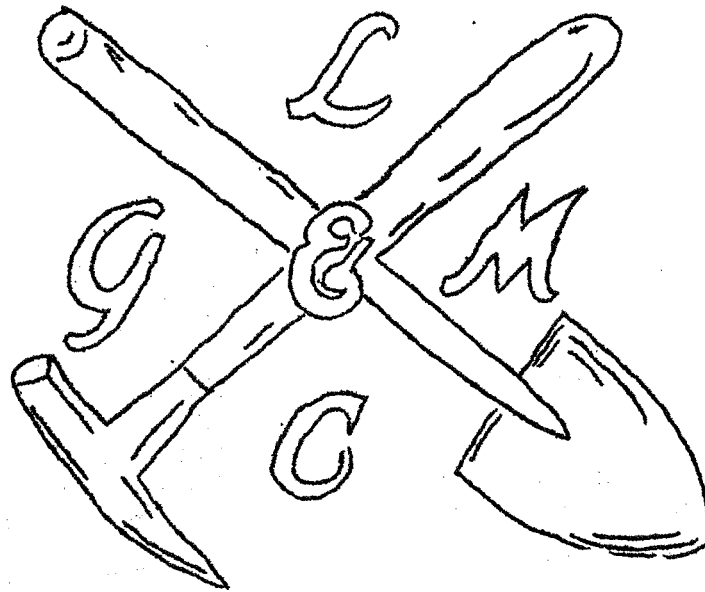


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# THE PICK & SHOVEL



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## THIS MONTH

REGULAR MEETING: Saturday, Oct. 28, 1967, 7:30 PM  
 Roberts Dairy Party Room,  
 211 S. 20th St.  
 Agenda: Nominating committee report

THANKS: --to the refreshment committee for  
 the special meeting in September,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gene Eno, Mr. & Mrs. H.  
 Engelhart and Ir. Geo. McGinnis.

Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Amen

NEXT MONTH: Regular meeting, Nov. 25, 1967, 7:30 PM  
 Agenda: Election of Officers

NEW BOARD MEMBER: Geo. E. McGinnis, Jr., 3444 Somerset 68504-ph 466-4873

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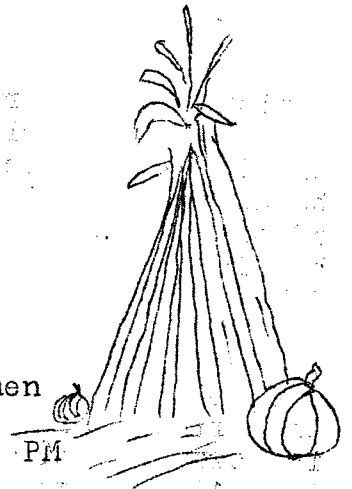
CHANGE OF PH #: Mr. & Mrs. C. Ray Vaddle - 423-3196

## COMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 20-22 Platte Valley Rock & Mineral Society Show,  
 Nat'l. Guard Armory, N. Hwy 83, North Platte, Nebr.
- Oct. 21-22 Arbor Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Memorial Bldg.,  
 downtown Nebraska City, Nebraska
- Oct. 23-29 Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society Show,  
 Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Oct. 29 Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society of Dubuque Show,  
 Allison Henderson Pavilion, Dubuque, Iowa
- Nov. 4-5 Chanute Gem & Mineral Society Show,  
 Central Park Pavilion, Chanute, Kansas
- Nov. 11-12 Silvery Colorado Rock Club, Gem Show "River Gemboree"  
 Bullhead City, Arizona
- Nov. 11-12 Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.,  
 Market Hall, Dallas, Texas
- Febr. 10-11 Magic Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
 Civic Center, McAllen, Texas

## AMERICAN FEDERATION MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"Stand on the Shoulders of Giants and Look About You,  
 And When You Have Looked, Share What You Have Learned  
 With Others"



**NORTH PLATTE SHOW:** The Sixth Annual Show, sponsored by the Platte Valley Rock and Mineral Society, will be held October 20-21-22, at the National Guard Armory in North Platte, Nebraska. Special displays will be shown, featuring: Artifacts- Jade- Polished Brazilian Agate, whole and in slabs- Montana Agate, polished and in mountings- Crystals, embedded in plastic- and many others. Lunch will be served all three days of the show. There will be a fluorescent display and many dealers will be glad to help you finish out a collection you have started. SO, COME ONE, COME ALL. from Rockhounds Static Sheet of North Platte

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**NEBRASKA CITY SHOW:** The Sixth Annual Gem and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Arbor Valley Gem and Mineral Club will be held at the Memorial Bldg. in downtown Nebraska City, Nebr. on October 21-22. Sat. 10 to 9 and Sun. 12 noon to 6 P. M. No admission, drawings for door prizes each day, lunch of hot chicken and beef sandwiches, homemade soup, pies and cakes, coffee, tea and pop. Special features - Mr. Lloyd Moore performing his art of glassblowing, national prize winning sphere display by Mr. & Mrs. Claud Clary, Indian artifacts, gemstones, petrified wood and fossils millions of years old, many from Southeast Nebraska. from Neb. City ROCK SHOW POSTER

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**APOLOGIES:** We've "rounded up" all the previously printed covers and labels for use this month. Please add these names to the directory - Board Members Jerry Kohn and George McGinnis under elected officers. Mr. McGinnis has been appointed to fill term of Art Bloyd who moved to Arizona.

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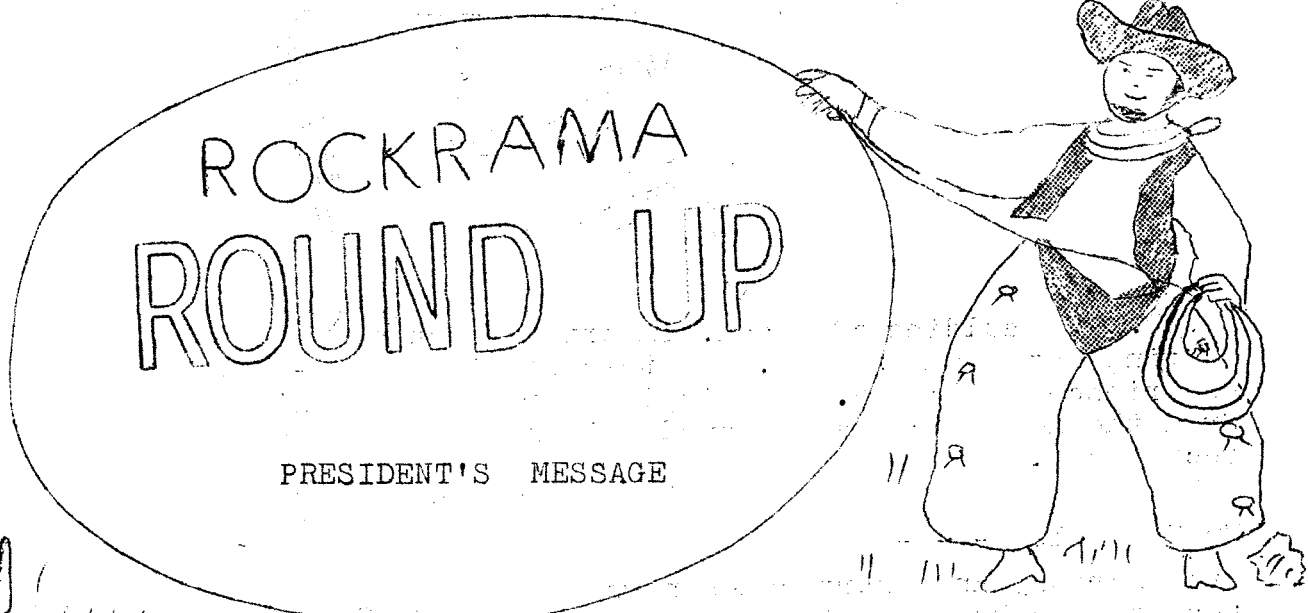
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# ROCKRAMA ROUND UP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is fun to be able to write this month's message for I think most of us find pleasure in saying good things about others and saying thanks for efforts which are sincerely appreciated.

Congratulations to all who had a share in making our Centennial Rockrama the big success it was. Thanks for the long hours of planning and labor which were expended at the show and in the many months preceeding.

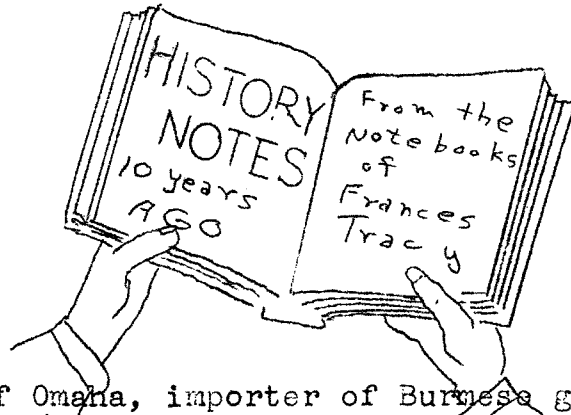
From the many compliments and comments received about the show it would appear that our show ranked well up among the top in the country. The final financial figures are not compiled yet as a few bills have not been given to the treasurer, however I think I can safely say that the final accounting will show figures on the profit side of the ledger.

Once again, Congratulations on a job well done and my personal thanks for your individual efforts.

Now, lets look forward.

At the October meeting the nominating committee will report the names of their nominations for your officers for the next year. Election of officers will take place in November. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time. By-Laws require that permission of a candidate must be secured before their nomination. Any nominees for president must have served on the board for at least one year sometime previous to the nomination. All candidates for other positions must have been members of the club for at least one year prior to the date they would assume office. It is well to keep these requirements in mind if you wish to make nominations from the floor.

Gene L. Eno

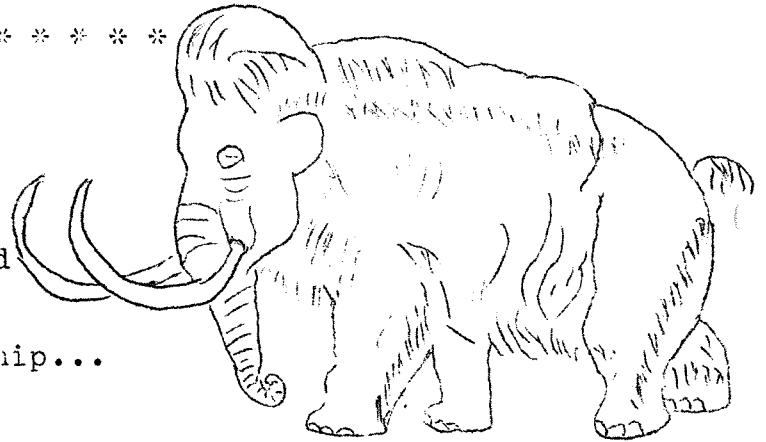


Dr. D. L. Spaulding of Omaha, importer of Burmese gems, spoke at our meeting October 21, 1957. He told of his around-the-world trip and his experiences in Burma. He displayed rough and polished gem material from the Mogok area and showed slides of mining operations and cutting techniques.

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WORKSHOP 104 - - -

From Dorothy Engelhart comes news that the Workshop at the Museum opened Oct. 11. All members are encouraged to visit or work any Wednesday evening between 7:00 and 10:00 (use east door). Come and "play" in the fossils and bones - you'll enjoy the work and fellowship...

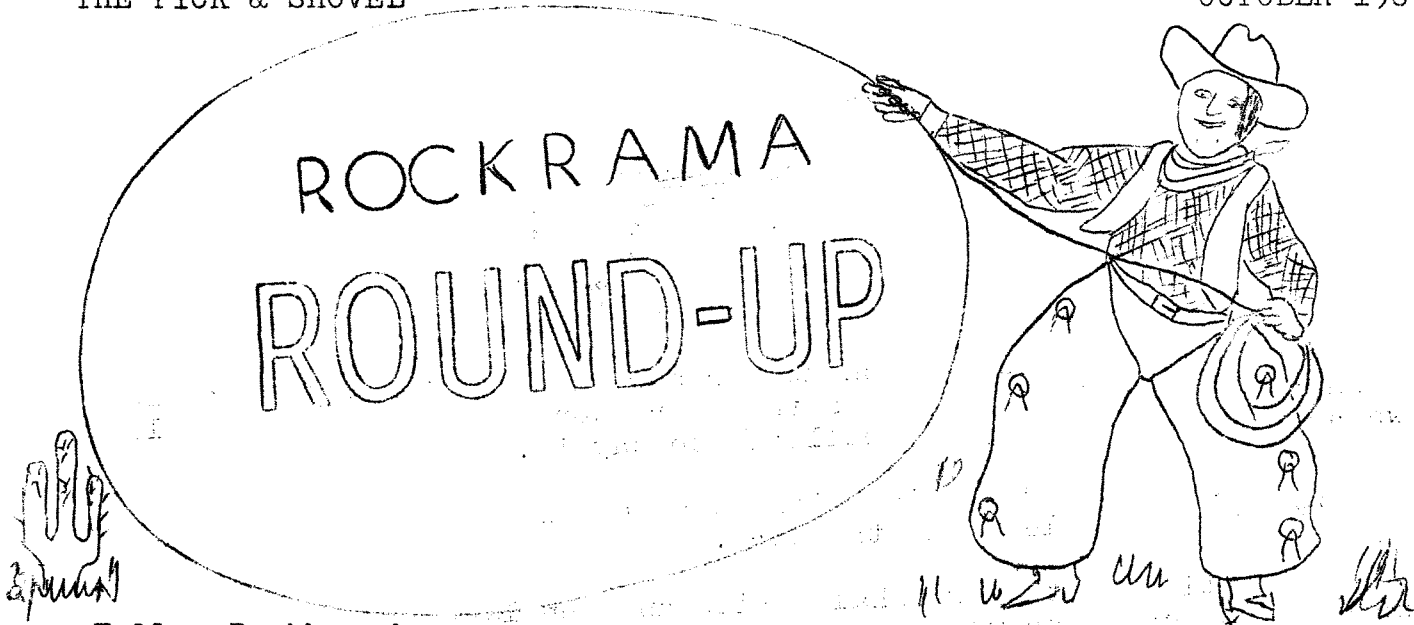


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THANKS FOR  
ALL YOU DONE  
TO MAKE OUR  
CENTENNIAL ROCKRAMA  
SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS.  
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Fellow Rockhounds:

Compliments are in order for a fine show which you produced. I want to thank each and everyone for your fine cooperation in making our show a success.

A personal thanks to each committee chairman and their fellow workers.

To the best of my knowledge our show had 532 displays. This I think far surpasses anything in the past.

Many thanks to all individuals and clubs who came and displayed at our show. This gave us a much wider range of displays and materials.

A personal thanks to each member of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club who set up their displays and gave of themselves which helped to make this an enjoyable show.

Thanks to our dealers who provided a good selection of materials for us to purchase.

To the committee heads that I worked very close with, I say "Thank You" for sharing the responsibility with me and thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
Howard Taylor, Show Chairman

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LETTER FROM MWF CONVENTION AND SHOW ADVISORY CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Howard Taylor:

Quote "You had a very fine show, one that compared well with any Federation Show. You and your committees are to be congratulated on a job well done."

Sincerely Yours,  
Leo W. Yanasak



To say thank you to each member personally for all the parties, dinners, and individual things that were done for us is impossible so we are taking space in the bulletin to say it.

We have enjoyed working with each one of you and shall remember the fun we had while doing the work.

From time to time we shall write an open letter to the club editor so everyone can hear what we are doing.

We wish you success in your club work and may you all enjoy good health.

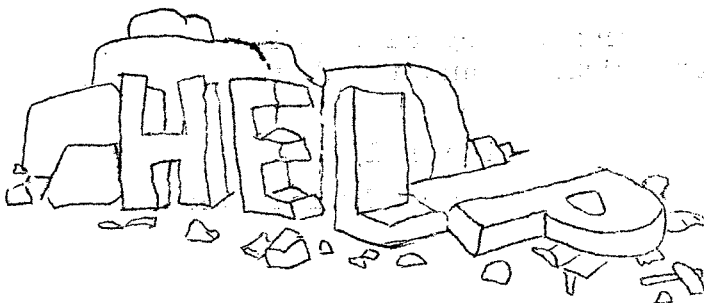
Art, Velma, and Clifford Bloyd  
Floyd, Helen, and Girls, Olson

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WHAT SAY YOU???

- "I will not" - fears to try.
- "I do not" - never begins.
- "I wish I could" - dreams but does not prepare.
- "I cannot" - tries but gives up too soon.
- "I might" - tries very hard.
- "I think I can" - tries even harder.
- "I will" - succeeds even in failure.
- "I did" - succeeds.

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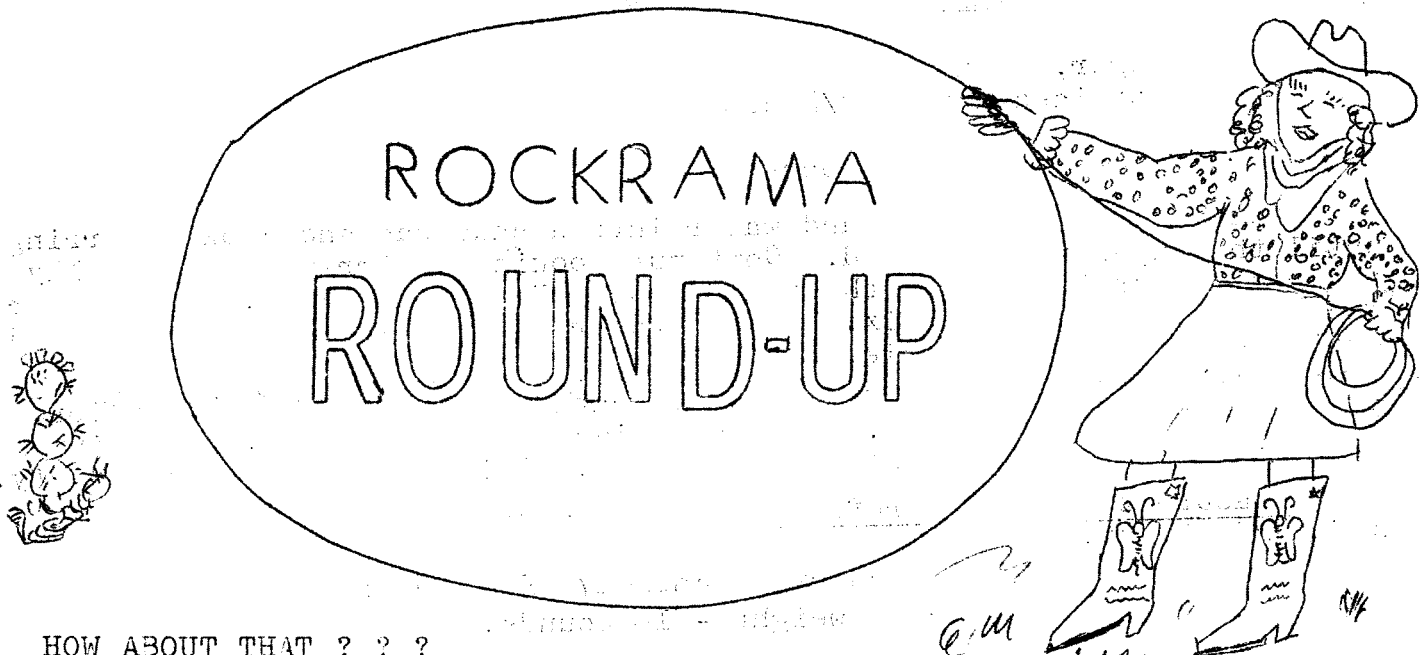
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# ROCKRAMA ROUND-UP

HOW ABOUT THAT ? ? ?

One-hundred-thirty individual exhibitors from Nebraska participated in our Rockrama last month. In addition we had exhibitors representing fourteen states - Wisconsin, Missouri, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Illinois, Minnesota, Arkansas, Texas, California, and Oregon.

We sincerely appreciate these contributions to our Rockrama, they helped in no small way to make it a success.

Our registration book indicates approximately 1200 school children, in supervised groups, viewed the show on Friday, Sept. 22.

The registration book also has names of visitors from eighteen states, namely South Dakota, Kansas, Arkansas, New York, Illinois, Minnesota, Washington, Texas, Utah, Nebraska, Iowa, California, Missouri, Maryland, Michigan, North Dakota, New Mexico and Maine. One other country was also represented, that was Germany. There may have been more as it is impossible to know if everyone signed the guest register.

It was a little wild Friday morning as several school buses lined up outside the auditorium and out poured children by the dozen. Children may be "cheaper by the dozen" but they certainly are not quiter!! We loved having them and hope they come again.

Saturday and Sunday were busy days, too, and on Sunday we had our largest attendance. The weather was wonderful all three days and the show, we feel, was a success.

A big thank you to all who helped at the hostess booth, you were all just great! Thanks too, to the Chamber of Commerce for their supplies and for their "Girl Friday" - we needed her! It took hours of planning and hours of work to do the job, but it was a success because of the host of friends and helpers - - Danke Schön.

Kathryn Ulrich  
Hospitality chairman

RECIPE FOR A GOOD TIME: HONEY TAFFY

- Sugar, 2 cups
- Strained honey, 3/4 cup
- Water, 1 cup
- Butter, 2 tablespoons

Put the sugar, honey, and water into a saucepan and cook, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally to prevent burning, until the temperature 273 F is reached. Add butter and stir only enough to mix. Pour into greased pans and allow to stand until cool enough to handle.

Gather into a ball and pull until rather firm and light in color. Stretch out in a long rope. Cut into pieces with scissors. Wrap in waxed paper (or eat as fast as it is cut). This is a rather soft taffy.

Measure the honey carefully, as an excess will make the candy too soft and sticky.

Cold water test when candy reaches 273 F: hard but not quite brittle

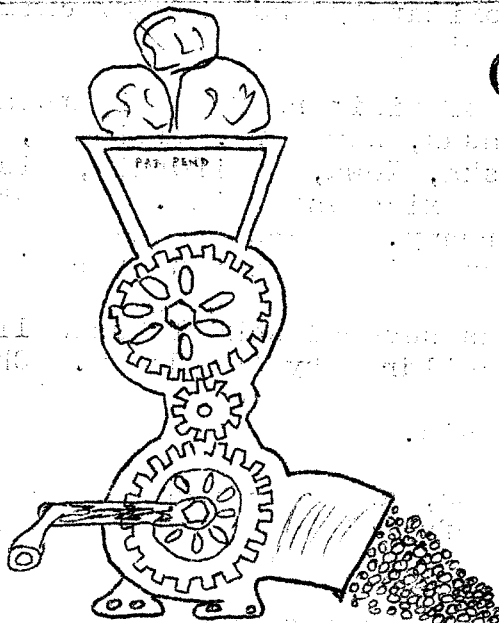
Yield: seventy pieces; weight - 1 1/2 pounds.

For an extra special good time - double or tripple this recipe and add congenial friends and laughing children to do the work of pulling.

-recipe courtesy Mrs. Gene Eno

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Happiness must be shared to be enjoyed

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## DID YOU KNOW - - - -

I wish to express my personal thanks to everyone who helped me go willingly with my special assignments in connection with the show. The ladies, with me on the "Pom-Pom Project"; the two fine couples, Lue and Ewald Paul, and Marie and Lynn Wells, for the hanging of the Pom-Poms at the auditorium; Norma Miller with her assistance on the "Rainbow Display"; Frank Rule, in his help for the hanging of the flags, club pennant, and my big blue centennial sign; and on and on. Really appreciated all.



I think our guest from the farthest distance to visit our show must be Wm. Edmundson of somewhere in South Africa, also a personal friend of Professor Foxwell.

We enjoyed a nice long visit with a fellow club worker from Adele, Iowa, an active member in their club, Past Officio, Past Editor of their paper, a delight to visit with, Mrs. Vivian Harvey. And the beautiful specimens brought from Iowa for the special revolving display, a nice addition to our own, as well as those from South Dakota, Thanks to Ken and Martha Springs.

A member of the group known as "The Drop-Outs" and the L.G.H.C., our own Mr. Jerry Kohn, was honored with the selection of his silver-work, namely, a bolo tie with a covered wagon in silver on a black Nebraska wood cabochon for the Governor's Trophy, the jewelry being presented to our Governor Tiemann. In the Governor's absence, Mr. Frank Marsh, Secy. of State, accepted on the Governor's behalf.

It was a "big" show!  
Multi-Grandi!

It was a "big" job, to head the show! Next time let us headquarter our show chairman in a certain area of the Arena! Let us establish his "office" - let us go to him - let us not use him as an errand boy - let us take more of the load off of his shoulders - let us use the microphone or walkie-talkie a little more - let us save a "good chairman," a very capable one, for another show!!

It was interesting to see the workers busy at each table, busy "little" hands also, all moving forward toward a successful show. How about the well-run unloading program? How about the little extras from the floor patrol that meant so much in a time of need? How about the feminine of the species who tore her dress the evening of the big job, the setting up, of the show? How about the committees when through with their project, offering to help others without having to be asked? How about the teen-agers - helping hands from the Young Crowd, all clean cut American Kids! Just great! Our hats are off to you! Take a bow!

How about Mr. Bowmaster, who was so cooperative in his role as engineer at the auditorium? Mr. Hoig was also very gracious to me in any request on my part in setting up the show.

Thanks to Dick Hornung for adding Early Nebraska to our numerous antique displays. This all helped add to the "Centennial Nebraska"

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DID YOU KNOW - - - (cont'd)

touch which received many favorable comments. With many members wearing Centennial Costumes, our out of town guests did notice this was a Centennial Rockrama and that our "100" birthday was still being celebrated in Nebraskaland.

The Perry Millers extended a courtesy to Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Taverner of Johannesburg, South Africa. They were the American parents of Brian Taverner, an American Field Service student who spent time with the Millers.

Numerous parties are being held in honor of Velma and Arthur Bloyd, and the Floyd Olsons, who are leaving Lincoln to live in Arizona.

Exciting for Kay and Ralph Ulrich these days is their forthcoming trip to Germany to spend Christmas with their children. Oh those shots! More from them later, with lots of pictures, too.

Marie and Howard Taylor celebrated their silver anniversary on October 7. May they enjoy many more. It was a beautiful anniversary cake! And delicious, too!

Another word about the show - I am sure our eldest "Young in Heart" guest was Mrs. Mary Schoengerdt who is 9---- years young. Of course, we are speaking of Frances Tracy's mother. Mrs. Schoengerdt lives in her own home in Cortland, Nebraska.

Happy Birthday to David Lewis, Judy Weber, and Les Miller, and to those whose birthdays we do not hear about. Congratulations!!

Until next time --Marie J. Carveth

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NOTE TO ALL YOU MINERAL AND FOSSIL BUFFS:

Mr. Ed Herman, a former LGMC member, wishes to share this address with any who might be interested. He has been indulging in correspondence with Mr. Keith Elworthy, 4 Bond St., Palmerston North, New Zealand, and Mr. Elworthy is very anxious to trade minerals, ores and marine fossils from New Zealand and Australia with Rockhounds in America. He has sent one package to Mr. Herman and when it arrives Ed will bring it to a club meeting and discuss it with us. Some of the minerals mentioned are rhyolite, bowenite (which he mentions is likened to jade) and splensulite (if we read it correctly.)

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BOUQUETS ARE IN ORDER...for two of our younger members, namely Rick Kohn and Chris Engelhart!! Prior to our Rockrama these two boys arranged a display of fossils, gems and minerals in the front hall at Lincoln High School. A picture of the boys and their display was printed in the official newspaper of Lincoln High, "The Advocate". Having come up through the ranks of "pebble-pups" (Junior Members) we are proud to have them taking an active part as adult members of Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. Keep up the good work!!

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EDITOR'S EYE-VIEW of the Rockrama...The first thing that impressed me was the planning and efficiency of the traffic control...it was a big job handled in a very satisfactory manner. Next, the transformation of the auditorium from a bare-columned room to a beautiful display hall, with the addition of dealers, working displays, decorations and Centennial costumed people. On Friday we were impressed by the constant flow of school children with their supervisors who took advantage of the free admission to school children. The slide shows were well received and well attended, as well as the demonstrations of the Astro-Cab-Maker by John Lewis. The fluorescent lectures, under the direction of Art Bloyd, and his assistants, Norman Engelhart and Tod Ashman, were given to overflowing crowds each day. The beautiful materials supplied by Art Bloyd of Lincoln, Glen Hawkins of Kansas, and Ralph Bass of South Dakota, were supplemented by original art work in oils and inks. These were done by Bonnie Woody of Iowa and Debbie McGinnis of Lincoln and made a spectacular showing under the fluorescent lights. For occasional showings Myra Jay was a gracious model of the 1867 costume of fluorescent material, created by Velma Bloyd.



Saturday's Fairburn weigh-off proved to be a 'draw' between Ken Springs and Lloyd Lederer. It was with great pleasure on Saturday, too, that the title of Miss Rockrama was presented to Mary Claus, whose first duty was the awarding of the title "Admiral in the Nebraska Navy" to Vern Montgomery, MWF president. The plaque for "best dealer" was awarded to San Juan Gems, Dove Creek, Colorado.

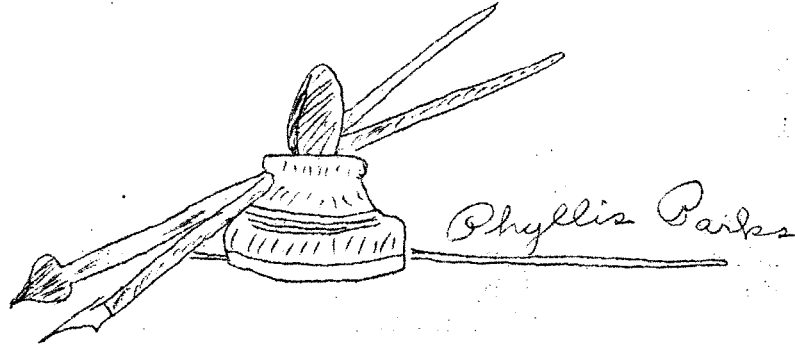
On Sunday the Centennial costume march was the center of attraction as numerous entries vied for the honor of "Best Centennial Costume." This event was won by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bainbridge with their "friend", Linda Parks, age 3½. Included in the exciting array of events was the work of Ray & Edna Ruske and their Roc San Replicas as they gave step by step demonstrations of their art, visiting with, and explaining the processes to, the constant flow of people past their booth. The presence of Dr. Neihardt, Poet Laureate of Nebraska, with his personally autographed copies of "Black Elk's Prayer" and his display of hand-crafted jewelry added meaning to the occasion. The working displays - faceting demonstrations by Frank Krejci and Ralph Ulrich, shop operation by Floyd Olson and his boys, Rick Kohn, Chris Engelhart, and John Eno; silversmithing by Clifford Stegman, glass blowing by Lloyd Moore, plastic embedding by Gordon Eno and the intriguing arrowhead chipping by Ray Anderson, were a constant source of enjoyment for the spectators.

We were fortunate in having the busy Earth Science staff members, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Cornwell of Illinois, favor us with their presence. Their informative discussions and enthusiastic treatment of the Earth Science publication was a real inspiration. Mrs. Cornwell is managing editor of the Earth Science magazine and Mr. Cornwell is in charge of circulation. Last, but not least, the "one-of-a-kind" Linde Star necklace loaned to us by Linde Air Products Division, Union Carbide Co., was admired by all and coveted by many. The courtesy and efficiency of

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## EDITOR'S EYE-VIEW (continued)

the men from the Lincoln Police Department who accepted the responsibility of guarding the \$25,000. treasure was outstanding. Their ability to answer questions put to them concerning the necklace was admirable and appreciated by the club members as well as by the public in attendance. All in all, it was a very satisfying production from beginning to finish.



## OCTOBER BIRTHSTONE - OPAL

## GLOSSARY OF OPAL TERMS

- ABANDERO OPAL ---From the Spanish bandera meaning banner or flag.. The colors are in bands or stripes of blue, red, and yellow, giving a flag-like effect.
- AGATE OPAL -----Opal banded like agate. Some agate has bands of opal.
- AGATY POTCH -----Potch colored in parallel bands like agate.
- AMATITE -----A variety of siliceous sinter or pearlite.
- AMBER OPAL -----Opal having an amber or golden color.
- AMBER POTCH -----Australian name for Mexican yellow fire opal.
- ANDAMOOKA OPAL --Opal from Andamooka, South Australia, 85 miles from Pimba. The field, discovered in 1930, is about four-and-a-half miles long and three in width.
- ANGEL STONE -----A hard and highly silicified layer of clay or sandstone found just above the opal level. It often contains cracks filled with precious opal.
- AZULES -----Mexican name for blue opals.



---from the Opal Book  
 ---by Frank Leechman  
 via The Opal

# Midwest Federation's NEWSLETTER

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## OFFICIAL STATE GEMS, MINERALS, FOSSILS

June Culp Zeitner of Mission, S. D. has compiled a list of the various state official gems, minerals and fossils which we present herewith. If other states have bills on the agenda please notify June or if your club wishes information about this project please write her.

Oregon: Thunder Egg  
California: Sepentine (rock) and gold (mineral)  
Illinois: Fluorite  
Michigan: Petoskey Stone  
Ohio: Flint  
Iowa: Geode  
New Mexico: Turquoise  
South Dakota: Fairburn agate (gem) and Rose Quartz (mineral)  
North Dakota: Turedo Wood (fossil)  
Nebraska: Prairie agate (mineral), blue agate (gem), mammoth (fossil)  
Arkansas: diamond (gem), quartz (crystal), bauxite (mineral)  
Wyoming: Jade  
Missouri: Mozarkite (gem), galena (mineral)  
Rhode Island: Bowenite (gem), cumberlandite (stone)  
Idaho: Star garnet

## NATIONAL WILDLIFE MAGAZINE

for August-September 1967 contains a most interesting and informative article entitled "Fossils" by our MWF Historian, Russell Mac Fall. Most of the pictures are in color.

## IN SOUTH DAKOTA

we go big for the Wilsons. In Sioux Falls Ashton Wilson is an MWF Assistant Vice President and now in the western part of the state Robert Wilson of Murdo has been named an Assistant Vice President also. Bob is chairman of the 1969 MWF Field Trip Convention. What Alex Welk has not done to put S.D. before the eyes of everyone, Bob Wilson will.

## SOON TO BE MAILED

"The Future of The Rock Hobby" by June Culp Zeitner as delivered at the banquet of the Midwest Federation Convention in Davenport in July is being printed and a copy will be mailed to all clubs. Additional copies will also be available to clubs at a nominal cost of 6¢ per copy plus postage. This is a 4-page report.

## HOWARD KNIGHT

a past president of the MWF has been appointed an Assistant vice president for Missouri covering the southern part of the area. Again the MWF is most fortunate in securing an experienced person for this most important function of helping build well organized clubs.

## TWO OF OUR MWF MEMBERS

were trophy winners at the recent National Gem and Mineral Show in Washington, D.C. in June.

Walter F. Kean of the West Suburban Lapidary Club and the Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, trophy for Faceted Natural Stones of Faceted Natural and Synthetic Stones. A Score of 96.

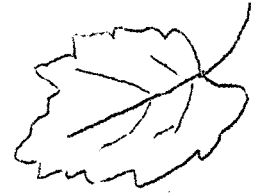
Tolson Radloff of Lincoln Park, Michigan (and our Uniform Rules chairman), trophy for the Most Interesting Exhibit - Crosses.

## MWF EXTENDS ITS SYMPATHY

to Merton Young and his family in the passing of their daughter Marian. Merton is one of our past presidents.



## HEART OF OPAL



Safe in the silent rock they sleep, Remote, unseen;  
Far from men's hurried lives they dream, Through ages dark.

The old earth stirs and they are born, In her warm heart,  
From blood-red fires they draw their life; Their colors pulse.

The patient miner comes; he digs, They hear him move;  
Nearer he draws with lamp and pick, Far down they hide.

Deep in the mine's dark wall they wait; A sound, a light;  
From soft clay beds he takes one up, At last- it lives!

Beneath its clinging clay it glows, a burning fire.  
Through jet-black heart it flames, With clear red blaze.

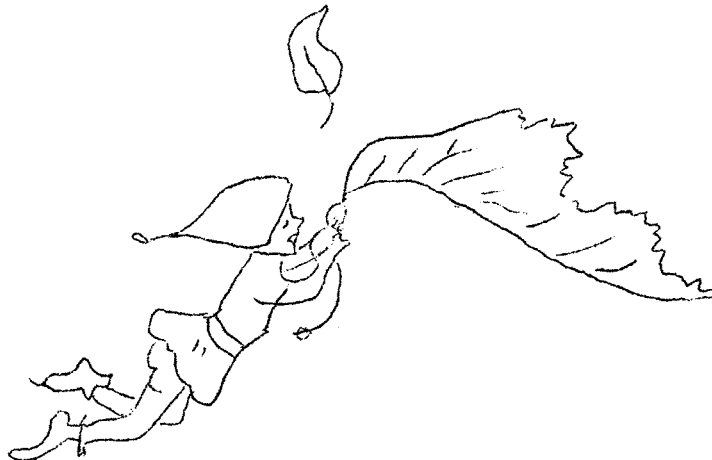
The grinding wheel tears off the crust, Gone is its shield;  
The soothing buff restores its sheen; It smiles secure.

Safely it's set in gold refined, By fire made pure;  
And hung on dainty chain for maid, Immaculate.

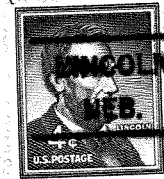
Gently she takes his gift- a stone, Its flame a-dance;  
Proudly she wears her opal heart, At Ballet, Masque.

Deep in its fiery heart they glow, Those colors bright  
And on man's hurried dance they shine, Through years of light.

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