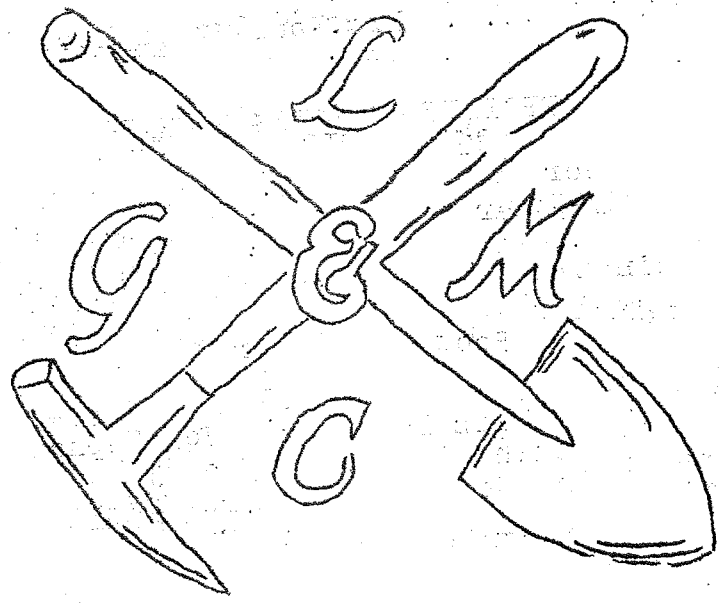


Dec. 1966

# 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.

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1966 ELECTED OFFICERS

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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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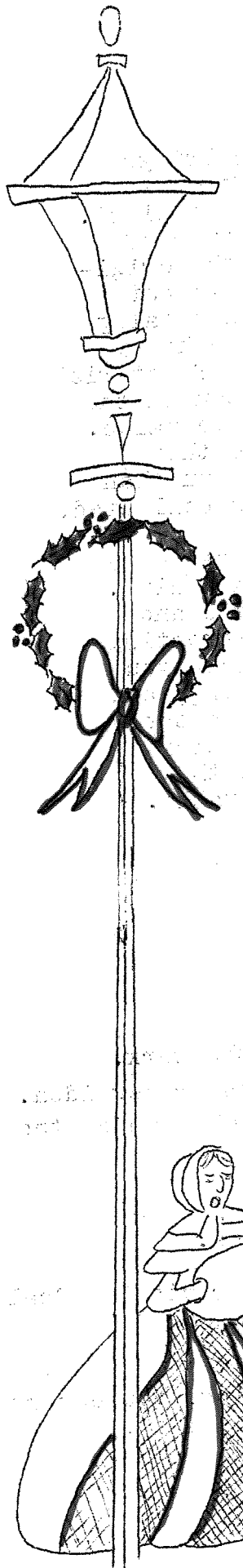
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Seasons Greetings  
Best Wishes  
for a Happy Prosperous  
New Year to All

Congratulations to our  
newly elected officers  
and board members

Gene Eno  
Howard Taylor  
G. W. McKinney  
Louise Baugher  
Kathryn Ulrich  
Art Bloyd  
Jerry Kohn

We're with you all the way!!

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Cold weather and the winter season brings a new interest and change in activity for the rock and mineral collector and lapidary hobbist. Sometimes the examination, cutting or study of your summer find is more exciting than the original discovery. Only when you take time to cut and polish, or test, classify, label and catalog does something worthwhile emerge from the hobby for you and your friends. A collection of material piled behind the garage or boxed forgotten in the basement serves no purpose or is of little value. This winter dig out that old box or into that pile of stuff out back. It can be more fun than any field trip. Remember the day it was collected, the friends you were with, the trials, the tribulations and finally success. Buy a new saw or a more advanced mineral book or give Santa a hint. Develop your hobby, share it with a friend and this winter will be shorter and more interesting and meaningful. Spring will be here before you know it. But for now winter is still young, and as my last official wish, may I express to each of you as club member and friend my hope that this Christmas will be your happiest and the coming year your most pleasant and profitable.

Bruce Simon

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## BONE STRUCTURE OF AN ORGANIZATION

- WISHBONE -- Those who wish someone else would do all the work.  
 JAWBONE -- Those who know or ridicule every suggestion or new idea.  
 FINGER BONE--Those who are forever pointing at someone else to do the job.  
 LEGBONE -- Those who walk away from responsibility.  
 TAIL BONE - For the sitters.  
 BACK BONE - The strength and heart of every organization.

-from The Miami Gemcrafter via The Opal

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT -- When you expect something for nothing, you deserve to be disappointed. No one is entitled to more than he gives.

-from The Rockhounds Call

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Covered dish supper and meeting -  
Saturday, Dec. 17, 1966 at 6:30 P.M.

NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING CENTER

1625 North 10th St.

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

This will be our Annual Christmas Party. Bring your entire family, your own table service, something good to eat (we serve buffet style), and a happy smile. Coffee, cream and sugar, and children's drink will be furnished by the club.

PROGRAM - Slides of his Alaskan Trip by Lloyd Lederer.  
Group singing and Christmas merriment.  
Installation of 1967 officers.

Gift Exchange - Gems, minerals, slabs, rock, mountings.  
Value about \$1.00. Any member, family member or guest may enter the gift exchange by placing one under the tree.

There will be a short business meeting to vote on the proposed By-Laws change regarding membership dues and Junior membership. (In case you've missed a meeting, it was suggested at the October meeting that an increase was due and the Board was instructed to act on the matter. At the November meeting the Board made their proposal to amend the By-Laws and provide that dues be \$3.00 per adult member, \$1.00 per junior member and \$7.00 for family membership. It is also recommended that junior members have a parent or guardian with membership in the club or the sponsoring member must assume full responsibility for the junior members activities with the club)

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R E M E M B E R -- D U E S W I L L B E D U E

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NEW MEMBER - Mr. Frank Marsh, 2701 South 34th St.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 17	LGMC Christmas Party
Jan. 28, 1967	January meeting - 12 years a rock club
June 1967	Rocky Mountain Federation Show
June 1967	AFMS - Eastern Federation joint show
Sept. 22, 23, 24, 1967	Nebraska Centennial Rockrama - L.G.M.C.



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Years Ago

The Christmas party of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tracy on December 17, 1956.

The following officers were elected for 1957: Dick Hedges, President; Clyde Benham, Vice-President; Frances Tracy, Secretary-Treasurer.

Gifts of cutting material and mineral specimens were exchanged.

-from the notebook of Historian Frances Tracy

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DID YOU KNOW - - - - -

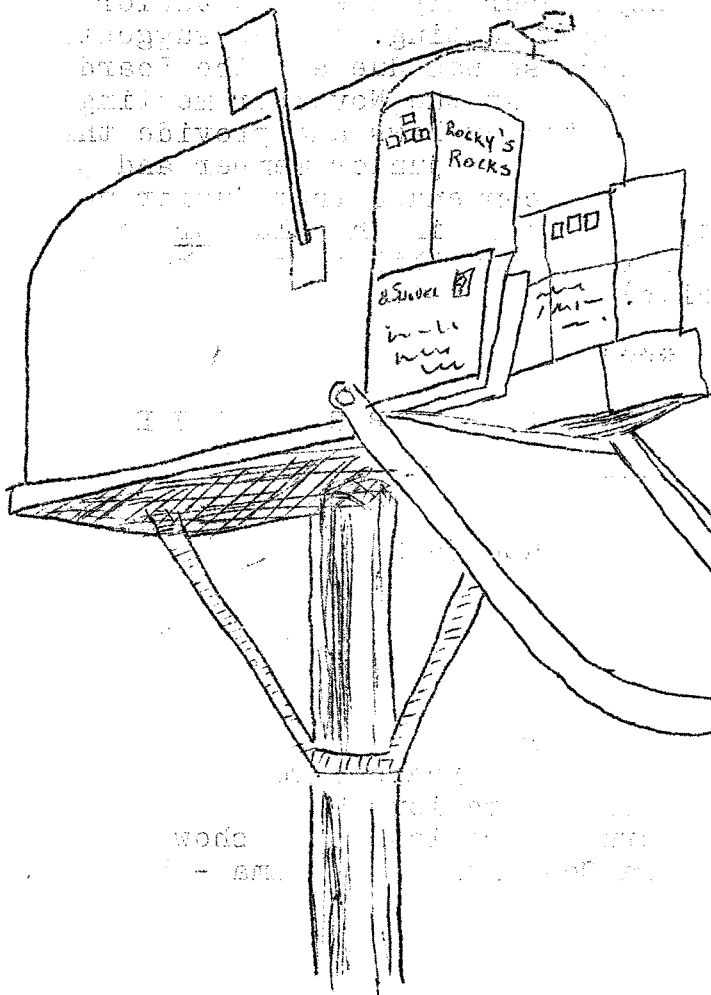
This bit of prose is so right for my column this month!

Dear Magazine, go upon your way  
Over mountain, plain, or sea  
God Bless all who speed your flight

To where I wish you to be,  
And bless all those beneath the roof

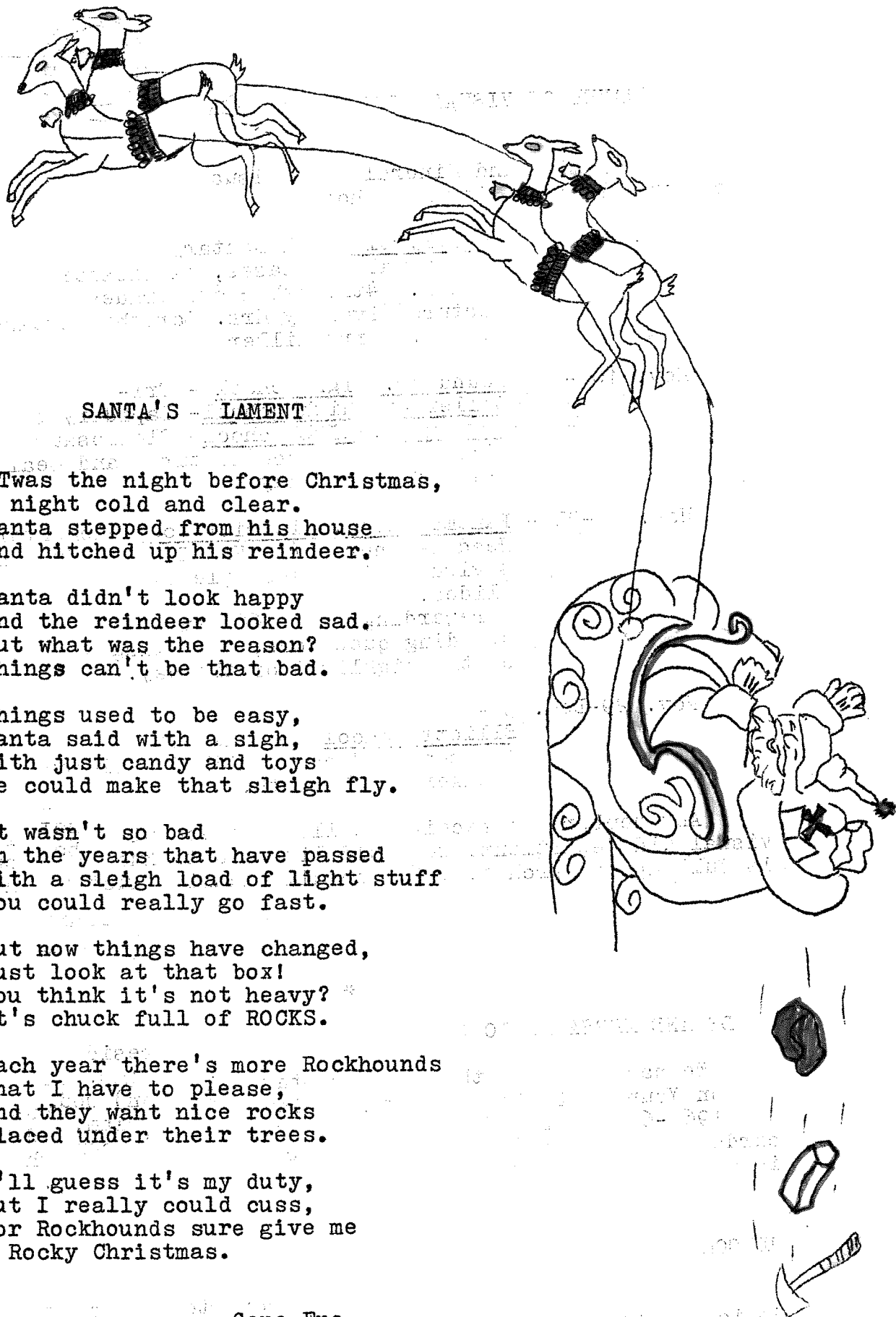
Where I would have you rest;  
But bless even more the one to whom

This Magazine is addressed.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL

Marie J. Carveth  
Me too, says Virg



### SANTA'S LAMENT

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
 A night cold and clear.  
 Santa stepped from his house  
 And hitched up his reindeer.

Santa didn't look happy  
 And the reindeer looked sad.  
 But what was the reason?  
 Things can't be that bad.

Things used to be easy,  
 Santa said with a sigh,  
 With just candy and toys  
 We could make that sleigh fly.

It wasn't so bad  
 In the years that have passed  
 With a sleigh load of light stuff  
 You could really go fast.

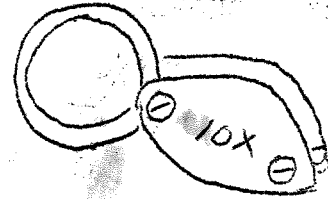
But now things have changed,  
 Just look at that box!  
 You think it's not heavy?  
 It's chuck full of ROCKS.

Each year there's more Rockhounds  
 That I have to please,  
 And they want nice rocks  
 Placed under their trees.

I'll guess it's my duty,  
 But I really could cuss,  
 For Rockhounds sure give me  
 A Rocky Christmas.

Gene Eno

## TRAVEL OF VISUAL AIDS - NOVEMBER



Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club Visual Aid Cases are still on the move in the following schools:

- 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
- Nov. 10 - - Pound Jr. High School - Tri-State, Dorothy Engelhart  
- - Culler Jr. High School - Lapidary by Velma Bloyd  
- - Irving Jr. High School - Plesiosaur by Gene Eno  
Fire drills, space lectures and meals added spice for this day.
- Nov. 16-23 - Panama, Nebr. District 160, elementary  
Head teacher, Mrs. Van Dewege, 3rd thru 6th grades  
4 visual aid cases, plesiosaur head, tape and slides.  
A rewarding day, 166 students with very outstanding questions, a testing kit that proved to be the highlight of the day.
- Nov. 29-Dec. 5 -  
Elliott School - elementary  
4 visual aid cases with Tom Simmons as the speaker on the 29th.

Any member who receives calls that you wish to refer to the visual aid department, we would like you to know that our calendar is full up to March 1, 1967, so all planning must be on this basis.

- Velma Bloyd  
Dorothy Engelhart

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## CARDS AND MESSAGES TO CHEER:

We have learned through our State Vice-President that the Merton Youngs of Michigantown, Indiana 46057, (Mr. Young was the 1964-65 President of the Midwest Federation) would appreciate cards and notes of cheer to their daughter, Miriam, who is an invalid. They can be mailed in care of Merton Young.

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## WELCOME 16 YEAR OLDS:

As we go into our new year we hope to welcome three of our junior members who have attained their 16th birthdays recently. Congratulations to Leslie Miller, Chris Engelhart and Judy Weber.

## SUBJECT: EDUCATION REPORT

The incoming president has appointed a new educational committee: Dick Hedges, Velma Bloyd, Dorothy Engelhart, Floyd Olson, and Roger Pabian. We hope to continue with our present programs and start several new ones so that both our new members and the more experienced members may become better informed about their very own particular interest in the earth sciences. With this viewpoint that it is fun to learn new things and to share what we already know with others, the educational committee intends to start the following programs if there is sufficient interest.

One of the proposed groups will be a class in which we will learn about the basic earth sciences so that as you go into the field you will have a better idea on how, where, when, what, and how much to collect. We will also learn how to read a geographical map, and how to collect safely. This class should also enable you to read magazine articles with greater understanding by giving you a knowledge of the terms rockhounds use such as: fold, fault, cleavage, crystal face, etc. There will be a little basic mineral study involved also in the class. Meetings will begin about the middle of January and last for about ten weeks. You will need a scratch plate and notebook. It will be held at the home of Dick Hedges, 5844 South Street.

The advanced study of minerals is another activity that is planned and is intended for those folks who have a mineral collection and already know a little bit about minerals. Each person will be encouraged to bring minerals of his own to the study group. This will be an open study group and will not be a mineral class as such. It is intended to increase each person's knowledge of minerals by an interchange of thinking and study by the whole group. This group might like to handle a mineral display at the Midwest Federation Show and at our own show. Velma Bloyd will be in charge. Her address is 2818 North Cotner, Phone 434-4781.

As most of us know Dorothy Engelhart has been having a fossil shop down at the University Museum on Wednesday nights. She can use more workers. She says that the people who have been coming are doing a marvelous job. She could use a little more help so if you are interested in preparing vertebrate fossils and learning as you work, call or see Dorothy. Her phone number is 488-5383.

The lapidary interested folks in our club have always needed an open type of workshop and study group. Until recently no one was ready to take over the leadership of this type of activity. But from now on Floyd Olson will be the chairman of this group. You will cut cabochons in many different ways using all sorts of materials and have the opportunity to discuss the what and how-to of it, etc. The lapidary group might like to redo the Gems on Location or perhaps make a Nebraska Gems on Location for the Midwest Federation club competition and then display it at our show. They might also like to cut some prairie agate for the Governor to use. But what the lapidary group does is up to them. You folks in the club might put the pressure on Floyd and his class for your own ideas or better yet, join it. Wouldn't it be interesting to have the group display some of their work at our monthly club meetings. Good luck, Floyd. We know that you and your gang will have a lot of fun.

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EDUCATION REPORT (continued)

Roger Pabian is a graduate geologist from the University of Nebraska and has volunteered to teach a class on invertebrate fossils starting in January, held at his home at 5540 Adams Street, on Sunday evenings. His class will be taught by lecture and a certain amount of homework will be required. If you want to make a hobby of invertebrate paleontology his class is a very good beginning. Because of limited space in his home he will be able to accommodate only a certain number so be sure to contact him soon if you are interested.

The Education Committee would like to know what you think would make a better education program for the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. If you have any suggestions or questions please call Dick Hedges, chairman, at 488-4141.

If you wish to attend one or more of the classes or discussion groups, please fill out the form below and mail it to Dick Hedges at 5844 South Street, Lincoln, or bring it to the December 17th meeting and give it to Dick.

-submitted by Dick Hedges

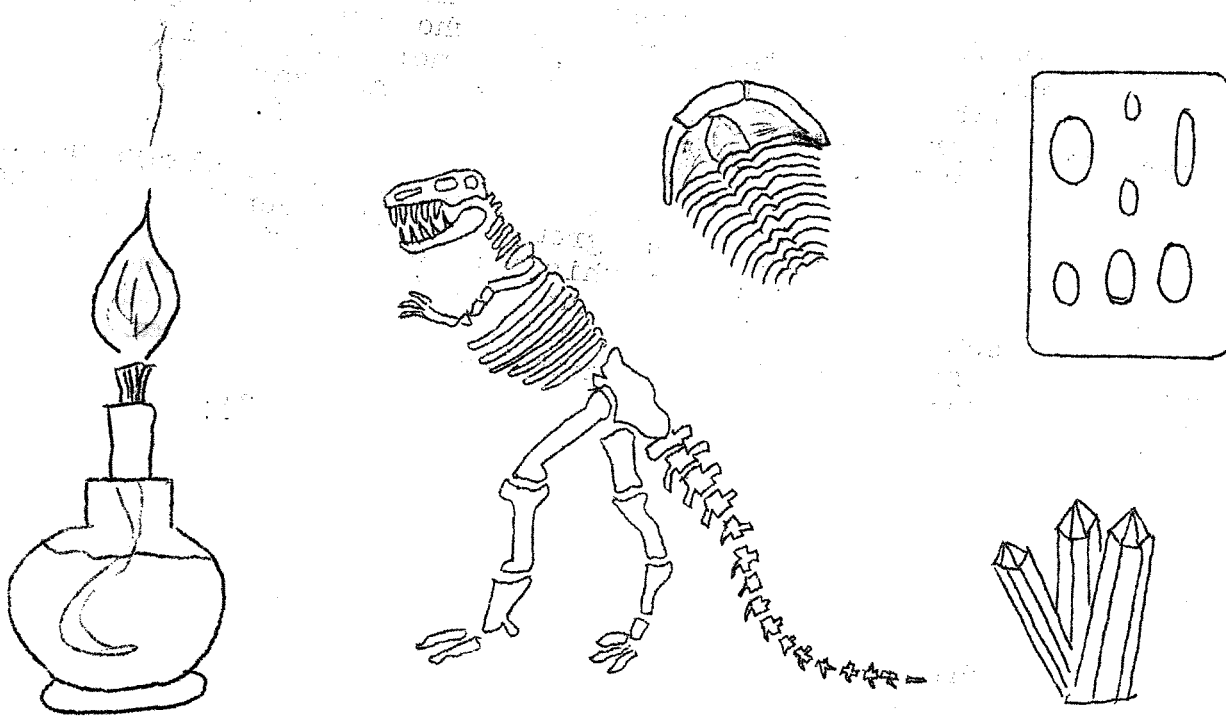
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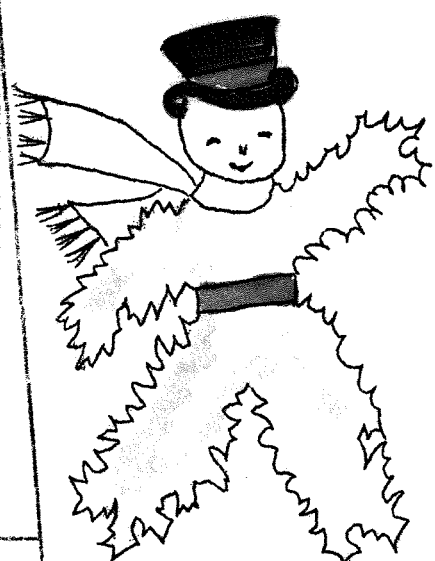
Class I would like to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Nights I would most like to have it on \_\_\_\_\_

Nights I could attend \_\_\_\_\_

Nights I could not attend \_\_\_\_\_







# Merry Christmas

SIMMONS RENTAL AND LAPIDARY  
2970 South Street  
Phone 488-1619

# Season's Greetings



CLAUS LAPIDARY AND CERAMICS  
2349 West O St.  
Phone 435-2300



# Happy Holiday

EVERETT LAPIDARY SHOP  
2941 No. 65th  
Phone 466-6204

*Frosty*

NUBBINS -

November was a month for planning and doing, for being exceptionally busy and very Thankful to be able. The biggest thanks must go to Mrs. Perry Miller who answered the ad for help and was immediately thrown into the biggest publication jamboree ever. Just to emphasize this - copy deadline was as usual the 10th of the month which gives almost a week for organization and layout, for space typing, stencil typing, proof reading, art work, printing and assembling (150 copies). Now on Friday night, November 11th, Board meeting and the first copy was received. Saturday more copy, Monday some more, and Tuesday final copy, and we had planned to have the whole thing in the post office by Wednesday, November 16th. Bless you, Mrs. Miller, for your typing and layout work.

So ----

Dear Santa:

Please bring us an earlier deadline for copy, lots of copy, news, reports, anything you wish to see or have someone else read in Your Pick & Shovel. Please have everything to us by the 5th of the month or let us know just how much space your article will take and what it will be principally about. This includes our advertisers. In our January bulletin we will try to list a series of phone numbers for you to call for each type of news etc.

Please bring more replies from persons who wish to contribute their part to the club through the club paper. We will try not to burden you too heavily (at first) but hope more people will share in the satisfaction of sharing words throughout the club and exchanges. It is fun when no one need burn the midnight oil too often.

Please remember that our By-Laws require 10 days notice for special meetings and the staff feel that the Pick & Shovel should likewise be in the mail at least 10 days prior to the monthly meetings.

Please make this a great and successful year for Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club and all the activities it has scheduled.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Parks, Editor

P. S. Please let Jim and Velma know how much their art work and help are appreciated. The ad page and color application were done by Velma and all the sketches put on stencil by Jim.

## MORE NUBBINS -

The November meeting brought election of officers, discussion of dues, and a vote of the members that we recommend to the Nebraska State Legislature that two rocks should be considered for adoption as the State Rocks. The first to be a mineral, Dakota Sandstone, and we have a fine report on this group in this issue of The Pick & Shovel. The second rock to be a gemstone, fine for cutting and polishing and making lovely jewelry and other ornaments, namely "Prairie Agate." It was pointed out that this designation can be attached to any number of agates found in Nebraska in almost every county. So be it resolved!!

Included also in this bulletin is a letter from our State Vice-President with plans for a really big field trip. This sounds like a fabulous week-end and we hope lots of members from all the Nebraska MWF clubs will be able to attend. More information on the Lizzadro Museum will available soon.

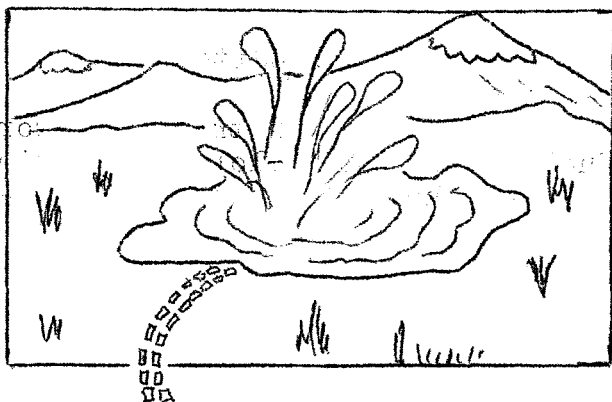
Late news reaches us that Mrs. Ralph Ulrich, our recording secretary, is in Bryan Memorial Hospital. Best wishes to you Katie, and we hope you will soon be up and about with renewed health.

Who has more fun than a Rockhound? My guess is two rockhounds, especially if those two are Floyd Olson and Art Bloyd on their recent trip to Texas and points south. Such enthusiasm and energy, and Art with his rock boots home in the bathroom. You can bet he didn't forget his swapping materials though.

Bill Moore, 2231 South 52nd St., Phone 488-7785, is interested in organizing a field trip to Bruneau Canyon, Idaho. Anyone who'd like to search for jasper, thundereggs, opal, wood, etc. contact Bill. He'd like to take a week, 2 days out-3 to hunt- and 2 back with all the beauties. Possibly "Late April-Early May"

Had a lovely Christmas card from Joanna & Larry Pope and it looks as if they will spend Christmas at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Last month we omitted a Thank you from Mrs. Ruth Weber who was in charge of the Fishing Hole for our 1966 show. She wanted to say Thank you to any who helped and especially to the junior members who were most helpful. \$33.75 at 5¢ a hook adds up to a lot of work behind the scenes.



## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

"Tote Goating" in the Field may still be a little hazardous due to an occasional Mud Hole.

-from Magic Valley Gem News  
Editor Ray F. Orr,  
Buhl, Idaho

"Dakota Group Sandstones,  
the  
Progressive Candidate for State Rock."  
Roger K. Pabian

One of the problems facing the next session of the Nebraska Legislature will be that of selecting a state rock. It seems that a state rock should be chosen for the same reasons that elected officials are chosen; namely, the contribution that has been made to the state by the candidate.

Gem collectors have reported no diamonds from Nebraska. Fine agate occurs in practically every county but these are not prime contributors to the economy of the state. For those who like the name "Fairburn Agate" ---well, it was named for Fairburn, South Dakota. If this isn't enough, the "Fairburn" originated in the "Pennsylvanian" rocks around the Black Hills of South Dakota and Hartville uplift of Wyoming. Nebraska's "Fairburns" are strays which were imported by Oligocene streams into the Badlands. The agates of eastern Nebraska are popularly called "Lake Superiors" and these had a Precambrian origin on the "Canadian" shield; they are also imports, brought to this state by the "Kansan" glaciation.

Nebraska has a candidate for state rock, which, for the economic, historic, and scientific influence it has shown should be selected. This candidate is the sandstones at the upper part of the "Dakota" group. No hypocrisy is intended here as one might imagine after the lashing given all the foreign lands above. Much to the dismay of many native South Dakotans, the "Dakota Group" was named by the Pioneer geologists, Meek and Hayden, in 1862 for exposures of sandstones in the hills in back of the town of Dakota (City), Nebraska. These beds of rock are about 400 feet thick and consist of yellow, reddish, and sometimes white sandstones, with occasional layers of lignite coal and clays. The Dakota sandstones and its equivalents are, with the exception of the extreme southeast corner of the state, distributed throughout Nebraska. Though the beds are exposed through most of eastern Nebraska, they dip subsurface and are situated about 1,000 feet below sea level in Kimball County, as shown by oil well logs.

Why select a "Group" of rocks to represent the state? A group of rocks can be selected because a rock never stands alone; it is related historically and lithologically to all other rocks around it. By selecting a group of rocks rather than a single rock, we will not likely choose a "stray" in the pile, but will choose a unit, which, in its entirety, reflects a period of the natural history of the state, and which has, in reality, determined much of the course of the historical and economic development of the State of Nebraska. Nebraska can now recognize these rocks whose very existence has pronounced prosperity and progress to Nebraska. Let us be more specific.

The Dakota Group was deposited in the upper Cretaceous period and tells us, in part, the natural history of Nebraska. Continental to near shore type facies are represented in eastern Nebraska. There

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## Dakota Group Sandstones -Roger K. Pabian (continued)

are many leaf imprints in these sands. An abandoned sand pit near the town of Pleasant Dale has produced many fine imprints and an occasional fossil hackberry. The light house at the popular Linoma Beach area, near Ashland, is built of Dakota sandstones which contain many fine leaf fossils. Many plant remains are found in the Dakota exposures in northeast Nebraska. It is believed that the Dakota Group in western Nebraska is represented largely by marine deposits of a near shore and beach type environment. As we will see later, this is a billion dollar windfall to Nebraska.

The Dakota group has had considerable influence on the growth and history of Nebraska. Lincoln was settled in 1859 for the purpose of obtaining salt, which is common in the upper portion of the sandstones. One needs drive only a few miles north or west of Lincoln, where a white crust of salt is observed on the bottom lands. These salts can be very problematic to well drillers, as there are in addition to ions of sodium and chlorine, ions of calcium and magnesium, which produce a hard, undrinkable water. This, however, is the exception, as sandstones of the Dakota Group are one of the most important aquifers (water bearing strata) in the state, and produce a pure and potable water. Many farms in eastern Nebraska, owe much of their existence to Dakota waters, and many well drillers owe the livelihoods to these aquifers. Wells in the Dakota group are so numerous that they defy counting and can be estimated only in terms of billions of dollars where economic influence is considered.

The important oil wells in the panhandle of Nebraska occur in the Dakota Group. Since the discovery of oil in the panhandle in 1951, approximately \$700,000,000 (seven hundred million) worth of oil has been recovered in Nebraska. At the end of the calendar year of 1964, 202,741,789 barrels of crude oil were taken. Oil has been produced from Dakota sandstones in Kimball, Banner, Morrill, Cheyenne, Garden, and Scotts Bluff Counties.

The Dakota Group has also produced considerable amounts of natural gas from Deuel and Cheyenne Counties. At the end of 1964, 100,388,011 million cubic feet of natural gas had been produced in Nebraska. Its value is about \$100,000,000.

Prior to 1939, the Dakota Group was subdivided into three formations, the Dakota Sandstone, Fuson Shale, and Lakota Sandstone. The upper part of the group, though legally Omadi Sandstone, is Dakota in the mind of the Public. Stratigraphers should still heed their convention, but give tribute when tribute is due.

In 1939, Mr. E. C. Reed of the Nebraska Conservation and Survey Commission felt that it would be appropriate if the name "Dakota" formation for the upper part of the "Dakota" group be changed such that neither the formation or group had the same name. Reed named the so-called Dakota formation the "omadi" formation and this further sub-divided into three members: the Newcastle Sandstone, Skull Creek Shales, and Fall River Sandstone. Though stratigraphers convention and scientific reason favor Reed's proposal, these rocks are still called "Dakota" by popular demand. The Dakota sandstones have too much history, too much tradition, too much name, too much reputation. Though stratigraphic names are changed and rechanged, a good name sticks.

December 6, 1966

Dear Clubs,

A new and different field trip has been offered by the State Vice-Presidents in your Midwest Federation. Mr. Russell Kemp, Chairman of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, has offered to be the host. The following itinerary is for a wonderful rockhound week-end in the big windy city of Chicago: LET'S GO BIG RED !!!

1. The date of this trip is February 10-11th, 1967.
2. Board the Burlington train at Lincoln, Nebraska and Omaha, Nebr. If you board at Lincoln, Nebraska, the cost is \$18.50 round trip per person. Boarding at Omaha, Nebr. the cost is \$16.85 round trip per person. Boarding time at Lincoln is 12:09 A.M. and at Omaha is 1:16.
3. You will stay at the Hotel Sheraton in Chicago. The price is \$7.00 per person.
4. On Febr. 10, you will visit the Chicago Field Museum. ESCONI and Chicago Lapidary people will act as your guides through the Museum, the Hall of Minerals, Gems and Fossils and arrange for you to visit the workshops. There is a fine cafeteria with reasonable meals here for lunch.
5. At about 4:30 P.M. you will leave the Field Museum and go 20 miles to the Lizzadro Museum School and Rock Shop. From there to the Museum. At the Museum dinner will be served at \$4.00 per person. After dinner a program will be presented. You will leave here at 10 P.M. Now you can return to the hotel or go out on the town if you have any strength left.
6. Sunday A.M. you will leave for North Shore Baptist Church for their 11 A.M. service following which Mr. David Taylor will tell the story of the Jade Window in the Kraft Chapel.

7. Now the following is your cost of this trip:

From Lincoln, Nebraska - \$29.50 per person  
From Omaha, Nebraska - \$27.85 per person

Checks should be made out to the Burlington Railways and mailed no later than January 25, 1967 to Mrs. Dorothy Engelhart, 4130 Witherbee Blvd., Lincoln, Nebraska 68510. There may be an additional cost involved in transportation to the Lizzadro Museum and to the church since there is no way to determine this far in advance how many people will make this trip. There is transportation available but until we know how many will take this trip we cannot set a price.

Yours for a Happy Field Trip,

Mrs. Dorothy Engelhart-  
State Vice-Pres.  
Mr. Lloyd Baugher -Asst.Vice-Pres.  
Mr. Julius Amaya-2nd Asst.Vice-Pres.

# Midwest Federation's NEWSLETTER

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## NEW EDITOR FOR EARTH SCIENCE

Professor Richard M. Pearl has been named editor of Earth Science magazine it was announced in Downers Grove, Illinois during the past week, filling the post of the late Bun Hur Wilson.

Professor Pearl was co-founder with Dr. Ben Hur Wilson of the AFMS and was also founder of the Rocky Mountain Federation. He is currently Professor of Geology at the Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is the author of more than 20 books well known to rockhounds and is a graduate of Colorado and Harvard University.

Under Professor Pearl's guidance Earth Science magazine will continue to publish articles of interest to members of the Midwest Federation and will continue to devote space to MWF club activities, MWF meetings and shows, and in all ways will be a voice to the MWF.

Correspondence for Professor Pearl may be addressed to Earth Science Publishing Company, Box 550, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

## A FEW NOTES ABOUT EARTH SCIENCE SUBSCRIPTIONS

This is that wonderful time of the year, writes Earth Science Subscription Manager T. P. Lalish, when we renew those old friendships. The vacation and those trips into favorite hunting grounds are now history. It is also the time to do a little bragging about that new specimen or new friend.

And, he continues, that is exactly what we are doing. About a year ago we made an offer to the clubs. The offer was a free subscription to any school or library for each group of five new

subscriptions. The response was so tremendous that we want to extend the offer again.

"We find it difficult to visit each and every club and meet you personally, so, this will have to do. Remember, send six names and addresses and pay for only five. Keep sending them in. We will include a gift card along with the first copy. You will have another friend, and so will we. Watch our friendships grow."

## NEW ASSIGNMENTS

From our new president, Verne Montgomery, comes the following new assignments.

Membership Chairman. Frank Vokoun will carry on the fine work of Celia. Frank is a member of the Nebraska Mineral and Gem Club, Inc.

Educational Chairman. Mrs. Gail Alexander, 1113 West 4th Street, Marion, Indiana 46952 who has been an assistant state vice president now heads this important function. Gail is a member of the Giant Geological Society, Inc.

Nebraska Assistant State Vice President. Julien Amaya, 511 W. 4th Street, North Platte, Nebraska now represents the Midwest Federation in the western part of our Nebraska territory. Julien was chairman of the Platte Valley Rock and Mineral Society 1966 show. His is an area representative for the Toastmaster Club, a TV personality and member of the Platte Valley Rock and Mineral Society.

Minnesota Assistant State Vice President. Charles H. Haskin, 2408 12th Street, SW, Austin, Minnesota now is associated with George Bullock in working with clubs and

prospective clubs in southern Minnesota. Presently Charles is president of the Austin Gem and Mineral Society, second term.

#### RUDY HOFFMAN

It is with great regret we report the death of Rudy Hoffman. Rudy, and insurance executive, was Assistant State Vice President for South Dakota where he had done excellent work for the Midwest Federation. He was a member of the Sioux Empire Gem and Mineral Society.

#### DR. FRANK FLEENOR

We are sorry to announce that Dr. Frank Fleenor, the fourth president of our Midwest Federation, passed away on September 9th.

#### FALL MEETING

The fall meeting of the Midwest Federation was held on Saturday, November 12th in Fort Wayne, Indiana in conjunction with the annual show of the Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Club.

The new officers of the MWF took over the active operation of the Federation at this meeting. Discussions were held regarding the duties of the State Vice Presidents and the presentation of MWF Rockramas.

The Federation was invited, and accepted, to hold its spring 1967 meeting in April with the Greater Kansas City Gem and Mineral Association who are having their annual show at this time. The show and meeting will be in Kansas City, Missouri.

A complete report on the Fort Wayne meeting will be sent to all member clubs soon.

#### RECENTLY

while in Santa Fe, New Mexico your editor had the pleasure of visiting with Herbert Grand Girard who was president of the Midwest Federation during the 1953-54 year. Mr. Girard operates an employment bureau there.

#### WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MWF CLUBS

West River Earth Science Society of Murdo, South Dakota. c/o Mr. Robert Wilson, Murdo, South Dakota.

Blue Grass Rock Club of Lexington, Kentucky. c/o Mr. William E. Charlton, Liaison, 626 Portland Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40503.

#### PROGRAM PLANNERS GUIDES

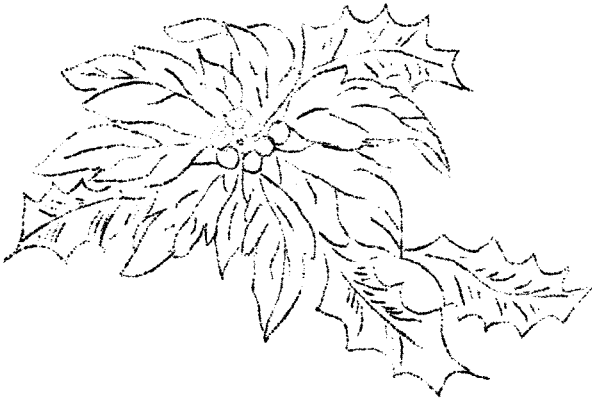
We are sorry to announce again, but due to numerous requests for copies, we wish to state that the supply of the Program Planners Guides is exhausted. Originally copies were mailed to each of our clubs in 1962 or 1963. Perhaps if those wishing them would check with their club officers at that time they may be able to find a copy that belongs to their club.

We do have some additional copies on hand of the Midwest Federation Directory for 1966. If you wish one please send your order at once to our Midwest treasurer, Jerry Huber, 238 Guilford Road, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota. Price is 50¢ per copy.

Two weeks ago copies of the new Program Aids '67 were mailed to all member clubs. This excellent book contains a speakers list and an up-to-date list of all the slide programs that are in our Midwest Slide Library as well as other valuable information. Please see that this book reaches your Program chairman.

#### AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Congratulations to the Michigan Rock and Gem Club of Buchanan, Michigan for attaining their 300% status which means that they have sent in over \$3.00 per person member. And we also congratulate the West Suburban Lapidary Club of Wheaton, Illinois in attaining their 200% status. Congratulations also to the State Line Gem and Mineral Society of Tecumseh, Michigan and the Lake Erie Gem and Mineral Society for reaching their 100% rating. Keep up the good work... thanks to you all. -Kate Steinbrenner



IT IS NOT EASY

To apologize,

To begin over,

To be unselfish,

To take advice,

To admit error,

To face a sneer,

To be charitable,

To keep trying,

To be considerate,

To avoid mistakes,

To endure success,

To profit by mistakes,

To forgive and forget,

To think and then act,

To keep out of a rut,

To make the best of little,

To subdue an unruly temper,

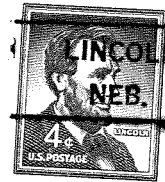
To shoulder a deserved blame,

To recognize the silver lining -

. . . BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS . . .

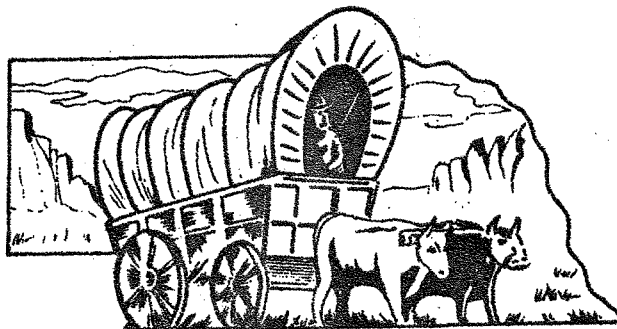


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