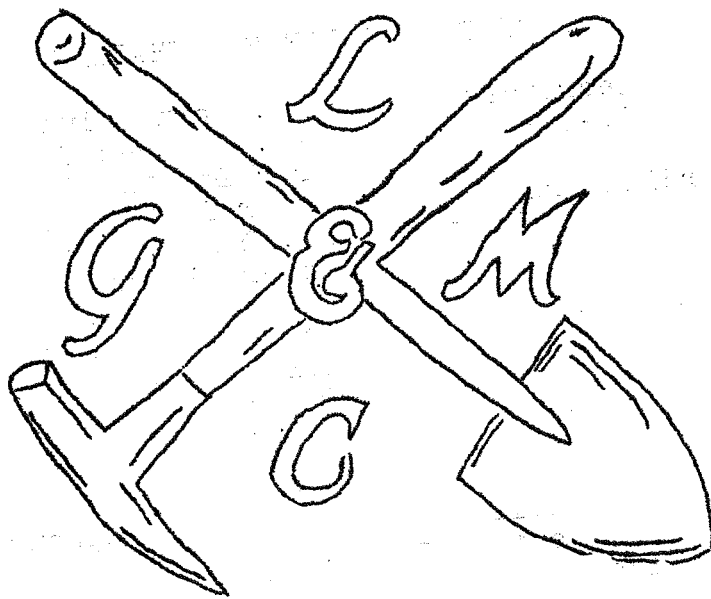


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News items and other contributions which may be of interest to our membership and exchanges should be in the editors hands no later than the tenth of the month to be used.

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our 1966 show is history! It was certainly a wonderful show with many outstanding exhibits and highlights.

Our problems were mostly happy ones--so many displays we needed more table space, such great attendance we ran out of tickets, such a large crowd of guests enjoying the good food that substitutions became necessary.

More members exhibited more cases and of finer quality and greater variety than ever before. The open-table displays added originality and spice and were an outstanding highlight.

Our many guests had nice things to say about the show. They were surprised and pleased at what they saw and commented on the enthusiasm and friendliness of our members. It was an action show with the arrow chipping, faceting, glass blowing, silverwork, plastics, the blacklight program and the outstanding and varied slide programs. We had the largest shop with more working machinery than any I have ever seen or heard of.

The show was a great success because our members working individually and in groups fulfilled their assignments and made it so. The great individual effort of several of our members did not go unnoticed. A thanks to all of you who were active in seeing a job well done.

We are already looking forward to 1967 and our Centennial Rockrama. It will be the biggest and best but it cannot diminish the memories of our recent success. It certainly is a pleasure to be the president of a group that works so hard and achieves so well the objectives they seek.

BRUCE SIMON





THINGS TO COME

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

An interesting colored movie will be shown promptly at 7:30 by our Educational Chairman. Please try to see this film. Discussion to follow during the meeting which will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

PROGRAM

1966 Rock Show Slides Everyone please bring their '66 slides to Dick Hedges before the meeting.

Slide Program - A FIELD TRIP TO A TRI-STATE MINE

REFRESHMENTS

We will again have the delicious cookies and coffee provided in the usual manner by another willing group of members.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the club, Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hartman. We hope to provide you with their addresses in the November Pick & Shovel.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Larry Martin has moved to
631 So. 17th St.
Phone 477-3001

EXCHANGE TEACHERS

Our Educational Chairman would like to arrange an informal get-together for our club with 24 exchange teachers, mostly in the field of science. They are interested in seeing our club cases and special exhibits and would like to have samples of our Nebraska rocks to take back to their own countries. Please let Roger Simmons know if you can help in any way. This must be done before the end of November.

FIELD TRIP

Date - October 30, 1966 - Sunday
To - Marysville, Kansas (South on Hiway 77 then left on 36.
Watch for signs from LGMC.)
For - Pink Gypsum nodules (You will need pry bars, rock hammers.)
Contact Gene Eno if you are going and would like further details.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 22 LGMC meeting-Nominating Committee Report
Oct. 21-23 Platte Valley Rock & Mineral Society Show, North Platte, Nebr.
Oct. 22-23 Arbor Valley Gem & Mineral Show, Nebraska City, Nebr.
Nov. 10-13 St. Louis Mineral & Gem Society, Jennings, Missouri
Nov. 26 LGMC Annual Meeting, election of officers
December ? LGMC Christmas function, Installation of officers

10 years Ago

At the September 17, 1956 meeting of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club plans were made for a field trip to Beatrice on October 1.

Mr. Ewald F. Paul was welcomed as a new member.

Irl Everett gave a talk on jade and several members displayed beautiful jade specimens and jewelry from their collections.

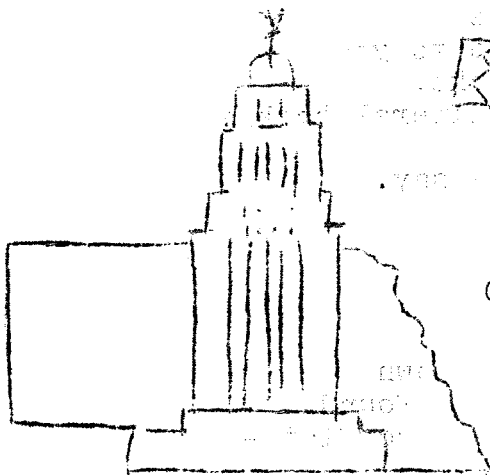
A vacation "braggin" and swap session followed the program.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met October 15, 1956 at Morrill Hall.

An open forum was enjoyed on cutting, polishing and mounting cabochons. The members then toured the Museum to see the beautiful cut and polished gems on display.

-from the notebooks of Frances Tracy, Historian

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JUNIOR MEMBERS



There is not a Junior Member report this month as they seem to have no meetings planned. They have been very busy with the many school activities which the fall season seems to be filled with. We hope to be hearing from you next month.

The Junior Members of Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club are to be heartily congratulated for their participation in the 1966 Rock Show. The quality and quantity of their exhibits showed a great deal of time and effort in preparation. Such interest and cooperation at this early age would seem to foretell a stronger club when they become of leadership age.

Thank you Juniors! We do appreciate you and hope to give you all the help we can as you continue to grow and learn.

Meanwhile here is a poem taken from an exchange bulletin edited by a lady from Lakeport, California. This lady devotes a great deal of her time and her bulletin to the young people in her group. She recently wrote a letter to your editor thanking us for sharing our space with the Juniors - so please keep active and keep us informed so we can show other clubs what a fine group we have.

UNDERSTANDING

I wonder if you feel like me
 When the boys and girls come to you
 With smiles and friendly looks,
 In spite of directions and mineral books?
 You wish they would stay
 Quiet and listen to what you say.
 First little Susie asks
 What is a barite rose?
 Why do you call it so?
 Kirk adds, "It's so small
 Not like a rose at all."
 Now Robin says it should be brown
 Just like the soil where it is found.
 Tom wonders why the blades are so flat,-
 And what causes that.
 Dan decides on a pair
 And rummaging around I find
 I haven't two alike anywhere!
 But to settle their inquisitive mind
 They shall soon know
 'Cause I'm going to tell them so.

-by Georgie Daugherty
 in "Watch for Rocks with Georgie"

D I D - Y O U K N O W - - -

This is the week-end that was --- September 3, 4, 5, 1966

The President's Field Trip.

The long Labor Day week-end.

Off to Fort Robinson!

Making sandwiches at 1:30 A.M. Frying chicken - - Did we forget the extra water jug?

We leave in the early morning, in the darkness, the bright stars shining, wishing us a happy and safe journey. We are off to north-western Nebraska, the pine ridge country. Where the ghosts of the 8th Cavalry still ride, horses and gear making strange sounds out of the past. Smoke of the Indian campfires of long ago, casting a grey mist over all.

History - Nebraska history was made here.

But we came to hunt, not big game, not ---- But the Fairburn!

We arrive at our first coffee stop - Cochrane Roadside Park. The beagle enjoys a run - we enjoy the view - On to the Fort, the historic place we have grown to love - with a genuine western hand shake, we are greeted by John Kurtz, the congenial host at Old Fort Robinson, now to be preserved as a place in our Nebraska history, due to the efforts of many, who wish to save this place for future generations, and visitors to our state from elsewhere.

Other friends from the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club have registered in, we find. Such a large group also, at the camp ground, tenting - a family of seven - a brave young mother to try this with her young brood - trailers - sleeping bags - .

We scout around on Saturday afternoon - include a long awaited trek thru Sow-Belly Canyon - we suggest more signing to this interesting place. The name of this place derives from our soldiers' plight - "Held in this canyon by Indians, they survived on salt pork for many days until help arrived."

Sunday morning: A most beautiful day - clear - the air so sweet and clean - cool, but it will be a warm day.

Seventeen cars in the caravan including visitors from Iowa, Kansas, California, and to the north - Canada. Such fine people we meet on these field trips. It promises to be a good day. We drive to the rock beds thru miles and miles of big country. When the last car stops, the first car occupants are long off into the prairie, searching for the elusive Fairburn. But there is much to find here - petrified wood - jasper - agates - all kinds, including "Snake Agate" - chalcedony - prairie roses - .

The view of the hills, the pine covered buttes in the distance - the big, big blue sky! Its great to be alive. Our visitors find a Fairburn - we are happy for them. Several lovely ones are found before the day is over. A clear blue sand hills lake is discovered over the first knoll - Little boy's exploring - Time for lunch.

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DID YOU KNOW - - -(continued)

We push on - the citizens band radio proves helpful, thanks to members who are so well equipped with the instruments in their cars.

Its time to think of going in - but lets search just a little longer - just over the next hill - it looks promising over there - just a little longer - to enjoy - enjoy - - -. But all good things must come to an end. "He" says we must have 2000 lbs. of rock in our car! Here is an interesting specimen - a friend has found a beautiful piece of petrified wood, a nice white quartz "egg" - O - a beautiful piece of red jasper, and isn't this a perfect fossil?

So we get into our cars, "Himself" - Christopher, the beagle has "hurty" feet.

We are thinking of a cool shower, and the pleasant rooms waiting for us at "Fort Rob."

Wasn't the smorgsbord delicious last night? Wasn't it interesting to visit with the friends from Saskatchewan? The big bonfire at the park, with the songs being sung, while flames leaped high into the dark night, will long live in our minds as a happy time to be remembered - The jolly Camaraderie!

And so ends another trip to Fort Robinson with a safe arrival home for all.

Sincerely,

Marie J. Carveth

September 25, 1966 -- A note of sadness among the Rockhounds today as we learn that our faithful supporter and friend, Mrs. Celia H. Vokoun, has passed away rather suddenly. Celia has been Editor and Liaison Representative of the Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club of Omaha for several years. She attended most of our shows, and many other rock functions in this part of the country and will be much missed. She was Membership Chairman of the Midwest Federation and did a great deal to help new clubs thru her "kits for new clubs."

Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband Frank Vokoun and other members of her family.

MAJOR FOSSIL LOCALITY

Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz, Museum director, University of Nebraska, recently announced the discovery of a major fossil locality on the land of a Sioux County rancher north of Harrison, Nebr.

A museum field party already has excavated several marine type reptiles, sharks and other fish, logs, toothed birds and flying reptiles, in what has been described as a virtual "marine reptile garden." Preliminary investigation shows that the deposit represents the remains of plants and animals which lived directly off shore of the great Cretaceous sea which covered most of Nebraska about 100 million years ago. Among the more remarkable finds is a short-necked pleisiosaur - distantly related to the 41-foot type excavated near Valparios in 1964. The short necked variety will be mounted in three dimensions and displayed at the University Museum.

At least one reptile may be entirely new to science. Others include four flying reptiles known as pterodactyls, several 30-35-foot long mosasaurs which were giant lizards, and a toothed bird known among paleontologists as the Royal Bird of the West, or Hesperornis Regalis. Many of these specimens will be displayed at Morrill Hall and plans are for some of them to be in the University's Trailside Museum in Fort Robinson.

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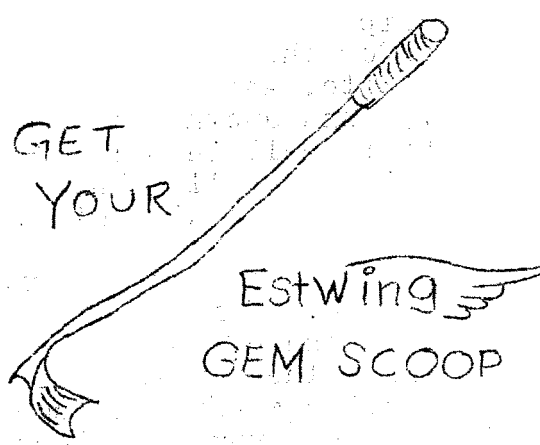
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Mid-West Federation Field Trip Convention

A Grand Trip! A worthwhile experience! A fun time was had by all! These are but a few of the phrases that could be used to describe our trip to the "Copper Country of Upper Michigan.

As I love the out-of-doors, enjoy rock-hounding field trips, and had never been to a Federation Convention when Louise Baugher, a fellow club member invited me to go with her to Michigan, the answer was yes. Lloyd and Louise had just acquired a new Dodge Special truck with a camper and this was to be the maiden trip. Driving a truck-camper was a new experience for each of us but with such wonderful equipment we had no real concern. The way the trip began with rain each night and also during the day I recalled my trip to Arizona last winter and wondered if my fate was "stormy weather." If so I was dubious about my welcome in Houghton. On arriving in Houghton, Louise and I shopped until we found rain equipment to suit us and then the weather turned out to be non-wet!

One sign along a road reads in part,--"the cleanest air on earth." The copper country does have the bluest, clearest sky,-- on the horizon where Lake Superior and the sky meet they blend into one big blue sea, no beginning or end!

We arrived at Michigan Tech campus a little after noon Wednesday, June 15th. After getting our camper parked we toured the A.E. Seaman Mineralogical Museum. We visited with old friends and made new friends. Trading was lively fun and educational!

We were up early Thursday morning with bright sunny skies. Since we had pre-registered it took but a few minutes to pick up our envelope with trip schedules and maps, program sheet and council meeting agenda. We took our silent auction donations in to Mr. Market, he was quite pleased by the quality and quantity of the Lincoln donations. Thanks to all who sent specimens.

As we got ready to go on our first field trip all those strange sounding names that I had been studying about for the past few weeks were bouncing around my mind. Prehnite, Domeykite, Anhydrite, Datolite, Chlorastrolite, (better known as greenstones.) And another thing, the Poor Boys of various names--what was a poor boy! Well in Colorado we called them tailings--really nothing but what is generally known as mine dumps! So off we go to the poor boy of the Arcadian Mine.

Mr. Dobell had the field trips very well planned, the only regret is that more time could not be spent at each place. Time was, of necessity, limited. Across the width and at one end of Engineers Field was a rope, in front were placards on which the numerals from one to ten were written. The cars, trucks, station wagons and such lined behind these signs according to their assigned number. Each group was led by an upper classman from Mich. Tech. Mr. Dobell scooted here and there on his Put-Put and was always ready to go on time. One field trip was to a quarry, one to the Museum, two to the beach and six to poor boys or dumps. Black flies were a menace at the dumps if there was an overgrowth and no breeze. If you were prepared with insect repellent, long sleeves and high-buttoned

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Delegate Report-Midwest Federation Field Trip Convention (continued)

neck-line so much the better! The beaches were pleasant and fun. A couple of us (me too) took off our boots and waded in Lake Superior-- brr-- cold! However I was rewarded with a few nice zeolites and lots of beach stones to be tumbled some day! From the dumps I recovered some small copper specimens, some prehnite with copper and some basaltic lava with zeolites. The zeolites are of several forms not identified altho I like to think one specimen is greenstone.

Good quality specimens were not easily found in the field or shop. When found in the shops your better specimens of prehnite crystals, domeykite specimens, polished datolite or greenstones were very expensive.

The chicken barbecue was delicious-- we were shown slides of the area and had general good fun. The grab bags went fast and were of local material. The host club presented the 1966 Federation President, Kate Steinbrenner, with a beautiful crown fashioned of native copper and gem stones.

I am sorry I missed the silent auction and the board of directors breakfast. The council meeting began at 10:12 a.m. Saturday morning. The meeting covered the agenda of reports, awards and election of officers. There were eighty clubs represented at the meeting and one thousand, three hundred and five registered for the convention. There was a small question of who came the farthest, the Missouri or the Nebraska delegation. Nebraska sounded so far away to most people! They are aware of our clubs activities but can't quite place us geographically! I was pleased to be able to attend the meeting. It was evident the Federation is of and for the individual clubs.

Items of interest from the meeting:

Archaeology will be included in the rules for 1967, it will be judged mainly on educational quality.

A rules moratorium begins in 1967, six federations will use the same rules for three years, then a review will be held.

Competition is for show and education.

Bulletins are important for communication.

Information blanks for the directory and events calendar should be filled in and returned promptly.

Slides from the federation should be returned or forwarded immediately after use.

Please send histories to Russell McFall.

Seven states have state rocks--four in the Midwest Federation.

Items that can be ordered--Federation car stickers, federation bolo ties, pins or key chains, and H*E*L*P* stickers. A new booklet on safety will be out soon for thirty cents.

On writing to Congressmen remember to write as individuals and not as clubs.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club was thanked for the second slide program donated to the federation.

Two nominations for Honorary Membership were approved; they were, Mr. Joseph Lizzadro and Mr. Tolson Radloff.

The officers slate presented by the nominating committee was accepted and the meeting adjourned.

President---Verne Montgomery, Earth Science Club, Northern Ill.

Vice Pres.--Ellis Courter, Michigan Mineralogical Society

Secretary---Miss Dorothy Gleiser, Chicago Rocks & Mineral Soc.

Treasurer---Jerry Huber, Mesabi Rock & Mineral Club

Historian---Russell McFall, Marquette Geological Soc.

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Delegate Report-Midwest Federation Field Trip Convention (continued)

At noon on Saturday we attended the bulletin editors luncheon. Discussion centered on the hows of judging. This brought helpful ideas on improvements for the bulletins. Judging was done on the following points:

reproduction	10	federation news	15
club news	45	illustrations	5
articles	20	cover	5

First place honors went to "Rock Trails", State Line Gem and Mineral Society, Tecumseh, Mich.

The group voted to have an evening coffee rather than a breakfast or luncheon at next years convention, 1967.

The banquet was held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 18th. Mr. Sinkankas is a likeable, easy to talk to person. Bulletin and special awards preceeded his talk and the hour got late. His presentation was in the form of a slide program on "Gem Stones of San Diego County, Calif. There was some disappointment that the slides could not be seen by all those present causing the oral report to be less meaningful.

We left the "Copper Country" with love in our hearts for the people in general and most especially for those who worked hard and long to make the 1966 Midwest Federation Field Trip Convention a great experience. Thank you, everyone!

-Kathryn Ulrich, Delegate
from LGMC to MWF Convention 1966

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WORKSHOP REPORT - from Dorothy Engelhart

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---See you soon, Ye old bone-digger-- Dotty

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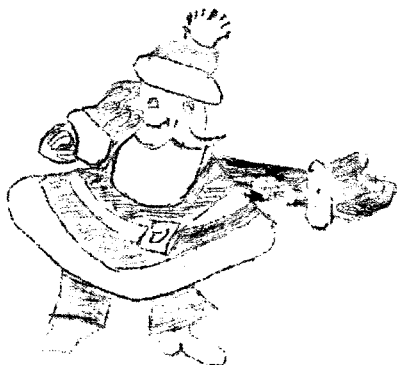
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ATTENTION PALEONTOLOGISTS

Did you know that Earth Science Magazine has printed a Booklet composed of reprints from their magazine, of excellent articles on Fossils. It is called "Fossils of the Mid-Continent of North America" and is profusely illustrated. Copies may be obtained for \$1.00 each from Earth Science Magazine, P.O. Box 550, Downers Grove, Illinois, 60515. Have your club Treasurer order a supply for use by your Fossil Study Group. Surely every Fossil Collector in your club will wish a copy of this informative Booklet.

When you ask for orders from your members for the Fossil Reprints why not also ask them for their subscription to Earth Science Magazine. After all it is the Official Magazine of the Midwest Federation and does contain much information about us as well as our clubs with informative articles pertaining to all phases of our hobby.

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Congratulations and thanks to the following clubs whose efforts and gifts have made them 100 percenters:

Central Illinois Rockhounds, Illinois
Illowa Gem & Mineral Society

It is suggested that club Presidents appoint a Scholarship Chm. to collect, count and mail in after each meeting your coupons and gifts. Over \$28,000 have been collected and the coupons at 1/2¢ each have realized \$2400.00. Please collect them at every meeting and send mail to Midwest Chm., Kate Steinbrenner, 2813 Patricia Dr., Des Moines, Iowa, 50322. It will assist us if you will keep a record of the amount you mail in.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following clubs that were presented Merit Award Certificates, at our banquet in Houghton by Pres. Steinbrenner, for outstanding Service in their own communities.

East Ohio Lapidary Club, Ohio
Evansville Lapidary Society, Indiana
Fox Valley Rocks & Min. Soc., Illinois
Mesabi Rock & Mineral Club, Minnesota
Midwest Mineralogical & Lap. Soc., Mich.
Racine Geological Society, Wisconsin
Siloam Springs Earth Sc. Club, Illinois
State Line Gem & Mineral Society, Mich.

We are proud of the activities and the enthusiasm of all of our 178 clubs. We do feel though that some of you are evidently too modest and will not discuss your fine activities. Why not keep a record this year that your club members give to help schools and other organizations as well as your club shows that help teach others and your generous contributions not only to AFMS Scholarship but also to other worthy groups and school science fairs. Then when the Merit Blanks are mailed next year you will find that you have many achievements to brag about. Perhaps then your club will receive an award at the 1967 Banquet.

Our thanks and appreciation to June Zeitner and her committee for the hours spent in preparing and mailing blanks to Liaison officers as well as to club Presidents and in tabulating the returns. Let's have every club respond next year.

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FEDERATION SHOWS

At the Houghton Banquet in June, President Katharine Steinbrenner also presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following clubs that had hosted a Midwest Show or Field Trip Conclave:

- 1940 - Marquette Geol. Assoc., Chicago, Ill.
- 1941 - Wisconsin Geological Soc., Milwaukee, Wisc.
- 1942 - Mineralogist Soc. of Joliet, Joliet, Ill.
- 1943 - Marquett Geol. Assoc., Chicago, Illinois
- 1944 - Wisconsin Geological Soc., Milwaukee, Wisc.
- 1945 - Mineralogist Soc. of Joliet, Joliet, Ill.
- 1946 - Geological Soc. of Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 1947 - Michigan Mineralogical Soc., Detroit, Mich.
- 1948 - Chicago Rocks & Minerals Soc., Chicago, Ill.
- 1949 - Illowa Gem & Mineral Soc., Davenport, Iowa
- 1950 - Wisconsin Geological Soc., Milwaukee, Wisc.*
- 1951 - Central Iowa Min. Soc., Houghton, Mich.#
- 1952 - Minnesota Mineral Society, St. Paul, Minn.
- 1953 - St. Louis Min. & Gem Soc., St. Louis, Mo.
- 1954 - Wisconsin Geological Soc., Milwaukee, Wisc.
- 1955 - Michigan Mineralogical Soc., Detroit, Mich.
- 1956 - Minnesota Mineral Club, St. Paul, Minn.*
- 1957 - Madison Lap. & Min. Soc., Platteville, Wisc.#
- 1958 - Earth Sc. Club of N. Ill., Downers Grove, Ill.
- 1959 - Miami Valley Min. & Gem Soc., Springfield, Ohio
- 1960 - Ishpeming Rock & Min. Club, Ishpeming, Mich.#
- 1961 - Tri-County Rock & Min. Club, Saginaw, Mich.
- 1962 - Des Moines Lapidary Soc., Des Moines, Iowa*
- 1963 - Mesabi Rock & Min. Club, Hibbing, Minn.#
- 1964 - Muskegon Co. Rock & Min. Soc., Muskegon, Mich.
- 1965 - Evansville Lapidary Soc., Evansville, Indiana
- 1966 - Copper Co. Rock & Min. Soc., Houghton, Mich.#

* Combined Midwest-American National Show
Field Trip Conclave

Our sincere thanks to each of these clubs for hosting a Federation Show. We know that Shows are lots of work but they are also fun and such a good way for club members to really get acquainted. Also a successful show is a most profitable venture for a club.

A council Meeting is held once a year for Delegates from each member club in conjunction with the Annual Show. Clubs wishing to host a Federation Show in the future should write to Chairman of Show Advist

Chairman of Show Advisory Committee, Leo Yanasak, 3421 S.W. 9th, Des Moines, Iowa, 50315.

It has been our custom to have a Field Trip Conclave (such as the one at Houghton) every three years. There are no dealers or displays at a Field Trip Show. Since there are six Regional Federations that comprise the American Federation we are host to a National Show every six years. The next Midwest American National Show will be in 1968 at Normal Illinois with the Cornbelt Lap. & Geol. Soc. as Hosts.

DR. BEN HUR WILSON

It is with deep regret that we must announce the passing of Dr. Ben Hur Wilson on Saturday the 20th of August. He was 78 years old.

Dr. Wilson was a pioneer in the study of and practice of geology and mineralogy among students and amateurs. Under the broad heading of "earth science" he encouraged adults and young people to study the natural world about them.

With Professor Richard Pearl he founded the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and was its first president. He also fathered the Midwest Federation and was instrumental in founding individual clubs throughout the Midwest. In more recent years he served as historian for both federations. He has been a constant source of help and inspiration to all clubs. In 1964 the Midwest conferred the title of Honorary President on him.

Since 1953 he has been editor of the Earth Science magazine.

After graduation from Iowa Wesleyan University, Dr. Wilson engaged in engineering work for some time then turned to teaching. For 25 years prior to his retirement in 1953 he taught earth science at Joliet High School and Junior College. He was the author of several articles and with H. C. Dake and Frank Fleener co-authored the book "Quartz Family Minerals".

He is survived by two sons.

W. C. (BILL) CONANT - VICE-PRES. AFMS

It was with regret that we received the notice of Bill's death of a heart attack in August. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Faye, and to his many friends.

We extend our sympathy also to LeRoy Dumler (RMFMS Pres.) and his family in the death of their son in a F105 Plane crash in August.

In 1967 our Midwest Convention will be at Davenport, Iowa, with the Illowa Gem & Mineral Soc. as the Hosts. We hope that all of our clubs have started their plans for their club exhibit at this Show. Also that all of our members are thinking about their competitive or special exhibit. It takes many displays to help make a successful Show so lets all get busy at once and plan your display for our 1967 Show.

Thanks..... Kate

? STATE ORGANIZATION ?

There were 42 persons, representing 8 Nebraska clubs, present at the Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, on Sunday, August 28, for a noon luncheon and an organizational meeting to band the rockhound clubs of Nebraska into a state organization.

Following discussion, those present elected James Bentz, Kearney, as Temporary Chairman, and Marjorie Springer, also of Kearney, as the Temporary Secretary-Treasurer.

A donation of \$10.00 from each club was then asked to help lay the groundwork for the new state organization.

The committee will meet in North Platte, Nebraska on Sunday, October 23, to make up the By-laws to be submitted for approval at the first State Rock Show to be held at Cushing Coliseum in Kearney during May or June, 1967.

Clubs represented at the organizational meeting were from Omaha, Gibbon, Kearney, Axtell, North Platte, Ainsworth, Ogallala, and the Holdrege-Minden Club. Those present were enthusiastic about forming the state organization, and holding an annual State Rock Show.

-taken from the WESTERN ROCKHOUND, October

Editors Memo:

This office did not have notice of this meeting in time to print details for the Lincoln Club prior to August 28; Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club was not represented; has not made plans to send a representative to the October meeting; but has been asked to make a donation to help get the organization started. This editor feels much more information should be made available to the members of all active Nebraska clubs before making any decisions.

As a Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club member and member of the Midwest Federation, my own feeling is that our CENTENNIAL ROCKRAMA which has been in the planning state for well over a year should take precedent over any other activities in 1967. As you all know, the other Nebraska clubs have been invited to display and participate in any way they can with the Centennial Rockrama.

These viewpoints belong to the editor and do not reflect those of any other LGMC clubmember or officer.

Phyllis Parks

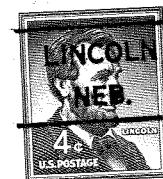
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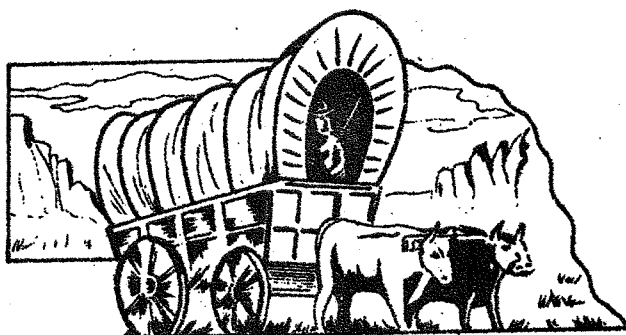
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