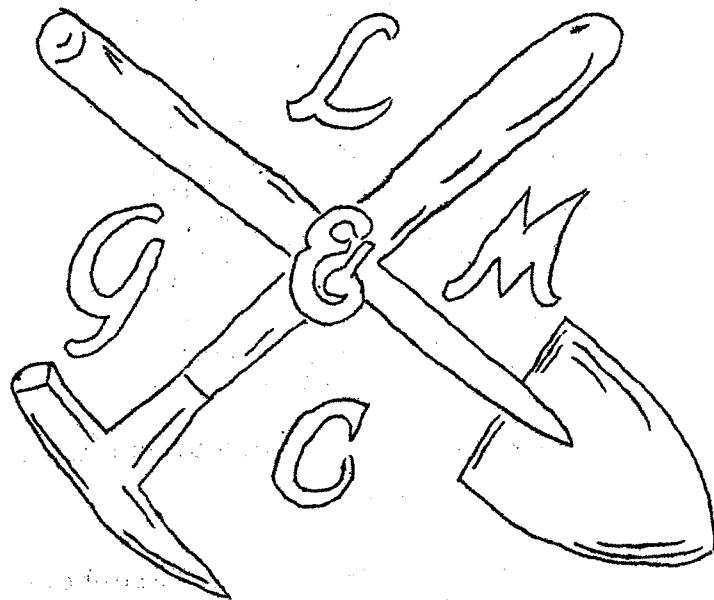


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THE PICK & SHOVEL



L I N C O L N G E M A N D M I N E R A L C L U B , I N C .

Lincoln, Nebraska

THE LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

The purpose of this corporation shall be the improvement of its members in the art of cutting and polishing gem materials, the study of mineralogy and geology, to collect minerals and gem materials, to provide opportunity for the purchase, exchange and exhibition of mineral specimens and materials.

1966 ELECTED OFFICERS

President Mr. Bruce Simon, 3922 So. 20th
1st Vice-President Mr. Gene Eno, 2600 Garfield
2nd Vice-President Mr. Howard Taylor, 910 New Hampshire
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Treasurer Mrs. Louise Baugher, 7415 Engelwood Dr.

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Historian and By-Laws	Mrs. Frances Tracy
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Hospitality & Guest Book	Mr. & Mrs. Jerrold Kohn
Education	Roger Simmons
Refreshments	Miriam Forbes
Junior Member Sponsor	Mrs. Velma Bloyd
Junior Chairman	Judy Weber
Scholarship Fund	Helena Baegl

Other appointments to be announced as filled

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BULLETIN EDITOR - Mrs. Phyllis Parks Telephone 423-6798
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Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

News items and other contributions which may be of interest to our membership and exchanges should be in the editors hands no later than the tenth of the month to be used.

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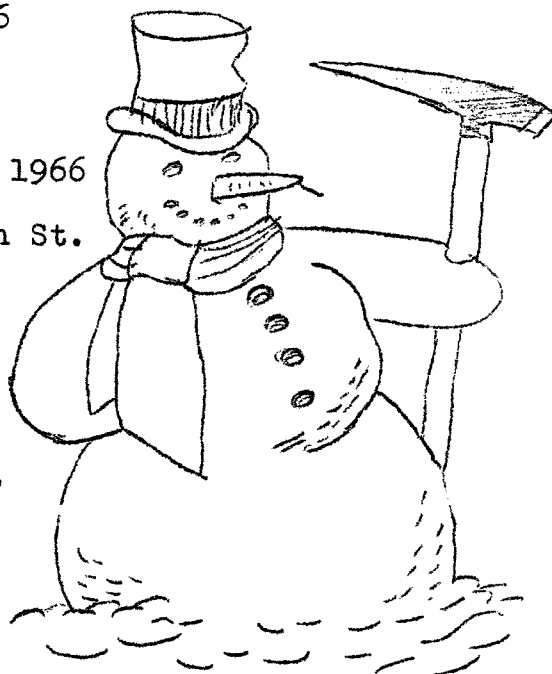
EVENTS THIS MONTH

Regular Meeting-Saturday, January 22, 1966
7:30 P. M.
Roberts Dairy Party Room, 211 So. 20th St.

PROGRAM

FIELD TRIP TO TOM MINER BASIN

This is a slide program from the Midwest Federation Film Slide Library, produced by the Montana Society of Natural and Earth Sciences of Bozman, Montana. It will be presented by Richard Hedges with discussion period to follow.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Cookies - Mrs. Claus, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Rupert & Dewey
Coffee - Mrs. Baugher and Mrs. Carveth
Chairman - Mrs. Claus

These people were the first colunteers at our "Conference on Cookies" held at the November meeting. Our thanks to all of them.

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DUES ARE DUE

1966 dues of \$2.00 per person are due and payable before March 1st in order to continue receiving your bulletins and enjoying your membership. You may pay at the club meetings or mail a check to the treasurer, Mrs. Louise Baugher, 7415 Engelwood Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.

Please be sure and notify your treasurer or the editor of any change of address or telephone number prior to March 1st for the new Who's Who and the Pick and Shovel mailing list.

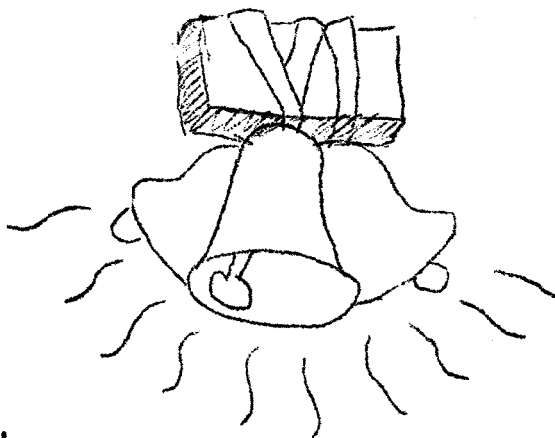
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NOTE OF THANKS

The Weber family would like to thank all the club members who helped with the work of putting on our Annual Christmas Party, those who helped set up, prepare coffee, serve, clean up and for the fine program.

The rest of the membership join them in extending thanks to Mr. Simmons for securing and the Naval Reserve Trainging Center for permitting the club to use their building for our party again this year.

SHOW Feb. 11-13, Magic Valley Gem & Mineral Society Border Gem Fiesta at McAllen, Texas.



Happy New Year!

January is a time for looking back reflectively at our accomplishments, and a time for planning and looking confidently forward to a new year.

Each year our group grows larger, our activities more interesting and varied, and our goals and desires more ambitious. These things are good and our club and our members have reaped many rewards.

There is a place in this club for everyone, not really work but something you as club members and rockhounds will enjoy doing. Many of our members are already volunteering for the things they are interested in or suggesting new projects they would enjoy most. We appreciate your willingness and solicit your continued ideas, eagerness, hard work and support. This is your club and can only be what you care to make it.

We can look forward with confidence and backward with pride. I am sure 1966 will be another interesting year for the members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club.

Bruce Simon

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Here are four good habits - punctuality, accuracy, steadiness, and decision. Without the first of these, time is wasted; without the second, mistakes, the most hurtful to our own credit and interest, and that of others may be committed; without the third, nothing can be done well, and without the fourth, opportunities of great advantage are lost, which it is impossible to recall.

-from Rockatier via The Template

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A fossilized rose found at Crooked River, Oregon, established the fact that the aristocrat of the garden graced our continent 35 million years ago. Paleobotanists have been taking it back to the Cretaceous Age, 70 million years ago. This would make the rose older than any known civilization - older than even Eden.

-from Rockatier via The Template

10 Years Ago

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Tracy on January 10, 1956.

The members brought specimens of their best show pieces for the window display at the National Bank of Commerce. Dick Hedges, Maurice Tracy, and C. Ray Waddle were appointed to set up the display at the bank on January 14.

-from the files of Historian Frances Tracy

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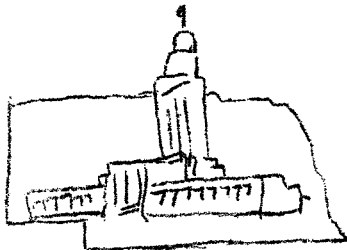
This month is the 11th anniversary of the forming of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, progressing from 11 members to our present total of 150 members.

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Last month we omitted a very important paragraph from the bulletin. This was bringing special thanks to Mrs. Frances Tracy for designing and cutting the stencil for our officers Christmas greeting page and special thanks to Mrs. Velma Bloyd for designing and submitting the poem used on the Junior Members page. Without the help of these two past editors our Christmas issue would have been very colorless.

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Regular Meeting - Friday, January 28, 1966
at the home of your sponsor,
Mrs. Velma Bloyd, 2818 No. Cotner



Program - Talk and Brag Night

Each member should bring along a specimen of their own choice which he or she has found his or her self in the year 1965.

1966 CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEE HEADS

Chairman -- Miss Judith Weber Secretary -- Leslie Miller

Treasurer -- Gary Heedick Jr. Reporter -- Ricky Kohn

1966 Jr. Show Chairman -- Chris Engelhart
Assistant Jr. Show Chairman -- Danny Cowell

On behalf of all the Junior Members, we take this space in the bulletin to wish these new chairmen and committee heads all the luck in their reign. We will give you all the support that will be expected of us.

Several of our members have asked of a possibility of having a junior only rock auction. This is now in the planning stage and shall take place in the near future. We have secured Mr. Floyd Olson, a member of the adult Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club to be our auctioneer.

We need good ideas for our next show. How about you juniors giving some thought to this before coming to the next meeting? We will hold discussion at 7:30 P. M., Friday, January 28th.

-Mrs. Velma Bloyd, Junior Sponsor

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SOME FACTS TO PONDER

Only about 20% of the diamonds found are of gem quality. The balance are used industrially.

Crushed Lapis Lazuli was used to color the ultramarine paints used by the old masters.

Smithsonite is named for James Smithson, the Englishman who left money for the establishment of the Smithsonian Institute.

Discarded specimens of the mineral Sodaniter which were thrown into a rock garden led to the discovery of the importance of nitrogen to plant growth.

A garlic odor given off while a mineral is being tested by a blowpipe is a sure sign of arsenic.

-The first of 50 items submitted
by Mr. Gene Eno

BIRTHSTONES

The love of precious stones is deeply implanted in the human heart. All the fair colors of flowers and foliage are subject to change, but the color and beauty of precious stones are the same today as they were thousands of years ago and will be for the thousands of years that are to come.

No doubt there are but few people who know the reasons or the origins of their birthstones. The story which occurs in the Book of Revelations, where the order in which the twelve foundation stones of the Holy City were laid, is supposed to have determined the order of birthstones.

At first, the people desired to own all twelve stones, wearing each for a different month, but later each person wore the stone of the month in which he was born. At the present time the names of birthstones differ slightly.

As every generation sees some change, it is impossible to name the gemstones in any strict order as to value. However, the diamond, ruby, emerald and sapphire are the most precious species. Pearl, although not a stone, is in the first rank of gems.

- Milton F. Gravender

(contributed by Mrs. Velma Bloyd)

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We will be happy to provide some materials for you to make your displays for our next show.

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NEWS CHIPS VIA THE CHATTER LINE

Chipping is just what the club members are invited to do each Wednesday evening at 7:30, Morrill Hall, Room 104. If the east door is not open look for a sign advising you to use the west door as they sometimes have shows in the Planetarium.

The first Wednesday found several hardy individuals braving the cold and enjoying the back-t -school atmosphere and the hearty welcome from Dr. Schultz. Observed being chipped out of their protective mask of plaster, sand, and hard-hard mud were some Oreodont Skulls, a Mastodan Tooth, specimens from Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and some anonymous items.

Your Editor spent much of her time being treated to a show just behind the information desk. There stands a fine cabinet with a TV size screen. Upon pushing a small button the story of the Nebraska Sea Serpent unfolds with color slides and recording very similar to our own set of slides of the Pleezy story. What a pleasure it is to know that anyone visiting Morrill Hall may share the experiences our club members shared on that well-remembered field trip.

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Rock chatter occupied several hours last week when Mr. & Mrs. Tazar, mineral collectors from Grandview, Missouri (Shawnee Rock Club) were in Lincoln. They spent some time with Mrs. Engelhart then renewed friendships at the Waddles. Mr. Tazar had worked with Mr. Waddle at one time.

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Ed and Mary MacNamar were here over the New Years weekend as guests of the Engelharts and the Baughers. They are full of the thrill of their own new Clubhouse at Des Moines.

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We hear that Lloyd Lederer had a very successbul field trip in the Crawford area over Thanksgiving, bringing back, besides the usual fairburns, what was described as very fine microscopic goethite.

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Visited with Mrs. Clyde Miller over the chatter line and learned that Clyde is recovering from his extensive surgery and is at home. He is still not ready for field trips but hopes to be at the next meeting. We all hope to see him and that his trips to the hospital are almost over.

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Charles Reece recently underwent major surgery and is recuperating very nicely at home.

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Mrs. Irl Everett received a severe back-lash in a recent auto accident but did not have to be hospitalized.

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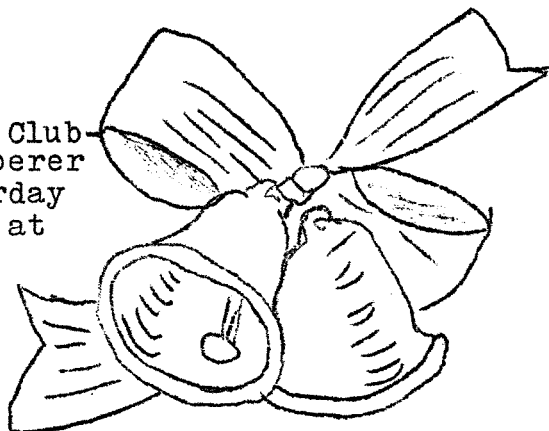
Gene Eno and Art Bloyd went on a field trip to Old County Quarry and got some nice blue bladed celestite.

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The Parks made a flying trip to Dallas, Texas for a one-day meeting then over to Granbury hoping to see The Simpsons and extend greetings from some Lincoln club members. No luck tho, it was such a gorgeous day they must have been out rock hunting. We left a note and headed for home and cold weather.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Wedding Bells will ring again when Club member Roger Simmons and Margaret Ann Moerer of Omaha are united in marriage on Saturday evening, January 15, 1966 at 7:00 P. M. at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 56th and Leavenworth St. in Omaha.



Roger introduced Miss Moerer to the Club at the Christmas Party and extended an invitation to all of us to join them on that momentous evening.

The entire club is happy for Roger and wish the young couple much happiness and success in their life together.

We understand they hope to have a home in Lincoln and we know that Roger with his partner and Aunt, Mrs. Marjorie Heedick, is at present moving his jewelry business into larger quarters just west of their original store.

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AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

According to the last report sent me only 9 of our 169 Midwest Federation Clubs are 100 percenters. (That is 9 of our clubs have sent in at least \$1.00 for each member of their club, either in cash or Betty Crocker coupons.)

The 100% clubs are as follows:

Blue Water Lapidary Society (Michigan)
Chariton River Pebble Pickers (Iowa)
Des Moines Lapidary Society (Ia. over
400%)
East Ohio Lapidary Club (Ohio)
Minnesota Mineral Club (Minnesota)
360 members)
Peru YMCA Rock and Mineral Club (Ind.)
Rock Exchange Club of Michigan
Tri-County Rocks and Mineral (Michigan)
Waterford Gem & Mineral Society (Mich.)

Four clubs are from Michigan, two from Iowa, and one each from Indian, Minnesota and Ohio. Which state will be the first to have all their clubs 100%?

Mr. de Neui, Scholarship Treasurer, has written me that many of our Midwest Clubs have appointed Scholarship Chairman and that these people send him their clubs contribution of cash and coupons after each meeting. We are hoping that many of these groups will soon attain their goal of 100%.

How do we compare with the other Regional Federations?

Rocky Mtn.	23	California	10
Texas	15	Midwest	9
N. West	11	Eastern	6

Now that the holidays are over, let's all

get down to serious work and do everything possible to help our own club become a 100 percenter. A club auction is fun for all and is one good way to earn money to help the Scholarship Fund grow. In the meantime have your Scholarship Chairman, or your Secretary or Treasurer or someone send your clubs cash gifts and Betty Crocker coupons to W. H. deNeui, Scholarship Treasurer, 6600 Cornelia Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55424.

Watch the Newsletters for the names of more 100 percenters of the Midwest.

Thanks to all of you for your help on this very worthwhile project.

Katharine Steinbrenner
MWF President

OPERATIONS MANUAL

At the recent St. Louis meeting the Operations Manual of the Midwest Federation, was distributed to the Executive Committee members that were present. Since then copies have been sent to those that were absent.

One copy was also mailed to each of our member clubs, not with the idea of telling them how to operate but merely to acquaint them with our methods of operation. We hope that these Manuals will help to answer questions that our clubs may have about their Federation and in some cases may help them to solve some of their own operational problems.

1966 Field Trip Conclave - June 16-19 -

SUBJECT: Copy of letter of acknowledgement

LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.
Mr. J. W. Parks, Treasurer
2435 South 19th St.
Lincoln, Nebr. 68502

Dear Mr. Parks:-

Many thanks for the check for \$52.43, sent for the Scholarship Fund with your letter of the 28th.

This is indeed a generous gift---please be sure to thank all your members for me, especially those that had a part in putting on the auctions. Please also thank Miss Baegl for her part in making up the gift.

Thru the efforts of folks like yourselves, the Fund now stands at over \$20,000---two/fifths of our goal.

Your continued support is certainly appreciated.

Cordially Yours

W. H. de Neui, Treasurer,
AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

cc Mrs. Steinbrenner
cc Mr. Kemp

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IMPRISONED RAINBOW

Over rolling hills shouldering into the sky
The scattered bones of a giant lie;
Stone bones which once were resilient wood
And, as graceful trees, in a forest stood.
Was the forest razed? (Geologists dream.)
Were the trunks spread far by some lazy stream?
But Nature and Time did their work, 'though slow,
And preserved the wood with the Rainbow's glow.

Natt N. Dodge

(contributed by Everett Weber)

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Few persons have sufficient wisdom to prefer censure, which is useful to them, to praise, which deceives them.

-Rochefoucauld

ACT! More things are lost through indecision than through wrong decision.

The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.
-Chinese Proverb