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We are dispensing with the formal printed cover and special extra features for the summer in order to devote time to the printing of special publicity and effects for the big show. Included this month will be one example of our extra activities - Several thousand of these have been or will be spread throughout the Midwest and hopefully other points. "MINI-NEWS" is meant to tell enough about our show to tease the fancy and encourage further investigation. Also, it should tell our membership how much work has already gone into preparations for this big event and three months left to prepare additional goodies.

NO MEETING IN JUNE - Watch for announcements if special meetings are needed before the show.

FROM THE FIELD TRIP CHART:

July 15-16 Sherman's Rock Swap, Onawa, Iowa  
 July 22-23 Clarinda, Iowa Rock Swap and Field Trip to Red Oak  
 Aug. 12-13 Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club 2nd Annual Rock Swap  
 (Full information flyer included)

SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER:

American Federation & Eastern Federation Show Combined -  
 Washington, D. C., Our Mineral Heritage, June 29 through July 2

Midwest Federation Show and Convention, Rock Island, Illinois,  
 July 27-30, Our World of Stones, Pertinent information included.

NEBRASKA CENTENNIAL ROCKRAMA \_Sept. 22-23-24, 1967, Lincoln Gem & Mineral

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Claus listed incorrectly in the  
 new 1967 Who's Who --Should be 2639 West O St.

THANKS: June 6, 1967 - "May we offer our thanks to the refreshment  
 committee for May -

Mr. & Mrs. Everett Weber and thanks for the fine coffee.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bainbridge

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Claus with Mrs. Claus being her sweet self  
 as hostess.

Our personal thanks to Mr. & Mrs. A. Bloyd for getting the  
 necessities to the meeting as we were away celebrating an  
 Alumni Meeting of our Honor Class at Milford."

Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Amen, Chairmen

MORE SUMMER EXCURSIONS:

August 18-20 Northwest Nebr. Rock Club Annual Show, Crawford  
 Sept. 2-4 Presidents Field Trip to Crawford, Nebr., Lincoln Gem  
 Sept. 9-10 Rock Swap, Blackhawk State Park, Rock Island, Illinois  
 Sept. 15-17 Plains Rock & Mineral Club Show, Kimball, Nebr.  
 Oct. 7-8 Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club Show, Omaha, Nebr.  
 Oct. 7-8 Topeka Gem & Mineral Show, Topeka, Kansas  
 Oct. 14-15 Prairie Rockhounds 1967 Rock Show, Ogallala, Nebr.  
 Oct. 20-22 Platte Valley Rock & Mineral Society Show, North Platte, Nebr.  
 Oct. 21-22 Arbor Valley Gem & Mineral Show, Nebraska City, Nebr.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are a number of events coming up in the next three months which can be great fun for Rockhounds to attend. There are four rock-swaps within easy driving distance of Lincoln. One is at Onawa, Iowa July 15-16, one at Clarinda, Iowa the following Sunday and at Marshalltown, Iowa the last weekend in August, and sandwiched in before the last one our own swap on August 12-13. This last one is a must attend function for all club members. George McGinnis, Chairman of the Swap is planning all sorts of activities during the weekend which will make it a good time affair even if you don't swap. Indications are it will be a much bigger crowd than last year so plan to be there.

And now a slightly different subject. Lincoln Gem used to be able to say they had the largest show in Nebraska - we can no longer do so since the Kearney show. We might be able to do so in September again but it will take an all out effort to surpass the 530 displays at Kearney, so lets get busy. - And by the way, a number of people asked if exhibits by non-club members or non-Nebraskans are permitted. This is something which a number of us thought was understood but evidently is not. The answer is yes --not only permitted but welcomed. So if you know someone who will be coming and they have exhibits they could bring invite them to do so. However let Lloyd Baugher or Howard Taylor know so we can keep track of what is coming.

-Gene L. Eno

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Our LGMC float with "Treasures of Nebraska" is becoming a reality. We hope you will all get down to see it on Wednesday, June 21, at 5:30 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Young are chairmen of the booth on "O" Street, hours from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

ATTENTION!! During the noon hour Wednesday, June 21, on 12th Street between N and O, our club will have an activity a-going. We will have a "Rock Scramble" for children ages 3 to 12. Our Nebraska map with its gem trails will be on display and we will have some western music.

We fervently hope many club members will make an effort to be on hand, to help out and make a good show! Centennial dress or not - Come on, Please!

-The Ulrich's

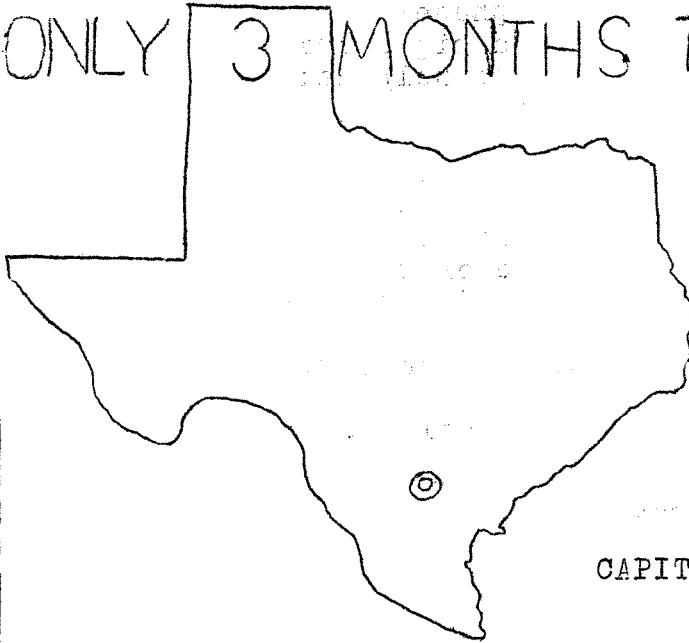
Editorial Comment: From the sneak peeks and judging by the sounds of activity in the various parts of the parade float committee, we guarantee it will be one of the best entries, one we can all be proud of and in the words of one of the workers - "It's a prize-winner." Hope the sun will be shining so we can all get some good pictures of it and of the other activities. pnp

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Howard Taylor and Gerry Kohn spent a week in cool Minnesota - just resting, fishing, enjoying good food, and both came back with a nice tan.

The Rules and Lyman's also will be traveling northward to the "Land of Hiawatha". Helena Baegl is taking the tour to "Expo '67", Jim and Kathy Adkins also have been to Canada and are returning via Vermont and the New England States. Sounds great, all have fun and return home safe.

Velma Bloyd spent some time in the hospital and when she returned Art had a bout with the bronchitis bug.

The Bainbridge's are going to enjoy their new trailer this summer, week-ending at Fremont, and here and there.

The field trip to Fremont was certainly enjoyed by those able to attend, at the park covered dish dinner as well as the trip to the rock area.

Did someone see the Tracy's sporting a new family car?

The committee on the Parade Program, headed by Ralph and Kay Ulrich, are putting in long hours on the various phases of the float, the booth, and the noon-day activities. Let's have a big crowd downtown that "big" day, of which our club is playing a part to help make this last Nebraskaland day's in Lincoln a "big" success!

Flash! Flash! Howard Taylor, Show Chairman, tells me that "Each member must display or pay!" Of course, we are referring to the show in September. Since we have no food program to take care of - no ticket sales at the door, we are relieved of some of these jobs we have here-fore had to do. Some extra time therefore for the show!

Until next time -

Marie J. Carveth

## RAINBOW TRAIL

Walk on a rainbow trail,  
Walk on a trail of song;  
And all about you will be beauty.  
There is a way out of every dark mist,  
Over a rainbow trail!

--Navajo Song, contributed by mjc

Also: Those footprints in the sands of time,  
Are made by people on their toes!

FROM THE AFMS NEWSLETTER RECAP SHEET, Issue No. 4

AFMS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: The AFMS Project, Help Eliminate Litter, Please, is as important to earth science as is an orderly laboratory, for the outdoors is where the earth scientists begin their search. From the earth they obtain the minerals and fossils which they study in the laboratory, but they must also study the geological features of the localities where these are found. A littered landscape hampers their search as much as a cluttered laboratory does; broken bottles, empty tin cans, and other scrap are as dangerous in the field as they are in the laboratory.

Students or scientists would not expect the use of someone else's laboratory if they did not keep it clean. Neither should Rockhounds, who are amateur earth scientists, expect public or private areas to remain open to them for field trips if they fail to keep them free of litter.

To help insure the use of the great outdoor laboratory for yourself and others, HELP ELIMINATE LITTER, PLEASE! Bernice L. Regin, President AFMS

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LASER BEAM ANYONE? Commercial diamonds are used for making dies for the "drawing" of fine copper wire by some companies? That the laser beam is used to burn the holes in the diamonds is a little known fact. Drilling holes in the diamonds would take several days using conventional methods while laser can do it in about two minutes. The laser beam of light is 100 million times brighter than a spot of equal size on the sun? Holes one-half the size of a human hair can be drilled by this method. Closed circuit television has to be used so the operator can watch the beam in action. -Taken from LI'L-CROW by way of the Rockhounds Call

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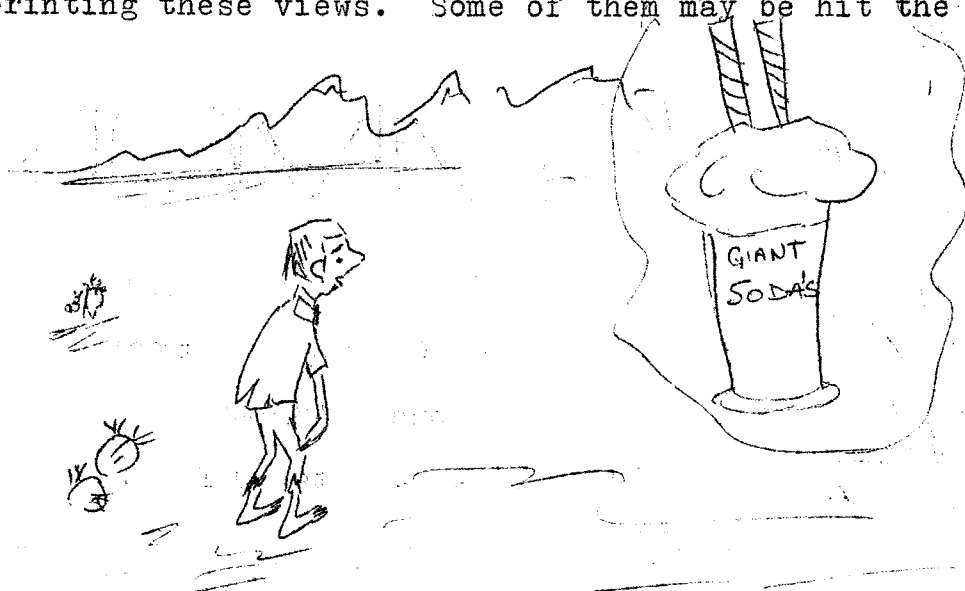
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**BOUQUETS AND BRICKBATS:** (A Monology - defined in Webster's Unabridged - the act or habit of indulging in monologues or of monopolizing conversations by long dissertations; a habit of soliloquizing.)

I suspect that each of you reading this (if you do) has one or even several persons you would like to present with verbal bouquets for the work which you know they have done or are doing for the club - at the same time you undoubtedly have someone you would like to throw your "leaverites" at. I have so many to present with flowers that I am going to take them a few at a time the rest of the year (if I'm still editor) and will be glad to print yours for you if you desire. I believe it will take pages to mention some of the very fine work being done in behalf of the club. This month I'm going to start with the brickbats - before I chicken out. These brickbats should hit directly on each and every member who failed to make the written report as requested for the past several months by our show chairman, our president, and our editor. It would have taken only 5 cents postage, a few minutes time, and could have helped so much in the final table planning of the committee. If you do not intend to show it is even more important to let the committee know so they can arrange more cases from those who are able to participate. If it is too early to specify the number or size of displays you might have, a courtesy note will tell the chairman this fact so he can be on the alert for your final report. Some people feel deadlines are not for them, that everyone else will answer so their reply will not be missed. Unless I am hard of hearing there were only two people who felt the deadline was for them - are you one of those two? (I am one.) Just paying your dues to an organization is not enough, if you are not willing to enter into the activities of the group why do you bother joining? Everyone understands that some members do not have cases to show, material which you feel others might wish to see, or time to set up displays - but if you receive these Pick & Shovels and take time to read them, you certainly have time to give a courtesy answer to our Chairman who has put so much of his own time and energy into plans for this 1967 Rockrama.

I personally am not going to mail any further summer bulletins to any of the membership from whom no reply has been received. I now understand that several persons have made oral reports which have been duly noted so perhaps they deserve only a small pebble at their head. I hope that by the next mailing day everyone in the Who's Who will be on the list. Needless to say - the Board of Directors is unaware of the fact that I am printing these views. Some of them may be hit the hardest.



Are you living in a mirage? Do you think everything just happens with no help from you? Get off your desert and mail a report.

NOTES ON THE MWF CONVENTION & SHOW (Including field trip information)  
Taken from Illowa News Grinder, Bulletin of the Host Club

COMPETITIVE & NON-COMPETITIVE DISPLAYS

To date we have rec'd many applications for display space. We can still use many more so keep sending your applications in.

There will be a wide variety of special displays covering the many different aspects of our hobby which will be of great interest and enjoyment to all that see them.

The non-competitive exhibit applications are coming in rather slowly. We should have many more than we do at this time since these displays are the backbone of the show. Many people feel that their material isn't good enough to display but this is not true. It is doubtful that you would have a specimen in your collection if you did not think it was good. We all have specimens in our collections that we prize more than others. Why not put them in a display and let everyone else see them. Remember, that it isn't necessary to enter a display with a case crowded with specimens. If you will notice, at some of the shows, a case with a few tastefully arranged specimens will attract much more attention than a case that tends to overwhelm the viewer.

We have rec'd quite a lot of applications for space in the competitive exhibits and there should be some keen competition in the different classes. Those who have not returned their registration forms are urged to do so as soon as possible. Others who are interested in competitive exhibits and need more information, rules, forms, etc. are advised to write to: Allyn Adams, 3827 Sturdevant, Davenport, Iowa 52306, as soon as possible, so that they will receive the information in time.

There will be space set aside for the come & go cases so if you don't plan to stay the full four days you can still display during the time you are here.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION:

Visitors to the 1967 MWF show being held in Rock Island, Ill., July 27-30, can expect a booklet of maps that is being made up for their use. Rather than lead extensive field trips that often conflict with other events that the visitor may wish to attend, he can go on his own trips before, during or after the show at his own convenience. The maps of the collecting locations can be picked up at the information booth in the show and will direct the rockhounds to the collecting areas most suited to their interests. Some of these areas are working gravel pits and quarries, so permission should always be obtained if someone is on the premises. Also, we hope that visitors will extend the same respect for the owners property and equipment that they would in their own collecting territory. A few areas around here have been closed to collectors because of the thoughtless acts of a few, probably not connected with the hobby, but who's actions reflect on all of us.

One of the maps which will be of interest to a great number of lapidarists, will be the one showing and describing most of the agate locations between Prairie Du Chien, Wisc. & Muscatine, Iowa. These pits have been working for many years but continue to turn our some fine Lake Superior agates. One of the locations, Bellevue, has had some trouble a few years ago over damaged equipment and has not allowed collecting in their major

## MWF FIELD TRIP INFORMATION (continued)

pit or on their storage piles, however they have set another pit aside for collecting and have it posted. Please respect their wishes as they are trying to co-operate with the rockhound in not closing the whole area to collectors.

A map to Gray's Quarry in Hamilton, Ill. will be furnished with directions to the best collecting in the quarry (geodes). Most collectors in this area are familiar with the excellent geodes from here but we felt the map would be useful to collectors from further away. There are 16 minerals found in this quarry and with some persistence the collector should be able to come up with six different inclusions for their collection.

There is a quarry within 10 miles of the show that has turned out some excellent rhombohedral calcite crystals with marcasite inclusions often showing the outline of a phantom crystal. These crystals are water clear and are up to 3/4 inch across. Usually they are smaller. They make beautiful specimens so be sure to visit this location while at the show. The overburden in this quarry also has excellent fossils, coelenterata, and favosites favosue in the honeycomb corals and *Plaesiomys subquadrata*, *homospira evox* and *pentamerus laevis* in the praciopod along with an occasional trilobite. Collectors have always been welcome here, but permission should always be obtained from the scale house during the day or from the night watchman after working hours.

No trip to this area would be complete without a visit to the coal strip mining area of Knoxville & Oskaloosa, Iowa which for years has produced the well known dark calcite crystals often with scalenohedral calcite or "Pineapple" calcite perched on the black or brown calcite. Barite, selenite and marcasite are some of the other minerals found in these septarian nodules. While there are many working or recently closed mines, only a couple of the most productive will be described. A little checking in the area with the miners who are usually friendly, or local inquiry will turn up others to hunt. Heavy prospecting tools are required, as these specimens are in large hard boulders. If you find a good one, you will have more specimens than one car can carry.

All of the items mentioned will be on display in various cases, the owners of which can often be helpful to the out of state collector. I have found the Iowa Rockhound very friendly and helpful when it comes to sharing information with the guests in our state. Also, we are planning a large swap tent right next to the show and on the banks of the Mississippi River where those that would rather swap their items for some of the above material will have good hunting. Don't forget your trading rocks.

For copies of the maps mentioned here as well as maps on many fossil areas be sure to stop at the information desk. Be careful as an injury can spoil an entire trip, respect others property and good hunting!

## ATTENTION LIAISON OFFICERS AND BULLETIN EDITORS AND CLUB OFFICIALS:

Please see that the foregoing information is passed on to your membership as soon as possible. We will accept exhibits right up until show-time but would like to avoid any last minute rush. We will greatly appreciate your assistance. Also Bulletin Editors are invited to bring or send a page (100 copies) of their bulletin to the breakfast to be assembled into a souvenir bulletin for each person attending the breakfast.

# Midwest Federation's NEWSLETTER

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A TRIBUTE TO OUR EDITORS  
by E. W. Courter, Vice President

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Something tells me that each time Uncle Sam's handler of the mails makes his daily stop at the big metal box in front of our suburban El Rancho, he murmurs a few unsavory remarks about all people who are rockhounds. I say this because each day, in addition to the handful of routine stuff he has to sort out and deposit in our box, usually there are a half dozen or more mineral club bulletins to add to the pile. And these come from all corners of this great country of ours.

Frankly - even though the mail man may not like it - I am happy that I am privileged to receive them - some because they are interesting - some because they are uplifting - some because they are educational - and all because they are about people and things that are associated with our fascinating hobby.

Looking back over the past several years, I can see much improvement in many of our club bulletins and I think this indicates an improvement within our Societies themselves. Likely, part of this is due to the emphasis the Federation has placed upon the value of a good club bulletin. Again, some of it may be due to our annual bulletin contest. No matter what the reason - it is a healthy condition.

However, discussing the quality of our bulletins is not the purpose of this note. Rather I want to hand out a bouquet to the editors producing them, and I want to do this because of the way they are boosting the public good. Let me illustrate.

Recently, a crusade was started in the Detroit area. The editor of "The Rockpile", the official bulletin of the Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society of Dearborn, re-printed an item written by Mort Neff, an outdoorsman of TV fame in Michigan. The article was an appeal for help (continued page 2, column 1)

## THE CONVENTION

This years Midwest Federation Convention will be held on Thursday thru Sunday, July 27-28-29-30 at the Rock Island Armory in Rock Island, Illinois. The meetings will be held at the Blackhawk Hotel in Davenport, Iowa. The Convention is in conjunction with the show being presented by the Illowa Gem and Mineral Society.

The committee in charge of the show has been working many months to make this an outstanding event. Many fine programs have been scheduled for presentation and many impressive displays will be on view.

## A ROCKRAMA

On June 17-18... Saturday and Sunday... the Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society will present an official Rockrama in Mansfield, Ohio. Our Rockrama chairman, James Dugan has called to us that plans have been made by this club for an especially fine Rockrama. For the first time at a Rockrama a special section will be set aside for competitive displays. There will be a Cracker Barrel session, field trips, and many fine exhibits. Also camping will be permitted on the show grounds.

## THIS JUNE ISSUE

of the Newsletter will be the final one until September. The Midwest does not publish during the months of July and August. News and articles will be accepted however during the summer months for use in our fall issues and all are invited to send in material for use in the coming fall issues.

in halting the alarming increase in the amount of broken glass being strewn about our countryside by thoughtless users of the "no-deposit", "non-returnable" beer or soft drink bottle. The dangers - as well as the consequences - of the whole mess were discussed and all readers asked to do something about it.

Public-minded editors responded! Now as I leaf through my incoming bulletins, it is gratifying to note how our editors have picked up this item from their exchange bulletins, and how it is spreading like the measles from one bulletin to another. Although the results from such promotion are hard to calculate, I am sure it has - and will - do good, just as similar promotion has aided the Scholarship Fund, the AFMS H.E.L.P. campaign, and others.

This is but one isolated case. There are many similar opportunities for our editors to do public good - and most of them are quick to do it too - and as each constructive word is written, the public image of our hobby gleams a bit more brightly.

#### DO WE HAVE A CONSERVATION CONSCIENCE?

(The following article was sent to us by our Legislation and Conservation Committee Chairman, Calvin George. It is from the Wisconsin Conservation Bulletin and Calvin received permission from the Wisconsin Information and Education Division to reprint it.)

History tells us that civilizations have come and gone, and were buried by the very fact that they were lacking in a land ethic.

"Land ethic" is a term used by Aldo Leopold to mean an active conscience which will indicate what is right and wrong with the way we use our land.

We, as Americans, historically have lacked a land ethic, and in recent times have made very limited progress in achieving one.

Our conscience is at work daily facing questions which in many cases can be answered by man-made law. Most of us abide by laws. If we do not have laws to guide our land uses, then we must have something better - a land ethic.

The following example will show the lack of a land ethic. John Doe owns 120 acres of land. He is a regular church member, belongs to service organizations, has pretty good buildings, and seems to be a friend to everyone. From the viewpoint of most people, he is moderately successful and is respected.

Mr. Doe should not be gauged by these criteria alone. This landowner is not entirely the friend of society that he appears to be.

This man is allowing his cows to trample the stream bank, He burns his marsh and woods each year because his father did and his father before him. He is planting corn and other crops on slopes, which are too steep for cultivation - land which should be in permanent grass. His woodland is unproductive because he allows livestock to graze - soil is compacted and future tree crops are destroyed. In general, John Doe is misusing his land to a great degree.

If people had a land ethic, they would consider Mr. Doe a public disgrace. The fact is that most people do not have a land ethic, landowners and nonlandowners alike.

The reason most people are lacking in a land ethic is because it has not been considered a part of our way of life. We have failed to recognize that we are a part of the land and not just owners of it. A landowner by virtue of his conscience should leave his land in as good condition as when he became its temporary steward, or preferably better.

The only way we, as Americans, and more specifically, people of Wisconsin, can get a conservation conscience is to have a land ethic instilled in us from kindergarten through college. In schools it should be integrated with other subjects. Service organizations must begin devoting equal time to people and land, for in improving the land, they can make a long-lasting contribution to society. A land ethic must be part of our religious philosophy, for certainly God intended for us to be good stewards of that He has created.

An important step in developing a land ethic is recognizing that John Doe and his buildings will pass away, but if the land and other resources go with him, how long can our society and standard of living endure?

Is your conservation conscience active, Mr. Landowner?

#### SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Paul Desautels in conjunction with the University of Georgia, Dept. of Geology, has named Robert Bigham Cook, Jr. to receive the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, scholarship for 1967.

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Congratulations to the Lakeland Gem Club of Wisconsin for reaching the 200% goal. Congratulations also to the Kenosha Gem and Mineral Society of Wisconsin, the Austin Gem and Mineral Society of Minnesota and the Firelands Geological Club, Inc. of Ohio for reaching their 100% goal.

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May was designated as Scholarship Month to call attention to the member clubs that only \$2000 was needed to bring the MWF up to a 100% Federation. Since the letter was sent out calling attention to this fact some contributions have been coming in and it is hoped that enough more response from member clubs will be received by June 15th so that our Midwest Federation may become the second federation to receive its 100% Federation Plaque at the American Federation-Eastern Federation combination meeting in Washington, D.C. the last weekend in June.

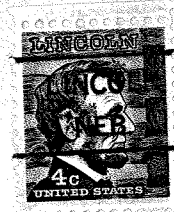
Attention is called to the fact that each club in the Federation does not have to be a 100% club for the MWF to become a 100% Federation... only an amount of \$1.00 for each member of the MWF is required. Thus, any amount that you can send will help us toward our goal. Thanks!

Kate Steinbrenner, Chm.

#### SPRING MEETING

of the MWF was held in Kansas City, Kans., on Saturday, April 22 at the Holiday Inn in KCK, in conjunction with the Greater Kansas City Rock and Mineral show. Minutes of this meeting will soon be mailed to all member clubs.

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