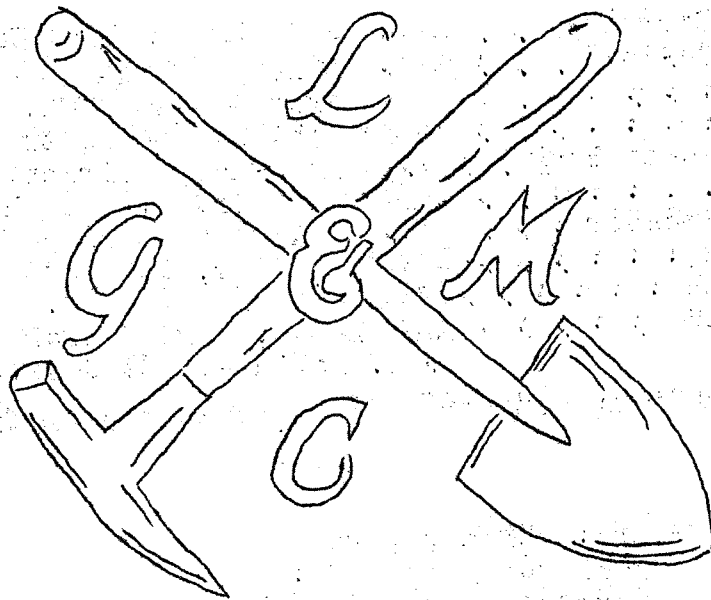


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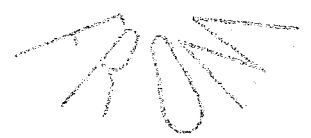
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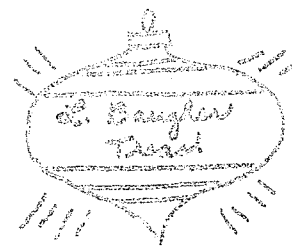
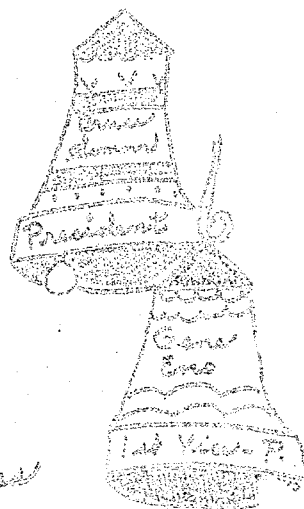
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*Congratulations
and Best Wishes*

*to our
1966 Officers*

*Honored
Taylor
and Vice P.*



T H I S M O N T H

Covered Dish Supper & Meeting - Saturday, December 18, 1965
6:30 P. M.

NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
1625 North 10th St.

(Use north side parking lot and the east door to enter, sign log.)

This will be our Annual Christmas Party. Bring your whole family, dishes, silverware. Coffee, cream and sugar, and children's drink will be furnished by the club.

COMMITTEE - Mr. & Mrs. Everett Weber assisted by
Mrs. Marie Taylor & Mrs. Velma Bloyd.

PROGRAM - Slides by Mr. Richard Hedges
Presentation of the Rockhound of the Year Awards
Installation of 1966 Officers

GIFT EXCHANGE - Gems, minerals, slabs, rock, mountings.
Any member and their family may enter in the gift exchange by bringing a gift to place under the tree.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My year as president is nearly over. It has been a good year with its opportunities and challenges, filled with friendship and memories.

These would not be known to me if I had not been allowed to serve you.

Thank you to my fellow officers and members.

I ask that we all get solidly behind our new officers and give them the support they need and deserve.

The clubs confidence was shown by our election, unanimous acceptance without any apparent opposition.

Only through full cooperation of all members can we stride forward and partake of the many opportunities awaiting us next year.

I offer my congratulations to our new club officers and pledge to you my support in the coming year.

To one and all

MERRY CHRISTMAS and

the HAPPIEST NEW YEAR.

- Everett H. Weber

Now, children, if you will just gather about,
I'll tell you the tale of Little Tom Doubt.
Just sit on the floor and look up at me;
Yes, yes, I'll take you - one on each knee.

And now I'll begin, Well, this Little Tom Doubt
Said he couldn't figure old Santa Claus out.
He said no raindeer could patter a hoof
Or gallop like mad on his snow-covered roof;

He said that his chimney he knew was too small
For a white-whiskered saint to get down it at all,
And he didn't believe that the girls and the boys
From Santa Claus ever got candies and toys.

Now Little Tom Doubt said, "I'll prove that I'm right;
No letter to Santa Claus this year I'll write.
I want a new sled and I want a new drum,
But I won't let him know that I want him to come.
I'll test out the Santa Claus story this year --
I won't even tell him that I'm living here."

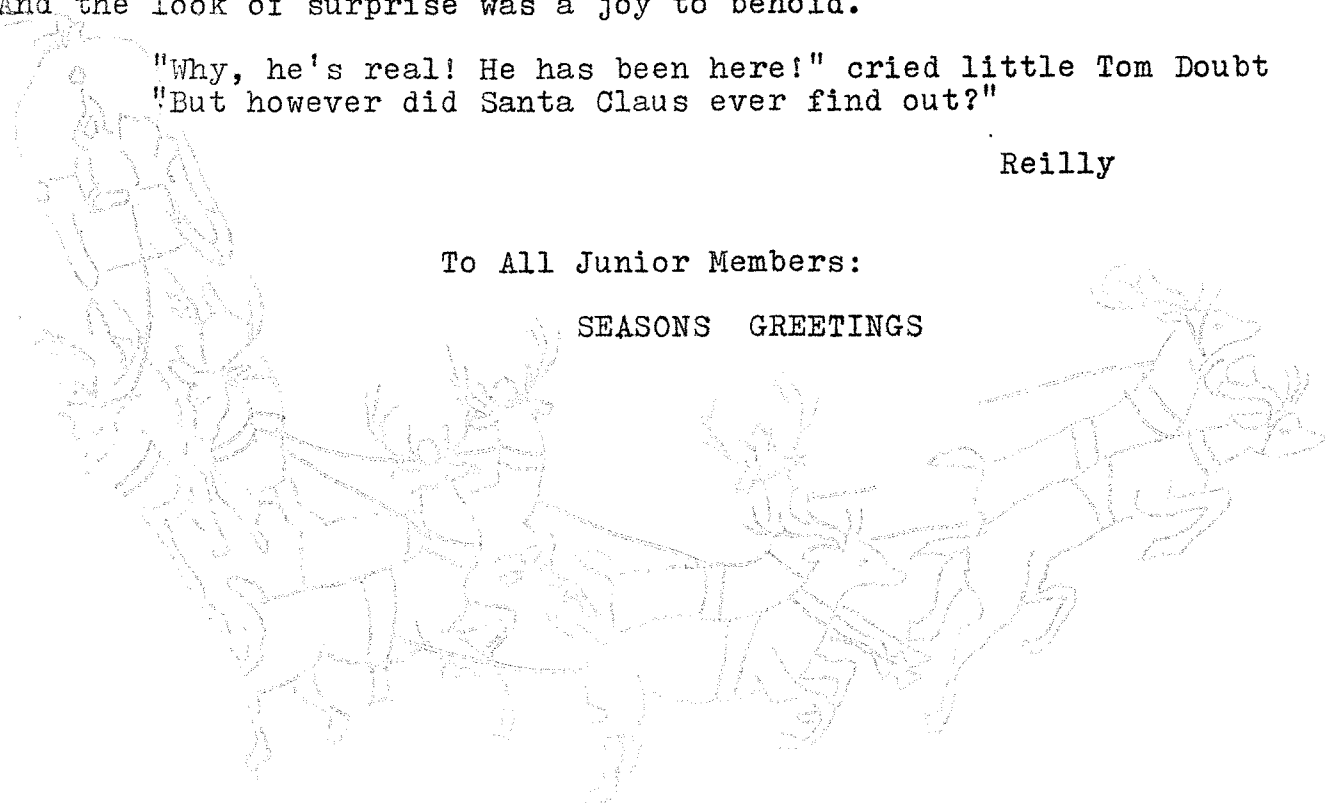
When he awoke in the morning, he found by his bed
The drum that he longed for, the new shiny sled,
And all that he wanted, yet never had told,
And the look of surprise was a joy to behold.

"Why, he's real! He has been here!" cried little Tom Doubt
"But however did Santa Claus ever find out?"

Reilly

To All Junior Members:

SEASONS GREETINGS



from Lois, Irl, and Gary

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2941 No. 65th St.

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from SANTA and Mrs. Claus

CLAUS LAPIDARY & CERAMICS

2349 West O St.

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from Tom and family

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THE MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

WHAT IT IS AND HOW IT FUNCTIONS

The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies is one of a group of six Federations, each limited by agreement to certain areas and encompassing the United States and Canada. Collectively they constitute the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

OF WHAT IS THE FEDERATION COMPOSED

The "Federation" consists solely of the membership of the sponsoring societies (affiliated societies) and a few individual and honorary members.

WHAT ARE THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Individual members who are not members of affiliated societies, are entitled to receive mailings sent out by the Federation, but may not act as delegates, vote in any council or board meetings nor hold office. These rights are limited to members of societies.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FEDERATION

As stated in the last revised Articles of Incorporation, the purpose of the Midwest Federation is to promote popular interest and education in the earth sciences, and in particular, the subjects of geology, mineralogy, paleontology, lapidary and other related subjects and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons or groups interested therein.

WHAT CONSTITUTES THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board is made up of the elected officers of the Federation plus the State Vice Presidents and their assistants, the division and permanent chairmen of committees, the temporary and special committees and the past presidents of the Federation.

WHAT ARE THEIR DUTIES AND POWERS

The powers of the Executive Board consist solely of administration. Their duty consists of administering the actions and directives of the Federation made in their annual meeting, or Council. It may make no rules nor exercise control over member societies not specifically delegated to it by the Council, but shall appoint all committees and take whatever action may be required to execute the directives of the council.

OF WHAT DOES THE INCOME OF THE MIDWEST FEDERATION CONSIST

The Council has set the annual dues to the Midwest Federation at 25¢ per member, payable by each society in January of each year. Of this amount, 10¢ is paid by the Midwest Federation to the American Federation leaving the Midwest 15¢ per member per year. This amount is insufficient to pay printing and postage on required mailings, to

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MIDWEST FEDERATION (continued)

establish and maintain the Slide Program Project and other services, and therefore the Midwest Federation receives one-half of the net profit after expense from the proceeds of the Annual Midwest Federation Shows, and one-fourth of the net proceeds from authorized Rockramas.

WHO RECEIVES PAYMENT FOR THEIR SERVICES

The income of the Federation is spent solely for educational programs, for printing and mailing of releases and minutes, and for the postage and telephone expense of the Executive Board. Each officer and member of the Board pay all of their own expenses of travel, lodging, meals, etc. except the Secretary who may be reimbursed for her transportation to Executive Meetings. Also the two delegates to the American Federation Meeting receive payment of approximately one-half of their travel expense to the American Convention when such is held outside the limits of our own Federation. The budget system of accounting for income and expense is in use and copies may be had by writing the Treasurer. Further, annual or interim reports of the Treasurer are a part of all Minutes, copies of which are sent to all societies.

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE FEDERATION OFFER

The Federation assists the member societies and their individual members in furthering the purposes of the Federation in the following ways:

1. Chairmen in each of the Divisions, each a specialist in his own field, have been provided and the membership is continuously urged and invited to avail themselves of their services.
2. A Program Planners Manual has been provided and is being continued and revised for use of member societies.
3. Letter and communications on pertinent topics are provided each month and sent to member societies for use in their bulletins and releases.
4. A directory of membership accompanied by a listing of planned field trips has been provided annually with semi-annual revisions for the benefit of all members.
5. Society bulletins and news letters have been encouraged by a system of awards, and round-table discussions of editors problems are provided at Midwest Conventions. The Contest Editor is available at all times to reply to inquiries.
6. A system of slide programs with script has been made available to all member societies, and is being expanded and developed.
7. Exchange of slide programs with sister Federations is being promoted for the addition of the best programs to the slide library, from all sources.

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8. Two or more State Vice Presidents or assistants have been appointed in all areas having sufficient member societies as service men and women in their states.
9. A show advisory committee has been provided for the benefit of societies arranging for major shows.
10. Rockramas are required to conduct educational programs for the benefit of all who attend.
11. An Organizational Kit, prepared by the Membership Chairman, is sent to all newly forming societies for their guidance.
12. A special chairman on legislation and conservation has been provided and has worked with the officers of the American Federation for the protection of both the collection rights of our members and collecting areas for all the citizens. (This is being continued and expanded to include cooperation by our Federation with states in the establishment of "collecting park" areas and with mining and quarrying corporations.)
13. A system of awards has been provided for societies rendering outstanding service of "a nature promoting the greater appreciation and understanding of our hobby through excellent public relations."
14. Lists of names and addresses of members of the executive committee are provided to each society in order that they may have available information on whom to contact on any subject.

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OURS IS A GROWING AND EXPANDING FEDERATION

With this growth is coming and will continue to come more and more demand for services. Nothing will increase those services like demand and use by the members. Your ideas on any subject are very much appreciated and will be given careful consideration when addressed to any member of the Executive Board.

WHAT CAN THE FEDERATION DO FOR ME?

First, I must be willing to ask, I must be willing to read and study what our more than 160 societies are now offering. If I take this attitude, there is no facet of the hobby that cannot be improved.

Remember....ALL OF US COLLECTIVELY KNOW MORE THAN ANY OF US
INDIVIDUALLY!

Prepared by Merton A. Young
President, 1964-65

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BE SURE AND START PLANNING YOUR NEXT VACATION NOW -

AND INCLUDE ONE OR MORE FEDERATION SHOWS IN THE PLANS

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5 NEW SLIDE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO MEMBER CLUBS

Copies of the new list of five new Slide Programs are being distributed to Midwest member clubs. With the addition of these five programs it brings to a total of 28 the programs available for showing by our Midwest Federation clubs.

The five new programs are "The Copper Country, Its Mines and Minerals"; "A Colorado Journey in Geology"; "Petrified Wood"; "The Monster Dig"; "The Story of Ancient Man".

Clubs wishing to book these programs for showings should send their request to Mrs. Cecilia E. Duluk, Program Chairman, 6700 Amboy, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127.

OPERATIONS MANUAL READY FOR DISTRIBUTION SOON

The new Operations Manual of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies is in the printing stage and will be soon mailed to each of our Midwest Federation clubs.

H.E.L.P. ... LET'S KEEP AT IT

Yes, H.E.L.P. may be getting results after all. Some reports coming in from those who do a good deal of traveling indicate that people are beginning to be conscious of the fact that it isn't nice to throw your paper and assorted junk around the countryside. More and more litter bags are noticed in cars and litter cans are springing up along highways for folks to deposit their litter in. There is still work to be done but it is encouraging to note the trend toward keeping our highways free of the paper, cans and general debris.

WORD OF THANKS FROM FIRST WINNER OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Midwest member clubs will be interested in the appreciation of the work they are doing in building the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. The following is a quotation from a letter to Professor Richard M. Pearl from Professor Bruce F. Curtis, Chairman of the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado:

"It was good to have your letter and check for Victor Lee. I hardly need say he was delighted with the award. In view of the manner in which the funds were gathered, I think it's especially appropriate that they go to a man who told me straight-forwardly that he feels he should be independently making his own way. It's surely heart-warming to find some students, at least, still possessed of this vanishing but sound philosophy."

(Many of our Midwest Clubs have earned and received their 100% certificate for contributing \$1.00 per member... either in cash or Betty Crocker coupons... to the Scholarship Foundation. Save your coupons! Send them to W. H. deNeui, 6600 Cornelia Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55424. Let's really get behind this worthwhile project. Which state in our Midwest Federation will be the first to have every club a 100 percenter?

"SERVICE"

During a program at a recent Des Moines Lapidary Society (Des Moines, Iowa) meeting, Winifred Jones said, "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy."

ANY NEWS ITEMS? SEND THEM IN !!

"THE NIGHT BEFORE A ROCK TRIP"

Mrs. Gladys Moore

'Twas the night before a "Rock Trip"
 And all through our house
 Every creature was stirring,
 Even my spouse.

I ran to the window and chuckled with glee,
 Not a cloud in the sky could I see.
 Back to my packing I hurried away
 For we were leaving at break of day,

The pick and hammer, chisel and bar
 Some boxes and packing to put in the car,
 The bag for the "pick-ups" of rock large or small
 I have a habit of wanting them all.

Oh yes, my shovel needs to go
 I've got them standing here in a row.
 The cutlery, dishes, a pan and a pot
 The skillet, the matches, now what have I got?

Towels, washcloths, some very old clothes
 Dish towels, water, some soap I suppose,
 Bedding for certain, sleeping bag - no cot,
 Air mattresses, a pillow, what have I forgot?

Some camp chairs, to rest me from toils of the day
 A candle, a lantern, a flashlight I say,
 At least we're all packed in trailer and truck,
 We have a chance now to sleep, isn't it luck?

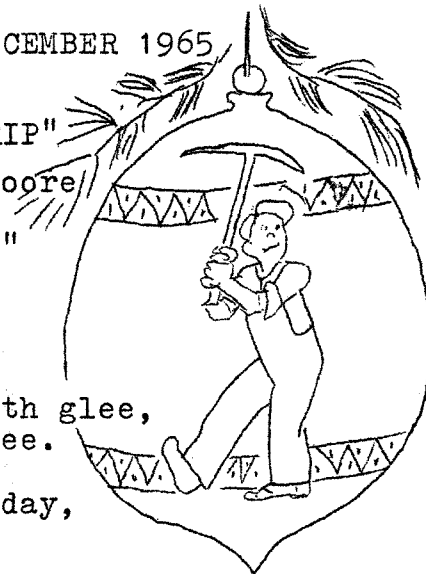
We all settle down in our nice cozy bed
 While visions of "Braggin' Rocks" dance thru my head
 All of a sudden I'm up like a shot,
 Now, I know what I forgot.

The food to put in me! To keep me fit,
 Can you imagine I could forget it?
 O well, we settle again and I doze
 In a thrice I awake, someone is tickling my toes.

Breakfast over, we're off for to seek
 All the beautiful rocks we can find in a short week.
 We're comfy, we're happy, I am planning the next trip
 We'll be taking ere this trip is O'er!

Such is the way of "rock hounds" thru this land
 But we're a satisfied, happy, inquisitive band.

(Thanks for the appropriate poem to the
 Miami Gemcrafter of December, 1962
 via The Rockpile, December 1965)



FROM THE EDITOR:

I'd like to take this opportunity and thank you for permitting me to act as your editor this past year. The Pick and Shovel is a big job and I have not always done it to my own satisfaction.

I have sincerely enjoyed doing the job but would have liked more participation by the members through contributions and ideas. I'd like specifically to thank all of those who did send any form of contribution to the bulletin. The ideas of the members are what make a bulletin part of the club. I'd like to see each member make some contribution during each year. The job of editing is made easier when the membership participates in this manner. I know each of you must have an idea of the things you'd like to see in print.

Thanks to the people who have found time when called upon to do artwork, writing, reports and suggestions. Their help has been heart-warming. I know that if I had been able to accept numerous offers of help as they came a much better job could have been done but my time had to be sandwiched between the needs of our little "Rockhound".

We now have twenty-six exchange bulletins from all parts of the country and I wish to thank each of those Editors for the ideas and articles which we have copied this past year. These bulletins are truly enjoyable to find in the mailbox and a much broader view of "Rockhounding" is possible through reading them.

Thanks especially to my father-in-law, Senior Citizen Parks, who has glued stamps and labels, addressed bulletins, rode herd on his grand-daughter at crucial moments and even proof-read on occasion.

Since rockhounding is a family activity, I'd like to close with this thought- a picture of our little rockhound helping in her own fashion - trying to type when the typewriter is out, tearing up copy when it is within reach, sitting on my lap as I tried to keep up with the exchange bulletins, crying for attention about the time I'd sit down to proof-read a stencil, being sick the day which had been planned as printing and mailing day - isn't it wonderful how many ways they can help at her age? Rockhounding is so much more fun with her carrying rocks all over the place. Her choices are not always the best material available but with this early start we hope she will learn the difference and know that "Earth" is a wonderful enjoyable, healthful hobby.

*A Wonderful Holiday to all,
Phyllis*

1966 DUES ARE DUE