Or do we still want refreshments after the meeting? What do YOU wish to do? Bring ideas to the meeting Saturday, November 27, 1965.

Remember: A good club functions ONLY through efforts of ALL of its members.

-prepared by Recording Secretary Miriam Forbes

LENDING LIBRARY REPORT

prepared by Dorothy Engelhart, Librarian  
 assisted by Velma Bloyd

A rolling stone gathers no moss but it certainly clutches up rockhounds. The bashful and brazen alike are willing to help both children and adults along the fascinating earth science hobby.

The following chart is made up to give the members an accounting of the lending library material that is used and whom is using it. The date, who is using the material, what material was used, who made the contact and whether a lecture was given at the same time or not are listed.

DATE	PLACE	USED	CONTACT	LECTURE
1/11 - 2/6	St. Teresa's Ch.	3 VA cases	Called D. Engelhart	None
2/8 - 2/27	Holy Family Ch.	3 VA cases	" " "	None
3/10 -	Millard Leffler	Pleezy Slides	Gene Eno	G. Eno
3/18 - 3/25	Malcolm School	3 VA cases	Gene Eno	None
3/15	Millard Leffler	Pleezy Slides	Lloyd Lederer	None
3/29 - 4/10	Pound Jr. High	3 VA cases	Lois Gibson	None
4/5	Hawthorne Elem.	Pleezy Slides	Gene Eno	G. Eno
4/12 - 4/23	Clinton Elem.	3 VA cases 6"x24" display	Called D. Engelhart	V. Bloyd D. Engelhart
6/9	Nebraskaland Day	Gems on Location	Frank Rule	Members
6/16	Christ Meth. Ch.	3 VA cases	Called D. Engelhart	V. Bloyd D. Engelhart
6/19	2nd Presby. Ch.	2 Visual Aid	Richard Hedges	V. Bloyd D. Engelhart
6/25 - 8/13	Girl Scout Camp	3 VA cases	Kathryn Ulrich	K. Ulrich
8/16	Uni. of Nebr. Elem.	CANCELLED		
8/31 - 9/10	Nebr. State Fair	4 VA cases Pleezy Head Gems on Location	L.G.M.C. Members	None
9/10	Pound Jr. High Sch.	4 VA cases Pleezy Head Gems on Location	Gene Eno	NONE
9/24 - /27	L.G.M.C. SHOW	All material	All members	D. Hedges
9/28	Trinity Chapel, Rokeby, Nebr.	4 VA cases	Called D. Engelhart	N. Engelhart
10/18 - 10/30	Hartly Elem.	1 Fossil Case	Marjorie Heedick	None
11/15 - 11/26	Pershing Elem. Science Festival	4 VA cases Pleezy Head Pleezy Slides Pleezy Tape Gems on Location	Called D. Engelhart	V. Bloyd

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abbreviations: VA - Visual Aid prepared by the club  
 Pleezy - Pleisiosaur (our own pet name)  
 Ch. - Church  
 Elem. - Elementary  
 Sch. - School

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the home of Irl Everett on November 22, 1955. Eleven members were present.

Mrs. J. C. Ober, a guest speaker, discussed the technique of silversmithing.

-from the Historian's Records

1965 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee consisting of Maurice Tracy, Jerrold Kohn and Norman Engelhart, operating according to the By-Laws and Constitution of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, submit the following slate of officer candidates for the year 1966:

- President - Bruce Simon
- First Vice-President - Gene Eno
- Second Vice-President - Howard Taylor
- Recording Secretary - Mrs. Ralph Ulrich
- Treasurer - Mrs. Lloyd Baugher

Your 1965 Board of Directors would like to urge every member to attend this, your annual meeting, and vote for the people you wish to serve as your 1966 officers.

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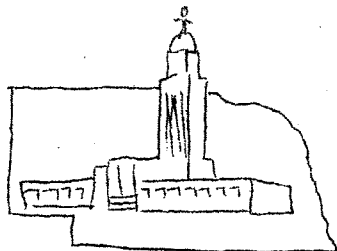
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Midwest Federation's NEWSLETTER  
Issue No. 59 - Editor Haydon Peterson

#### A WORD FROM YOUR RETIRING PRESIDENT

Our year as president of the Midwest Federation is ended. To us it has been a wonderful year filled with challenges and opportunities. Because of these we have accumulated treasures of memories and friendships denied to all except those who serve. For the privilege of serving, we thank you, the one hundred sixty, and more, societies and the more than ten thousand members and local officers.

No retiring president has owed more to his staff of co-workers, his fellow officers and chairmen of divisions and committees. To all of them goes our sincere thanks and expression of appreciation.

The Silver Jubilee Convention and Show with the Evansville Lapidary Society as hosts was a fitting memorial for the twenty-fifth anniversary of our great Federation. For the first time Indiana was honored as the host state. For the first time all the twelve state flags stood together alongside Old Glory. It was impressive and indicative of the unity of purpose and ideals of our membership. For the first time honors were publicly given to societies rendering special services to their communities. All these we thank, for to bring honors to yourselves is to honor all of us.

I quote from a letter received from one of our most active members. "When I read about what wonderful things our societies have been doing, I'm so proud I nearly burst." This is my feeling, I'm proud to be a Rockhound.

I feel required to leave you with both a word of clarification and a warning. This is due to a voluminous attack from outside the Federation. Much of the purpose of this is good and will have beneficial results given proper attention and thought by "men of good will." However, good will has been obviously lacking and many untruths and misinformation have been printed with the result that most of us are confused. The editorial written by Dr. George Williams, president of the Northwest Federation, in the Northwest News Letter sets forth the facts. (We hope a copy may be made available to all who wish.)

Here are some clarifying statements:

First, the argument is about the naming of Lapidary material. The question is whether the long list of names be made a required list, or whether a short list, as now used, be required to be used for labeling. This does not apply to minerals, fossils, educational classes or any other division not containing lapidary labels. Therefore, the attack is not upon the rules as a whole, but only the labeling of lapidary.

Second, the chairman of the rules committee of the AFMS serves for only one year and no one has ever served longer than one year. Each of the three members move up toward the chairmanship each year as the chairman retires and a new member from another Federation is appointed. (This year the new member will be from our Midwest

## Midwest Federation's NEWSLETTER (continued)

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR 1965 - 1966 PRESIDENT

Greetings to all members of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies.

We are so fortunate to have a hobby such as ours - one that takes us to the great outdoors where we may enjoy the wonders and beauty that our God has created for us. At our Iowa Rock Swap this spring there was a motto by Harry Litwin, on the wall of the room where we had our meeting, that interested me.. "Lay your hands on something that God has made and the troubles man has made will leave you."

We not only have a hobby that will help us to forget our troubles but it is one that we can use to bring joy and knowledge to others.

This past year Merton Young has used as his theme "To Learn and To Share." At our banquet in Evansville, Merit Award Certificates were presented to eight of our member clubs. A great amount of learning and sharing went into the projects that earned for them their awards. There was also work and service involved for these clubs were all serving and helping others. So for this coming year we have selected SERVICE, especially SERVING OTHERS to use for our theme.

You are serving...when you accept and cheerfully, to the best of your ability, fulfill an office in our Federation or in your own club. My father, a small town doctor, firmly believed that we only get out of life what we put into it and he thoroughly instilled this philosophy in me - that we each must pay our way through this world by serving and doing for others.

We are all serving...when we contribute to the American Federation Scholarship Fund, either with cash gifts or by saving and sending in the Betty Crocker coupons. How wonderful it would be if every member club would appoint an enthusiastic person to collect gifts and coupons and mail them regularly to our Scholarship Treasurer. If this could be done, perhaps by the end of our 1965-1966 year we would have every one of our Midwest clubs proudly displaying their 100 percent certificate.

You are serving...

When you present rock and mineral collections to schools and childrens camps. Also when you assist the science fair programs and encourage our young students in the study of the earth sciences that they may become scientists of tomorrow.

When you share your knowledge and willingly present programs pertaining to our hobby, not only to your own club but also to others.

When you assist a museum or an archaeological group with their projects by donating hours of man power labor.

When you ask for commemorative stamps at the postoffice to use on your mail and when you save the used commemorative stamps you receive and see that they are sent to the Old Timers Club so a hungry child may receive food.

WHAT IS A ROCKRAMA?

A Rockrama is an area participation show authorized by the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and produced by a host society--or group of societies--, which may be held each year in the four major areas of the Federation (except there shall be no Rockrama in the area holding the Federation's annual convention. It shall include at least one general discussion period conducted by a member of the Executive Committee of the Federation). At least 30 days shall separate Rockramas from the Federation's annual convention.

All final decisions, except the authorization, shall be made by the Host Society. The Executive Committee may authorize a loan, if requested, of up to \$200, without interest, to any member society for its use in producing an authorized Rockrama. The Federation shall be responsible for 50 percent, or \$200 of any loss, whichever is the smaller amount. The Host Society shall keep 75 percent of any net profit and the Federation shall receive 25 percent of the net profit. (Article VIII, Section 3, of the Articles of Incorporation /Revised July 27, 1962/)

HISTORY OF THE ROCKRAMA

In 1958 the late Gus Brown of Des Moines, Iowa, conceived the idea of area participation shows and recommended it to the Federation as a possible benefit of the Associated Midwest Federation Societies. The 1958 Rockhound Roundup hosted by the Des Moines Lapidary Society should be considered the fore-runner of the Rockrama idea. Gus Brown was appointed chairman of the committee to investigate the advisability of the Federation accepting the idea. This committee laid out the ground work for these shows and decided on the use of the name "Rockrama", asking that no club use this name unless authorized to host the affair for the Federation.

The name and ideas were accepted by Midwest Federation Council in June 1959 and a permanent Rockrama group was established. It was directed by Russ Kemp until 1962 and since then by C. O. Mull of Indianapolis, Indiana, all the State Vice-Presidents are members of the Rockrama Committee. There have been several successful Rockramas since then.

The Rockramas are non-competitive as it is felt that a non-competitive show might encourage more individuals and new clubs to display and gain experience. This also eliminated the need for locating qualified judges and the expenses of awards for winners.

Rockramas are larger than local shows and will have many exhibits, special displays, educational programs, interesting speakers, swap tables, auctions, working exhibits and demonstrations, and if possible, field trips. Time must be set aside at each Rockrama for a scheduled cracker barrel session moderated by a member of the Midwest Federation Executive Committee. At these sessions no motions can be made and no election held--these are to be discussion periods to be of benefit in answering questions regarding Federation affairs and in giving individuals and clubs help with their problems. Ideas born at these sessions, or recommendations made, would be considered by the Federation Council at a regular meeting.

There are many advantages of a Rockrama to the host clubs and members of the Federation---closer contacts with neighboring Earth Science groups and local civic organizations! Educational information provided to improve public relations! A widening of horizons in the minds of visitors! A broadening of the host club's outlook and the opportunity of individuals and clubs to exhibit and participate. (thanks to Russ Kemp-by Marie Stingley (STONEBRUISER) January 1965

## GOING DOWN?

(continued from October Issue)

Nine that evening found us all gathered together again and ready to go down Chinks' mine. Chink told us that his mine had some of the best specimens available in the district. He sure backed up his claims. The only drawback he said was that one of his men had broken the springs on the jeep he had underground so we would have to resort to foot and back power to carry the specimens out.

Going down the hoist in Chinks' mine was a different proposition than the previous mine. Chink used what he called a safety can. It looked like an extra long, extra wide hot water tank with a slit in the side. Chink explained that this was specifically designed to carry people. After the several trips necessary to get the whole party and their equipment into the ground, as the local miners would say, we started off on what proved to be an underground hike of a little over a mile. Chink said we would start collecting at the furthest spot and then work our way back. The end of the trek found us in a large cavern with a couple of small bodies of water off to one side. This spot had nice calcite crystals of several sizes and shapes sometimes with a little sphalerite also on the same matrix.

After collecting here for awhile we moved back down the tunnel a bit to another spot. Here we split the party in half. One half going to another calcite area the other half going to a small dolomite cave. I know most of you have seen small specimens of the saddle shaped dolomite crystals with chalcopyrite on them but how many of you have seen a small cave completely lined with such minerals. It was almost sacrilege to put a chisel to it but we could not figure any way to get the cave out and home in one piece. We did get some very nice specimens from this cave. After exchanging places with the other half of the party for awhile our boxes and packs were becoming pretty well filled. My pack is one of the Duluth cargo pack type used in the canoe country for short trips between lakes or around rapids. It is meant for heavy loads and short distances. By now it had reached the stage that I could not get it on my back alone. We have regretted not weighing the pack before we unloaded it. We did weigh one of the packs which was about half its size and found that it had 83 pounds of specimens in it. We do know that the top specimen in my pack weighed 35 pounds, so maybe we are better off not knowing what the whole thing weighed.

About half way back to the shaft we made one final short stop. Here we collected a few more specimens of sphalerite and added them to the already staggering load. Finally tired but happy we arrived back at the bottom of the shaft and made the trip up the hoist and above ground.

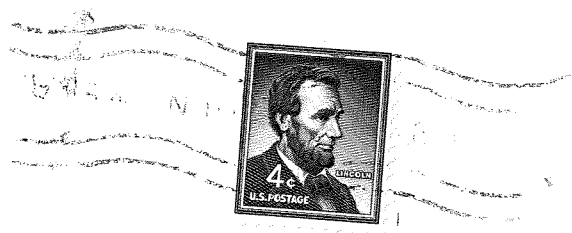
No one had any trouble getting to sleep that night and for that matter staying asleep a little late Sunday morning. After a leisurely breakfast Art and I showed Ralph a thing or two about packing too many rocks into a station wagon and trailer. Up to that time he had been making noises about not having enough room to bring half the loot home. Then to add insult to injury we all went out to Chink's specimen shed and silver picked for a few specimens and had to find places for several more boxes.

Finally about noon on Sunday we were all packed up and ready to head for Lincoln. As we were loading into the car Chink extended an invitation to all of the rockhounds here in Nebraska who wanted to get any good Tri State specimens to stop in and see him when you are down that way.

-Gene Eno

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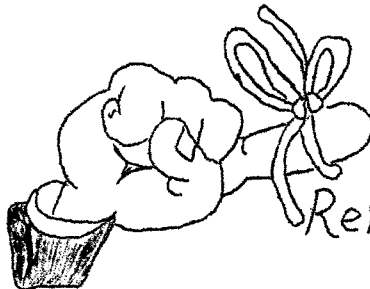
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