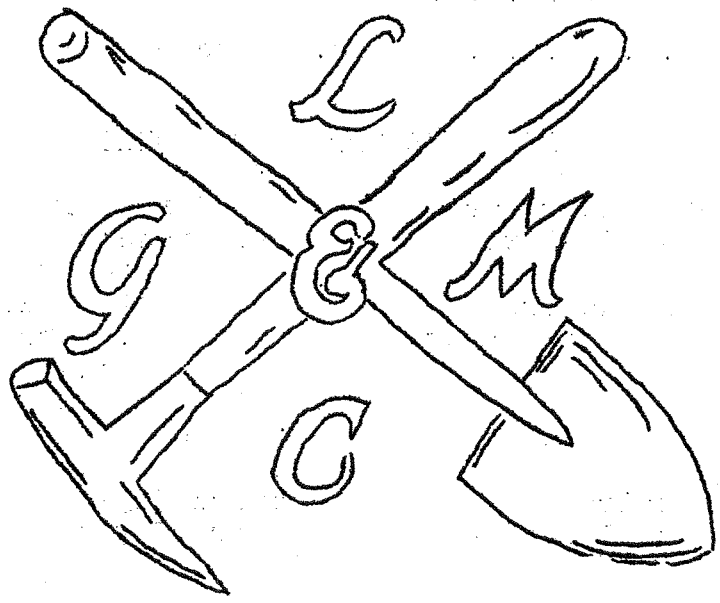


Nov 1966

# THE PICK & SHOVEL



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Lincoln, Nebraska

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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.

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1967 Centennial Rockrama	Howard Taylor

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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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THIS MONTH

Annual Meeting - election of officers  
Saturday, November 26, 1966, 7:30 P.M.  
Roberts Dairy Party Room, 211 S. 20th St.



PROGRAM

Roger Simmons will give a talk on  
"The Cabochon and it's History"  
and will conduct a question and answer period

REFRESHMENTS

Serving coffee will be Mr. & Mrs. Ewald Paul and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Parks. Cookies will be brought by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Howlett, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Krejci and Ray Lambert.

A 'thank you' is in order for these people who prepared and served refreshments in October: Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis, Floyd Olson, Glen Lyman, George McGinnis, G. W. McKinney and Bill Moore.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

A tentative date for the December "Party" meeting is Saturday, the 17th, with time and place to be announced. Plans for program, decorations, etc., being made by the 1966 Board of Directors. We hope to have the covered dish supper and a \$1.00 Rock Hobby gift exchange. This is a real family affair.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

President - Gene Eno  
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Treasurer - Louise Baugher

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(TWO to be selected)  
Art Bloyd  
Floyd Olson  
Jerry Kohn  
Norman Engelhart  
Dick Hedges

-submitted by Frank Rule, Chairman  
John Lewis  
Tom Simmons

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 26 - LGMC annual meeting, election of officers  
Dec. ?? - LGMC Christmas function. Installation of officers  
Sept. 22, 23 & 24, 1967 - Centennial Rockrama - L.G.M.C.

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DEADLINE: All copy for the December Pick & Shovel must be in the editor's hands before December 1, 1966.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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November is our annual meeting and everyone is urged to attend and express his desire as to our future officers. Candidates can be nominated from the floor in addition to the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. Our membership is large and we have many members who can serve effectively with knowledge and ability.

For the first time we will be enlarging our official executive board by selecting two additional voting members. This will provide a broader and better representation for all of our members. Vote for and place the candidates of your choice in office.

At this Thanksgiving time, we again count our blessings and reflect over the many and plentiful things in life. It is appropriate that I again restate my personal thanks to each of you for a wonderful year. Your interest, cooperation and hard work have made it interesting and worthwhile. Have a nice Thanksgiving and don't forget the meeting and election on November 26.

BRUCE SIMON





## JUNIOR MEMBERS

## AN OPEN LETTER TO JUNIOR MEMBERS:

Dear Junior Members:

My first words to you are about your 1966 show display. It was tremendous. It showed the great pains of effort you gave it that all good displays have. I was very proud to be able to say, "This is my Junior Group display." I'm sure each one of you was equally as proud.

There will be no more meetings of your group the rest of this year. This is so that each and everyone of you can enjoy your holidays. There will be a Christmas Party in the month of December which you all may attend. Further notice of this will be in your December bulletin on this page.

As many of you know, I have been your sponsor now for three years. They have been good years for me, my junior officers were a delight to work with, but all good things must come to a close. Next year you will have a new sponsor. Also you will have some new members to replace those who have had their 16th birthday and will be adult members. I know each of you will give your support to your new sponsor as you did to me, and remember each new member needs your help as someone helped you when you were that new member.

Your new officers will be elected under the new sponsor and all duties for your 1967 Rockrama Show will be selected then. May you have a good year coming up and may each of you remember, I'm as close as your telephone. I would still enjoy talking to you.

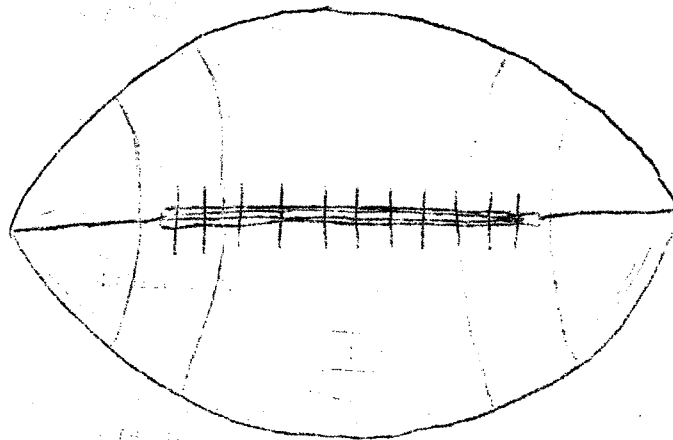
Your Junior Sponsor  
Mrs. Velma Bloyd

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YOUR JUNIOR CHAIRMAN SPEAKS:

As your outgoing Junior Chairman, I wish to express my thanks to the following members: to the adult board of directors for their cooperation to my Junior group; to my officers who gave their support; and to the Juniors who pitched in and did such a wonderful job this year. A very special thanks to Mrs. Bloyd for her active and efficient support for the past three years. I wish to personally thank her for all the members. As I leave my office and go into the adult group her sponsorship makes me feel I am ready to assume my place in the adult club.

Junior Chairman  
Chris Engelhart

HOW  
IS  
YOUR  
FOOTBALL  
I.Q. ? ?



Know your football terms? Here is a quiz to test you by word association..

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| 1. A porker's outside.              | 16. Busy intersections have them.                            |
| 2. A flower saucer.                 | 17. The man at the gate.                                     |
| 3. What we all strive for.          | 18. What mules do.   |
| 4. Children play with them.         | 19. A get-together.  |
| 5. Twenty-five percent to the rear. | 20. A nagging _____ ache.                                    |
| 6. What the fifty states are.       | 21. Unless you watch your calories<br>you'll probably do it. |
| 7. A whirling top.                  | 22. You can ride free if you have one.                       |
| 8. Two bits.                        | 23. Pedal extremities plus one.                              |
| 9. Not up.                          | 24. You'll do it if you're late.                             |
| 10. It's always first.              | 25. You're at that point in this<br>quiz.                    |
| 11. Quadruple tumble.               |  |
| 12. Fishermen use it.               |  |
| 13. Vehicle of the old West.        |  |
| 14. Cinderella went to one.         |  |
| 15. Missing an arm extremity.       |  |

by-Frank L. Remington  
submitted by-Randy Miller  
Jr. Member

- Answers:  
1. Pigskin 2. Rose Bowl 3. Goal 4. Blocks 5. Quarterback 6. All American 7. Spinner 8. Quarter 9. Down 10. Safety 11. Fourth down 12. Tackle 13. Coach 14. Ball 15. Hand-off 16. Signals 17. Guard 18. Kick 19. Huddle 20. Back 21. Gain 22. Pass 23. Eleven 24. Run 25. End.

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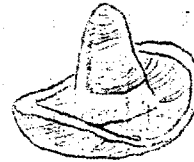
The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at Morrill Hall on November 19, 1956.

Dick Hedges gave a short talk on making your own lapidary equipment. Our speaker, Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz gave a lecture on meteorites. A large specimen of calcite crystals, found near Louisville, Nebraska, was presented to Dr. Schultz for the museum.

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Your 1966 Board wishes to announce that Centennial and Western dress will be encouraged for our Centennial Rockrama which will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 22, 23, & 24, in 1967. Plans are progressing by the Centennial Rockrama Committee and some very definite news will be presented soon and in the meantime this winter is a good time to work on ideas for participation in all the Centennial affairs to be held in 1967.

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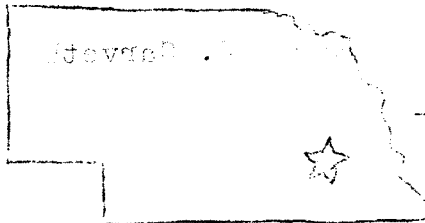
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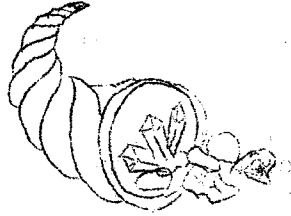
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Thanksgiving time -

A time to be thankful for many things.

I am thankful for the help so many members gave me during  
the show time with the center display.

For many happy field trips.

A safe return home.

The successful show this year of our own club.

The new friends we came to know thru this wonderful club  
of ours.

And the health to pursue all these things.

It's the November Song -

The song of Thanksgiving.

Marie J. Carveth

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THOUGHT-GEMS

If it were not for the many colorless rocks in existence,  
the colorful ones would not be half as pretty.

If it were not for the countless, worthless stones, dia-  
monds would lose half their value. ('tis the same way  
with friends.)

from PLATTE VALLEY ROCK & MINERAL SOC.

# AGATE FOSSIL BEDS

(Written by Gene Eno)

His name was Captain Cook, James Cook to be exact. The same name as his great grandfather, the famous English navigator and explorer. But this Captain James Cook had forsaken the adventure of the world's oceans for the adventure of the American West, still in the great adventure period of Indian war, settlement and development.

He drove cattle, the famous longhorns of Texas, from Mexico way north to Montana. He served with distinction as a scout with the U.S. Eighth Cavalry in New Mexico during its campaign against the famous Apache Chieftain Geronimo. He was a big game hunter and guide in Wyoming and New Mexico. In his extensive travels during this era he became acquainted with two famous paleontologists, Henry Osborn and O. C. Marsh, acting as interpreter for the former in the fossil rich badlands and prairies of South Dakota and Nebraska. The Sioux had been giving Osborn problems. It seems that they believed he was hunting for gold. Not being able to speak their language he was unable to convince them that his real interest was in the old bones eroding from the hills and gulleys of the area. Captain Cook was able to act as interpreter and establish undisturbed collecting for Professor Osborn. At a later date he also worked with Marsh in the southwest.

But finally time came to settle down. He chose the life of a rancher and settled with his wife in the beautiful Niobrara River Valley in Sioux County, Nebraska, twenty miles south of Harrison in the year 1887. His ranch is still owned by his descendants today.

Despite his life as a rancher his life was still adventuresome. He became a good friend of the great chieftain of the Sioux, Red Cloud, who camped many times near the Cook Ranch House in an area just west of the highway at Agate. Because of his friendship with Red Cloud and other Indians of the period he acquired a large collection of Indian artifacts.

But Captain James H. Cook did not become famous because of his cattle drives, his Army scouting, or his friendship with the Indians. His activities with Osborn and Marsh had developed a keen interest in paleontology. It is rather fitting therefore that Capt. Cook discovered on his ranch a bed of fossils which would cause famous paleontologists from all over the world to beat a path to his door.

The first scientific excavation of his finds was undertaken in 1905 by Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh under the direction of O. A. Peterson.

The following year Dr. E. H. Barbour of the University of Nebraska made the first of a series of excavations. Dr. Barbour was the individual who gave the names Carnegie Hill and University Hill to the two hills, names which they retain today.

In 1906 Prof. L. B. Loomis of Amherst College brought a collecting party to the area and excavated in a small hill nearby which he named

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## AGATE FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT by Gene Eno (continued)

Amherst Point. He returned the following year and discovered the area called Stenomylus Quarry about two miles east of the other three locations.

In the years which have followed numerous education institutions and museums have collected at these areas. Specimens from Agate are now found in museums and collections all over the world. The Agate Fossil Beds are, to quote Henry Osborn of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, "The most remarkable deposit of mammalian remains of Tertiary age that has ever been found in any part of the world. In spite of the extensive collection which has occurred at Agate, 75% of the beds are still unexamined.

The fossils at Agate are of Miocene Age and are found in Harrison Formation of the Arikaree group. This formation is principally sandstone and was laid down by what is believed to be shallow marshes and lakes drained by sluggish rivers.

The Miocene epoch is frequently referred to as the Golden Age of Mammals. This was due to not only the large number of animals which roamed what is now the great plains but also because of the number of new species of mammals which made their appearance in the record of evolution.

Four mammals make up the vast majority of remains found at Agate. By far the most numerous is a two horned rhinoceros called Diceratherium. The two horns are not similar to the present day African Rhinoceros with one horn in front of the other. The Diceratherium was about the size of a Shetland pony and its horns were side by side at the end of its nose. Large numbers of these small rhinoceros roamed the area in those days. Agate is the location of the first discovery of this fossil mammal.

Another animal whose remains were found at Agate is the Moropus, an animal which must have been strange looking in life to judge from its skeletal remains - long front legs, much shorter hind legs, height seven to eight feet at the shoulder and feet with claws instead of hoofs or pads common to most animals.

Giant hogs called Dynohyus also left their remains here. They must have looked and been rather fierce to judge from their wild descendants today. Imagine a wild hog six feet or more at the shoulder.

Mingled with all the remains of these giant critters are those of a small gazelle-like animal called Stenomylus. In addition to remains at the two main hills which will be in the monument proper, a small area a couple of miles east where numerous Stenomylus skeletons are found will be a satellite of the monument.

Another satellite area, this one west and north, adjacent to the highway, contains another unique fossil. This area, still of Miocene Age is of a later date than the other deposits. Here the unique Devil's Corkscrews are found. This is the name given the fossilized burrows of small prehistoric beavers.

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AGATE FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT by Gene Eno (continued)

From this brief description of the fossil deposits located at Agate I think you can well see why the Congress of the United States voted to preserve this area by developing it as a National Monument. Development will start next spring with the first work being the installation of utilities. This will be followed by bridge and road-work and finally the construction of an interpretive center. The fossil layers will be uncovered by burrowing into the hills.

A large collection of artifacts belonging to Captain Cook will be displayed here also, including the only written Indian record of the battle of the Little Big Horn. This is a pictograph on hide given to Captain Cook by participants on the winning side of that fight.

If you visit Agate today you will find only a trailer belonging to the National Park Service as evidence of things to come. If you actually walk up to Carnegie and University Hills as I did you will find no bone exposed, only small bits in the waste pile left by many years of excavation. I will watch the development of this monument with interest. I hope you will also.

- Gene Eno

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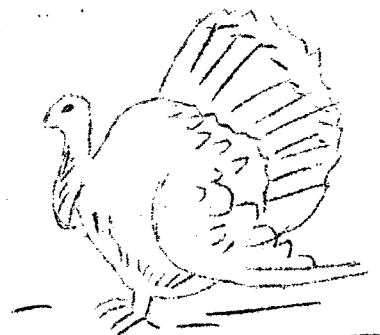
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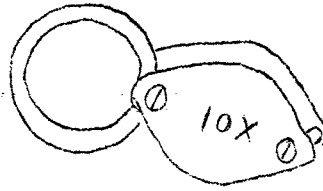
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FOR THE Holidays

Thanksgiving is a time for family and food and "Thanks". It also is a good time to plan your final Christmas buying. See us for help in your selections.



## TRAVEL OF VISUAL AIDS



Since so many of our L.G.M.C. members have made inquiries of where our Visual Aids have been, we have decided to print each month a schedule of the activities of this project. Some months we will make some comments on these placements.

Since August the following places have been visited:

Aug. 16: - - Science Seminar of Elementary Teachers

Placement was at Pershing Auditorium

Mrs. Sittler, Asst. Principal of Pershing School used the Plesiosaur head to show elementary school teachers that material was available to use by the schools from L.G.M.C., Inc.

Sept. 2-9: - State Fair

Placement was at the State Fair Grounds.

Used in conjunction with the University of Nebraska State Museum display.

Sept. 19-23: Pershing School - elementary

Mrs. Heath - 4th grades

Plesiosaur head, tape and slides

Sept. 24-25: Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Show

Oct. 1-2: - Valparaiso - Ole Timers

Oct. 3-7: - Bryan School - elementary

Fossil Case - Mrs. Herd, teacher - 5th grades

Oct. 10-17: - Holmes School - elementary

Plesiosaur slides, head and tape

Mrs. Dembert, teacher - 4th grades

Oct. 10-14: - Hartley School - elementary

Gem Cases - 4th & 5th grades

Lecturers were Mrs. Velma Bloyd and Mrs. Dorothy Engelhart

Oct. 17-28: - Cathedral of the Risen Christ

All visual aid material

Sister Ethelrita - teacher - 6th, 7th & 8th grades

Nov. 2-11: - Ruth Pyrtle - elementary

All visual aid cases, plesiosaur head, tape and slides. 4th, 5th & 6th grades

Lecture given by Mrs. Dorothy Engelhart, assisted by Mrs. Perry Miller

Our calendar is full up to the month of January so there will be more to write next month.

Velma Bloyd  
Dorothy Engelhart



Dishes



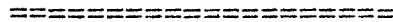
To say thank you to all the members who contributed to the 1966 Show Kitchen this year seems not enough. Without the members help in this project our kitchen would and could not function, nor would the profits be so great. Our sincere thanks to two people who were not

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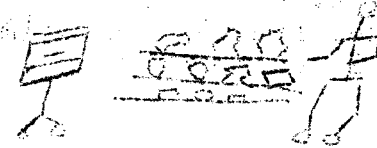


members of our club who gave of their time for your profits, Mrs. Lona Simmons and her friend, Lela Morris.

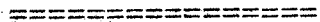
Thomas Simmons  
Velma Bloyd



As fluorescent chairman, may I thank those members who loaned their fluorescent specimens to the 1966 Show display. Thanks to Tod Ashman, who helped greatly in showing the specimens, and to those helping me return and pack away the display material.

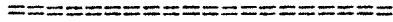


Art Bloyd

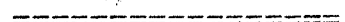


The working shop plays a great part in any show. My idea was to put out a good one this year. Without the support of L.G.M.C. members this would have fallen through. My thanks to each and every member who loaned their machines and to each and every member who gave of their time in the shop.

Floyd E. Olson



Our chairman of lighting again this year, Frank Rule, says he could not have gotten through without the help and support of his son and leg-man, Tom. Our sincere thanks to both the Rules for the very large amount of work it takes to help provide special lighting, electricity for revolving and rotating displays and power for the machinery, thus helping make our show such a very fine one each year.



"Life is a measure to be filled -- not a cup to be drained."

food for thought from - Magic Valley Gem Club

## TO THE MEMBERS:

The editor says "Thanks for the Memories" of 1966. For copy and conversation and support, for help and ideas and solutions, for work done by the members which provide the best copy to be had, and for any helpful criticisms which have been made. Thank you for a very wonderful show with so many displays to enjoy and remember. Thank you for all the extra hard work of setting up this show and the speedy, heavy work of returning all those tables and equipment to the necessary spots until needed again. Many members probably have no idea of the work it takes to present a show such as ours because they have never shared the fellowship of setting up and tearing down. Thank you particularly for a Show Chairman who always seems as cool as a cucumber and yet for whom everything seems to progress to a final, satisfying and gratifying end. (His count for this year's show was 1,764 persons through the door. This included 6 free passes, 38 complimentary tickets, 49 childrens advance, 188 adult advance, 329 childrens school passes, 244 paid children and 910 paid adults.)

Again I say "Thank you" to all those who have contributed in any fashion to the Pick & Shovel, through work, articles, poems, news, regularly or even one time and a particular Thank You to Jim who is so patient and helpful at press time and to our senior citizen who has pasted so many labels and stamps, and stapled hundreds of show bulletins.

Phyllis Parks

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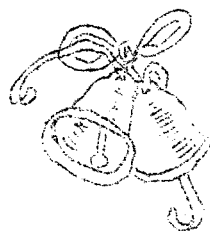
This month we are using up the last of our big purchase of paper and trying out some paper of a lesser price with the hope of lowering the expense of the bulletin. We invite your opinions, criticism, or comment as some of the pages may show more off set or possibly show through making it hard to read your Pick & Shovel. Please let some of the board or standing committees or the editor know your reaction.

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## OCCUPATIONAL BIRTHSTONES

Architects	cornerstone
Politicians	blarney stone
Stockbrokers	curbstone
Burglars	Keystone
Tourists	Yellowstone
Motorists	milestone
Pedestrians	tombstone
Astronauts	moon-stone
Doctors	gallstone
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Laundrymen	soapstone
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Shoerepairmen	cobblestone

-Reader's Digest via LOES



It is with much pleasure that we have been given permission to tell you of the engagement of Miss Jean Ann Bright to our own Larry D. Martin. Miss Bright comes from Stella, Nebraska, and is a student at the University. Larry, whom you will remember as our "Baby Sitter" on the Pleezy site, hails from Bartlett, Nebraska, and is now a graduate student in the Geology Department, and giving much assistance to our Wednesday evening Workshop. Our very warmest Congratulations to you Larry and much happiness to you, Miss Bright.

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The library has had no additions for quite some time and your librarian is inviting suggestions from the members as to books which would make welcome reading for the club.

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# Midwest Federation's NEWSLETTER

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## Please Note... New Mailing Address

Our new Midwest Federation Secretary is Miss Dorothy Gleiser who is in charge of keeping our mailing lists up-to-date. Whenever you move, or when your club changes officers, these changes should be sent immediately to her so that your Federation mail can reach you without any delays or costly expense in postage which results when we do not have your correct address. So.... EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.... send these address and officer changes to....

MISS DOROTHY GLEISER, 1066 N. GRIFFITH ROAD, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS 60045

### A Message From Your RETIRING PRESIDENT

Another year in the Midwest Federation is rapidly coming to an end. It has been a wonderful year for me as well as for Walt and we hope that it has been a good year for the Midwest. We will always treasure the memories of experiences enjoyed with the many new friends as well as with our old friends. Walt and I appreciate and thank all of you for the honors and the many courtesies extended to us this past year.

We, in the Midwest, hope that our clubs and members are using and learning from the Exhibitors Manual, The Show Manual and the Operations Manual that were mailed to all clubs last year. Copies of the Brochure, by Merton Young, about our Federation were sent to all of you. In the near future you will all receive the 1967 edition of the Midwest Program Adis and later in the year a booklet on Safety will be mailed. The mail was indeed heavy this past year and we feel that the service of supplying copies of our Newsletter to Editors to insert in their bulletins has been of benefit to club members.

The Midwest is a rapidly growing Federation with 180 clubs and over 11,000 members. The more than 70 officers and members of the Executive Committee have given so generously of their time in trying to give the best service possible to all

### A Message From Our NEW PRESIDENT

Each year has been a growth year for your MWF, paying dividends in greater pleasure and knowledge to all club members. 1967 will be another growth year. A success formula should never change and it may be expanded.

Your Federation has a wealth of material for your use. Some is designed for group participation - an evening program. The Federation Annual Directory lists officers of all clubs. It is your "yellow pages" of where to find rockhounds. It is a must on your vacation. How to start a rock club? Your MWF has brochures giving details.

In the months to come much effort will be expanded to publicize what the MWF has for you, as clubs and as individuals. This material is for you to use!

-Verne Montgomery

our clubs and members. We are proud of the Midwest clubs and all that they do to serve their schools and communities.

To express proper appreciation to everyone that has helped me last year would mean writing hundreds, in fact thousands of letters, for not only

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have my Officers and Chairman been prompt in replying to my requests for information but also our clubs and their members have all been so gracious and responsive. Please consider this message as my personal thanks to each and every one of you for your help this last year.

Yes, it has been a wonderful year but a very busy one. As a dear friend said recently to another club, "I have seen Yesterday and enjoyed it; I am not afraid of Tomorrow, but I Love Today." Maybe later on "Today" I will have a bit more time to study and enjoy our own mineral collection.

Thank you again for everything. I know you will give the same loyal support to your 1966-67 officers that you gave to me.

Love and Best Wishes to all of you,

Katharine Steinbrenner  
1965-66 MWF President

#### MIDWEST PROGRAM AIDS

Copies of the Midwest Program Aids: Edition '67, are being sent to each member club, one per club. Receivers should see that this booklet is given to their club program chairman or whoever is in charge of arranging the club's programs, to become a part of their permanent file. Additional copies are available for 50¢ each from the Midwest Treasurer, Mr. Jerry Huber, 238 Guilford Road, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota.

#### MRS. FRANK (CELIA) VOKOUN

It was with sadness and a feeling of a great loss that we received word of the death of Celia Vokoun. Celia was appointed to the position of Membership Chairman of the Midwest Federation in 1962 by Bernice Rexin and she was a most capable and dependable person. For several years she also she was also the Editor of "The Rear Trunk" the bulletin of the Nebraska Mineral and Gem Club in Omaha, Nebraska.

Celia and her husband had enjoyed a late summer vacation in Wyoming and the west. She suddenly became ill on Saturday morning, September 24th and was taken to the Omaha Hospital where she died in her sleep that evening of a heart attack.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Fall meeting of the Executive Committee of the Midwest Federation will be held at the National Guard Armory, 330 S. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana on November 12th, 9:30 a.m.

The Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society of Fort Wayne are holding their 4th Annual Show at the same time at the National Guard Armory.

Club officers attending the show are most welcome to "sit in" on the Executive Committee Meeting. Please spend some time with us. See first hand how we function. Someday you may be a member of the Executive Committee.

#### AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Congratulations to The Wabash Valley Gem and Mineral Society for becoming eligible to receive their 100% Certificate.

We have found that clubs that have a Scholarship Chairman to collect the General Mills coupons and cash gifts at each meeting soon become 100% almost before they realize it. These cash donations from your members do not have to be large ones because this is one place where "every little bit does count." If your club had had a Chairman all last year to collect a few pennies and a coupon or so from each member present at every meeting, wouldn't you be almost a 100% club today?? Get your club president to appoint a Scholarship Chairman at the November meeting and in this way your coupons, pennies, nickles and even dollars will be sent to your own Scholarship Foundation every month. If you are already a 100% club... keep up the good work and soon you will be 200%, 400% or even 500%. Thank You!

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FROM Robert Gibbings in "SWEET THAMES RUN SOFTLY"

I know a man who always carries a cut stone in his pocket and delights to hold it in his hand. "At last I have found something both exquisite and everlasting," he says. One day he has with him a cube of purple fluorspar from Derbyshire, or perhaps a pyramid of smoky quartz from Cumberland. The next it may be rock crystal from Madagascar. To him the sense of 'tenancy' in life is stronger than in anyone I know. "We are passing through," he says. "Passing through. Flowers fade, timbers crumble, metal corrodes, but these stones will remain!"

On my own table is a section of agate, its concentric rings of rose, ivory, and carmine enclosing a turbulent mass of amethyst. I bought it some years ago for a few shillings, and no expenditure has ever brought greater regard. Its depths are always there, clear and refreshing, a petrified pool never to be disturbed by wind or tide.

Few people realize the beauty of even the commonest of stones; yet the insect who makes his home in a pile of gravel on the roadside lives in a palace.

-submitted by Frank Ruhl

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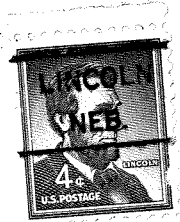
#### SAD BUT TRUE

When a doctor makes a mistake - he buries it.  
When a plumber makes a mistake - he charges twice for it.  
When a lawyer makes a mistake - it is just what he wanted,  
because he has the chance to try the case over again.  
When a carpenter makes a mistake - it's just what he expected.  
When a judge makes a mistake - it becomes the law of the land.  
When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.  
But when an editor makes a mistake -

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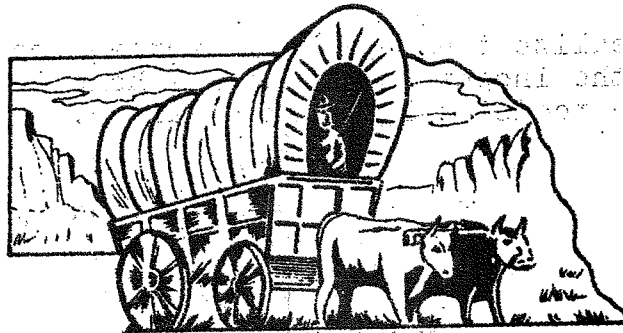
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