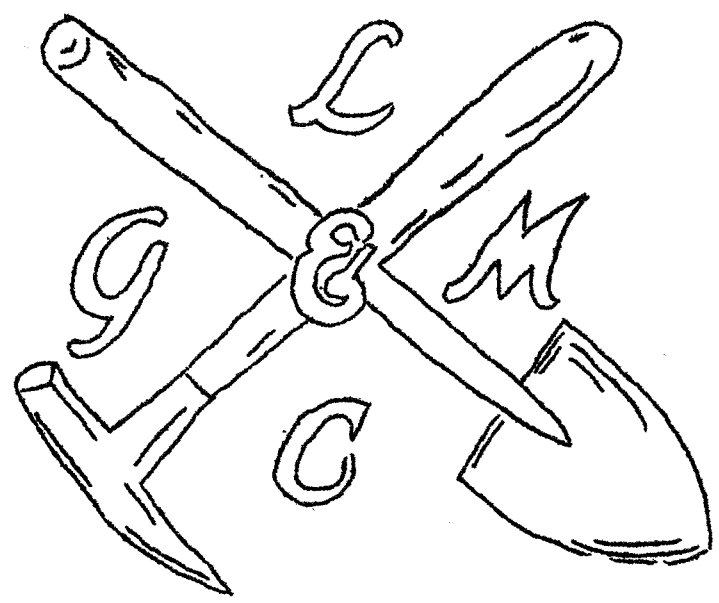


Dec 1967

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

Season's Greetings

FROM YOUR 1967 OFFICERS

Gene Eno
Howard Taylor
G. W. McKinney
Louise Baugher
Kay Ulrich
Jerry Kohn
George E. McGinnis

Congratulations and
Best

Wishes

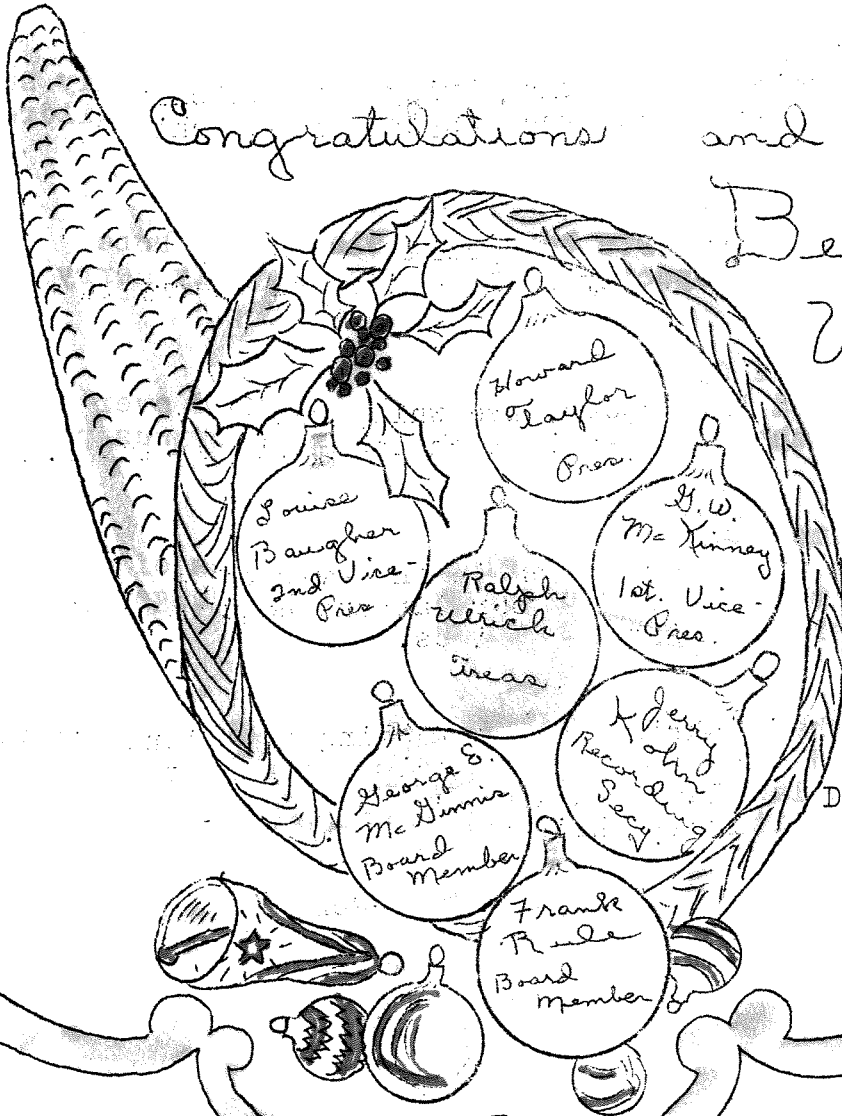
to YOUR

NEWLY
ELECTED
1968

BOARD

OF

DIRECTORS



ALMOST CHRISTMAS

It's almost Christmas
The air is crisp and cold and causes
rosy cheeks and noses on the smiling faces you meet.

It's almost Christmas
The nights are lit by many lights
each adding its small bit of color to the season.

It's almost Christmas
Cookies now take the shape of bells and stars
and seem to taste better this time of year.

It's almost Christmas
Catalogues which the postman brings are quickly seized
and read with wide eyed longing by the children.

It's almost Christmas
The weather reports become special as we hope
that the special day will be not only merry but white.

It's almost Christmas
Odd shaped bundles appear, are whispered over
and then hidden away in much too obvious places.

It's almost Christmas
There's a special warm gleam in the eyes of your child
as they snuggle up on your lap and eagerly recite
their endless list of desires.

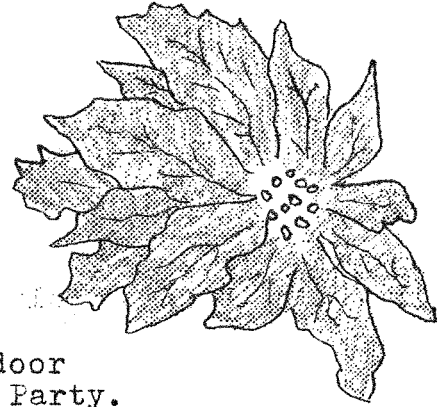
And perhaps this Christmas the feeling of friendship and
good cheer may take on a special meaning to us all
and last and last and last
till it is almost Christmas again.

-Gene L. Eno

YEAR-END CHRISTMAS MEETING

Saturday, December 23, 6:30 P. M.
Covered Dish Supper and Installation
of Officers.

NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
1625 North 10th St.



Use the north-side parking lot and the east door to enter. This will be our Annual Christmas Party. Bring your family, your own dishes and tableware. Coffee, cream and sugar, children's drink will be furnished.

Gift Exchange - Gems, minerals, slabs, fossils, rock mountings, tools or reading material, approximately \$1.00. Any member and their guests may enter in the gift exchange by bringing a gift to place under the tree.

REMEMBER: George E. McGinnis, 1967 Board Member replacing Art Bloyd.
Mrs. Marie Taylor now acting Liaison Officer.

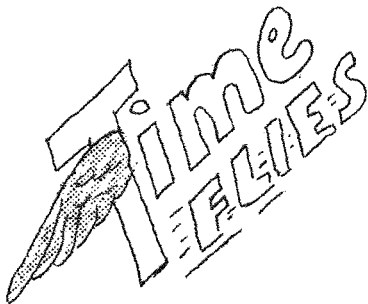
NEW MEMBERS: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hilton
1225 Sumner St. Ph. 477-9589

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb. 1-11, 1968 Border Gem Fiesta, McAllen, Texas
Feb. 16-18 Tucson Gem & Mineral, 14th Annual Show, Tucson, Ariz.
April 19-21 Central Nebraska Rock & Mineral Show, Hastings, Nebr.
June 8-9 Rocky Mountain Federation Show, Tulsa, Okla.
August 22-25 1968 Combined American Federation-Midwest Federation
Normal, Illinois

Have our first general information on this show and note: Billed as NATIONAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW, to be held at Horton Field House, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois. Hosts - The Corn Belt Lapidary & Geological Society and Illinois State University. Also mentioned is the fact that Illinois is celebrating it's Sesquicentennial 1818-1968.

DUES: 1968 dues of \$3.00 per adult, \$1.00 per junior member, or \$7.00 per family are due and payable before March 1st. You may pay at the club meetings or mail a check to the treasurer after January 1st, 1968. The address will be Mr. Ralph Ulrich, 441 Jeffery Drive, Lincoln, Nebr. 68505.



DUES ARE DUE

THE PICK & SHOVEL

November 29, 1967

2300 Calumet Ct.

Lincoln, Nebr.

Editor Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club:

We wish to thank the refreshment committee for the lovely cookies and good coffee at our last meeting. Namely:

Helena Baegl, Mr. & Mrs. Jerrold Kohn, and Mr. and Mrs. Irl Everett. Irl really kept the cups full and the cookies were all so delicious.

We are going to take this opportunity to thank all of the committees that worked so graciously for us and for all the good refreshments. Every one was always ready to help and this is the one thing our Club must strive for - unity.

Thanks again to every one and the very Merriest Holiday Season to you all. May Santa put a rock in your stocking.

Sincerely,

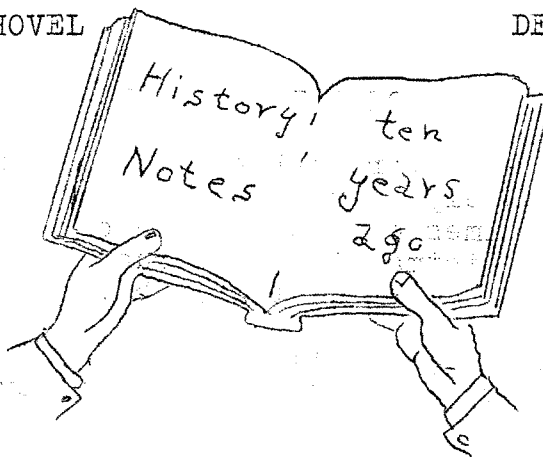
Mr. & Mrs. Earl C. Amen
Refreshment Chairman for 1967

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YOU ALONE...

Whoever you are, there is some younger person who thinks you are perfect. There is some work that will never be done if you don't do it. There is someone who would miss you if you were gone. There is a good reason for being better than you are, and doing better than you are. There is a place in this world that you alone can fill.

Anonymous
via CHIPS OFF THE OLD ROCK



Our December 1957 meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hedges.

Arthur Beckman was elected president, D. L. Whitmarsh, vice-president and Frances Tracy, secretary-treasurer.

Dick Hedges spoke on his collection of miniature mounts.

A gift exchange of mineral specimens or cutting material completed the enjoyable evening.

-from the Historian's files

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Now is the season when we do much reminiscing, renewing friendships via greeting and gift exchange so the staff did a bit of research and came up with these facts:

12 years ago the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club met at Morrill Hall with ten members and two guests present. After a talk and demonstration by Betty Sieler on silver-smithing and the setting of gem stones, gifts were exchanged.

11 years ago LGMC Christmas Party was held at the home of Maurice and Frances Tracy where election of officers was held and gifts were exchanged.

7 years ago a Christmas party was held at Muny Bldg. where the lapidary classes were being held. This was a gift exchange and covered dish supper.

In 1961 and 1962 "Basket Dinners" were held at the Roberts Dairy Party Room with election and gift exchange.

4 years ago the meeting was held on Sunday afternoon at the Welfare Society hall with a program of slides from the gay trio who had gone into Old Mexico together, Virgil Carveth, Howard Taylor and C. Ray Waddle. Also election, covered dish dinner and gift exchange.

3 years ago was the first Christmas supper at the Naval Reserve Training Center, also the first year to have only the installation of officers following their election in November. This year will be our fourth time back to the Reserve Center. Lets make it a memorable occasion.

"CHRISTMAS WANTS:"

"What do you want for Christmas? The answer to no other question so completely serves as an index of what we are at heart. At other times of the year we can pretend and make believe, but at Christmastime our true nature reveals itself and we act from the hidden motives that dominate our lives.

Come with me this yuletide and let the heart express those wishes it has ever longed for, but never dared express! Yes! What is it we want?

I want a few sincere friends, who understand my loneliness, yet remain loyal when I am silent.

I want a growing capacity to understand and respond to the unuttered sufferings of others, knowing that they fight as hard a battle against many odds, even as I.

I want a sense of duty tempered with beauty, a conception of work as a privilege, an urge to justice mingled with mercy, and a feeling that responsibility is my debt for the opportunity of living in a day when great aims are at stake.

I want a task to do which has abiding value, without which the lives of men would be poorer, and the good I might do be eternally lost.

I want a sense of humor, and the genius to laugh; the grace to forgive; and the humility to be forgiven, the willingness to praise, and the freedom to enjoy a little leisure with tantalizing dreams.

I want a glimpse of kneeling hillsides, the unresting sea, the horizon - enchanting plains, and the thrill of a few high-tangled bird notes keenly thinned.

I want a few wistful moments of quiet amid the garish noises and fevered fret of the day; and when twilight flecks the eventide with spotted shadows, a sense of the presence of God."

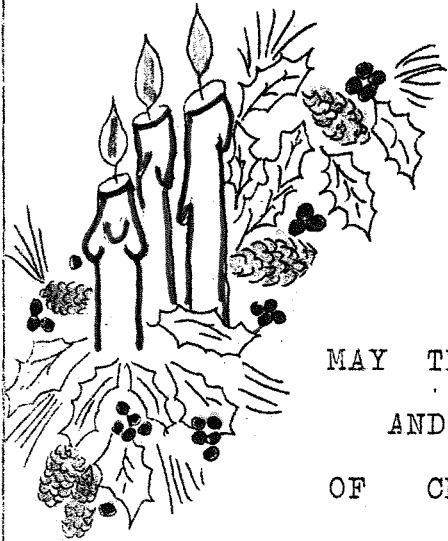
Did you Know?

A Merry Christmas

Until next time

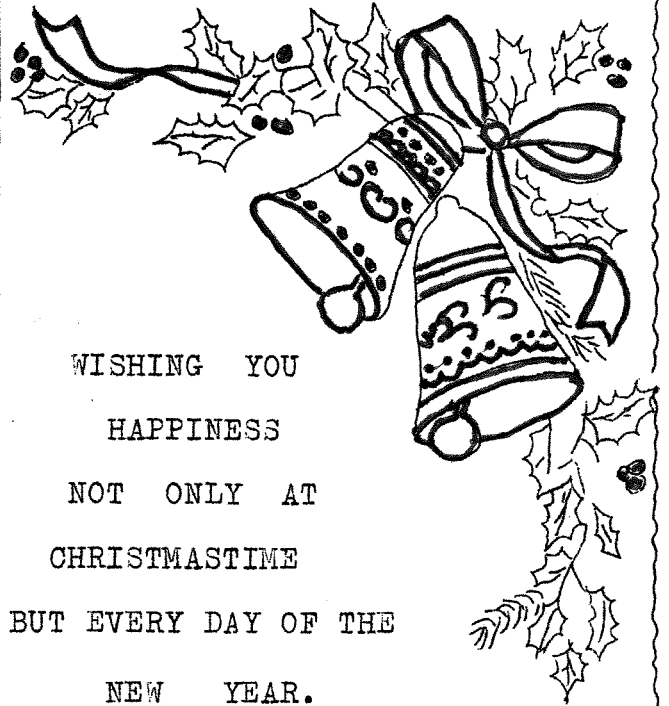
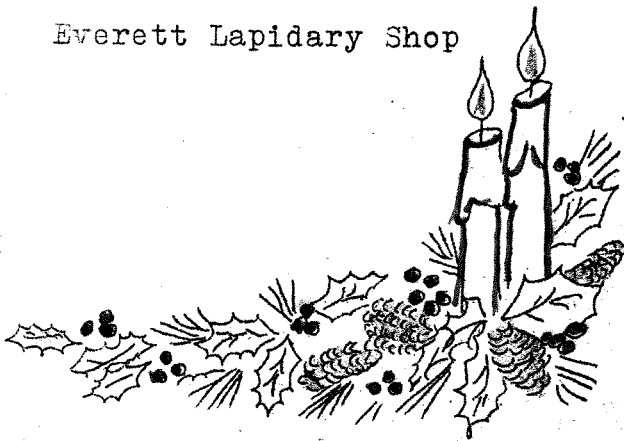
Marie J. Carveth
and Virgil Carveth, too.

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."



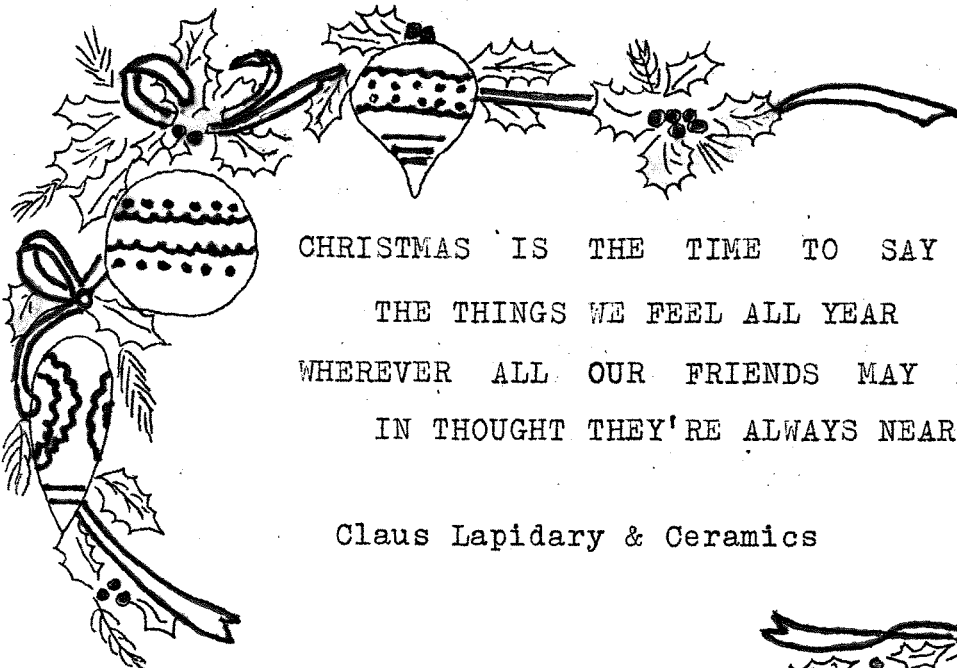
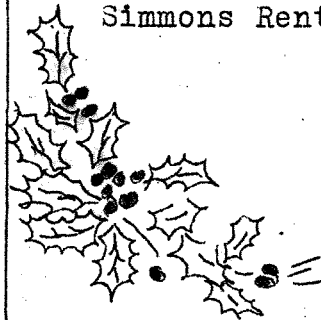
MAY THE PEACE
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OF CHRISTMAS
BE WITH YOU
THROUGHOUT THE
NEW YEAR.

Everett Lapidary Shop



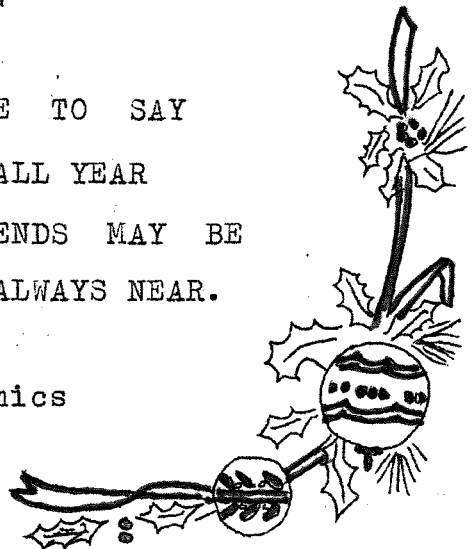
WISHING YOU
HAPPINESS
NOT ONLY AT
CHRISTMASTIME
BUT EVERY DAY OF THE
NEW YEAR.

Simmons Rental & Lapidary

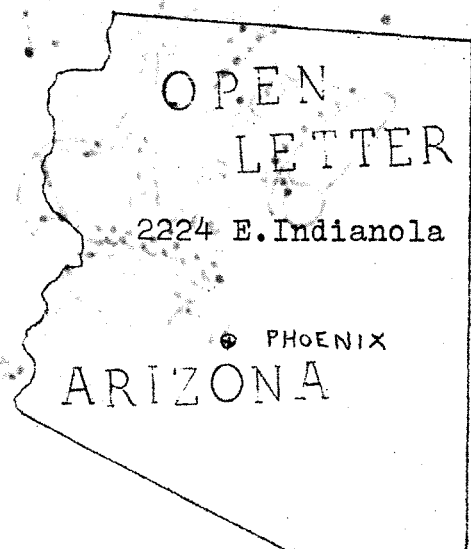


CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME TO SAY
THE THINGS WE FEEL ALL YEAR
WHEREVER ALL OUR FRIENDS MAY BE
IN THOUGHT THEY'RE ALWAYS NEAR.

Claus Lapidary & Ceramics



Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Members
% Phyllis Parks, Editor



Dear Club Members,

As I sat here reading my Pick & Shovel, I realized that deadline for mailing copy was running close at hand. I am sitting here in the middle of the front room floor with my typewriter typing out this letter.

Helen and Floyd are now living in their own home at 2233 E. Indianola. They are still in the process of getting moved in completely. We are also in our own home and our new address is 2224 E. Indianola, Phoenix, Ariz. For all you people that I still owe letters to please bear with me. I will answer your

letter and I have not forgotten you, its just that moving into your own home does require time.

Art and Floyd went rock hunting again today down by Globe somewhere. They went after fluorescent material. The material is geodes that have a vibrant green fluorescent material inside. It is formed over a white quartz. The truck with it's grannie gear went everywhere that the four wheel drive jeep did except one place on the mountain. Here even though the cars wheels were going ahead they were sliding down the mountain. The desert rat said he has never known a truck to make it where they were traveling so he thought we had a pretty good truck. Last week Ole (Floyd) took his truck and it would not hack the trip. Everyone had to pile into the jeep.

We had a rock swap here Wednesday night. The Don Gless's from Fremont, Nebr. were in town and we arranged for him to meet some of the local rockhounds. We do not know too many of them yet and those that we do have never been to a swap so there were only a few people here. We will have to educate these people to swapping it looks like. Anyway we had fun even if the Arizona weather decided to turn pretty chilly that night.

Don Gless went on the rock trip today with the boys. He seemed happy with some of the material found and is returning home with a box full. Perhaps someone from the club could contact him and he would be glad to share his rock trip with you verbally. We enjoyed having Don and his family very much and hope that when they again get down in this area they will come back to see us. If any of you folks can make it down just let us know when you can come and there will be room for you. Also if you have time we will take you rock hunting like you have never been before. The material here is fabulous.

Well, this is all this time. Will write again next month so until then may you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Art and Velma Bloyd

Written November 26, 1967

THE FUTURE OF THE ROCK HOBBY

By June Culp Zeitner

I have seen this hobby grow from the days when you had to build your own rock machinery from the scrap heap to the day you can walk into a dime store and buy a tumbler or a chain department store and buy a diamond saw; from the days a rock collector was an isolated "loner" to the day a convention of hobbyists took over the Washington Hilton. That's surely a long road. The natural question is "Where do we go from here?"

We may like to think that because of our rapid growth, our big shows, our good publicity that we are at the pinnacle and that from now on it will all be smooth sailing. Nothing could be farther from the truth. For example in spite of all our good efforts, so far we are able to buy stamps honoring dogs, chickens, the 6th stamp show, and women's fashions--but not our mineral heritage! In its recent successful move to get a state stone Iowa got this jolt! A senator who was so amazed at the idea of honoring the mineral kingdom that he was angry, arose before the Iowa Senate and said any state stupid enough to have a state stone should also have a "state nut" and he proposed as a suitable candidate for the honor the one who proposed the state stone.

Our public image is still not what it should be. We see weekly newspaper columns devoted to stamps, coins, antiques, fishing, hunting and old bottles--but where are the weekly columns on rocks, minerals, or fossils? We know of a rock club in the Midwest which has made mineral displays for blind children and even taken blind children on special field trips. We know of clubs sponsoring lapidary courses for prisoners, juvenile delinquents, and wayward girls. We know of a club which raised \$4,000 for geology scholarships for its State University. We feel that our hobby represents the best of American tradition, ---freedom, independence, service, cooperation and responsibility because it combines art and science and recreation and service. But is that the image the public has of us?

No! They think of us as running around in a Darwinian stance that just barely escapes being on all fours, carrying our little hammers, dressed in sloppy clothes and madly licking rocks. They think that with a little polish the gravel in their driveways would surpass anything at our best shows. They feel that we are destructive and greedy, appellations we can prove we do not deserve. The general public would probably rather read of a quarry closing because of abuses than read of the hundreds of hours one of our clubs spent collecting and restoring vertebrate fossils for its University Museum.

We had a rock shop in the front part of our Museum building for many years. We took personal checks from rock hobbyists from all over, most of whom we had never seen before, and without any personal identification. We never had one of these checks bounce. I have had other dealers tell me the same thing. Show me any other kind of business in the whole country that can make a similar claim. Why is it we can't put this image across?

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THE FUTURE OF THE ROCK HOBBY (continued)

You may be saying to yourself that our public image can't be all that bad. I know of a club of talented people who tried to get into the local Art Institute and in spite of the fact that they were adept at carving gems, making intarsias and other higher forms of art, working with stone was so underestimated by the Art Institute that this group was turned down as being mere craftsmen. Who got into the Art Institute: A group of people who had learned to weld junk together and called it metal sculpture.

We must find some way to make our message heard. We need more and better publicity. We must show that we are conservationists. That we are artists. That we are scientists. And in a way most of us are teachers. We must show that without us there would be many empty spaces in major museums, that many civic groups would often be without programs, that many schools would be without a sample of rocks, minerals, or fossils, that many communities would have a sudden surplus of facilities and a sudden deficit in any business depending on tourists. For we are not only a great part of the American culture but a whole vast section of the economy...as such towns as Spruce Pine, North Carolina, Prineville, Oregon, or Custer, South Dakota would be glad to tell you. We cannot tolerate mere condescension on the part of the public. Each of our clubs should have an active community relations committee and a program which will convince its community that we are serving, that we are needed, and that we are here to stay.

The Midwest Federation gives awards to its member clubs which have contributed the most each year to the community, to the hobby as a whole, or to society. These awards include accomplishments in the fields of science, education and rehabilitation. The honors not only recognize and thank our clubs, but they call the attention of the communities to the accomplishments of the clubs.

The American Federation Scholarship fund is also getting us the right kind of publicity. So is the Help Eliminate Litter Please program...except that we need to find a way to connect the name of our Federations more prominently with this venture. A great deal of free publicity is available to any club which works for it. A minimum of journalism, a knowledge of what constitutes news, and a determination to raise the public knowledge of, and the status of, your club are all that is necessary.

The next area where we need to work a lot harder, and at once, is the preservation of our field trips. Field trips are such a basic part of our hobby that without them our future growth would be severely limited. Most of us got started in the hobby by the simple act of picking up a stone, mineral, fossil or artifact which we thought was unusual and worth saving for others to see. The California Federation is working on an active "Save The Field Trips" program and others are trying different approaches to the problem. We must work together now to save our trips before it is too late.

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THE FUTURE OF THE ROCK HOBBY (continued)

1. We must establish and maintain better personal relationships with the owners of the land, mines, and quarries where we hunt.
2. We must work to reopen closed localities and try to keep any more localities from closing.
3. We must establish a legislative program which is beneficial to us as well as fighting together to prevent legislation harmful to us.
4. We must actively seek the goodwill of the general public.
5. We must be alert and look for new localities in order to conserve for art and science the valuable things which are exposed for collection only a limited time.

This is not the job for a club, a committee or a federation. It is the never ending job of each individual hobbyist working in groups or alone for the good of us all.

First, how do we convince mine and property owners that we are deserving and responsible citizens? Arrange a display of things from a favorite quarry emphasizing science and education and get some good publicity for the owners. Show them how they are benefiting science and education. Or take special trips to favorite quarries and clean them up and beautify them so they are better and safer than ever before. Some clubs make fine gifts for their benefactors, have special parties for them, send them their club bulletins, and take time to observe every rule of courtesy and every rule of our code of ethics. There is no substitute for personal contact. One of our field trip chairman decided that he would not take "no" for an answer all the time. He was determined to reopen some closed localities. He visited the owners and operators of every quarry in his area. He showed what the club was doing, showed the Code of Ethics, established himself as honest, friendly, reliable. Then he asked the owners of closed quarries if they couldn't have one more chance to prove that they were not the ones responsible for the quarry having to close. Of course not all were agreeable, but a few opened their gates to small adult groups from this club. So careful was this club of these privileges that now more quarries in the vicinity are giving them a chance.

Several clubs have leased areas for field trips for themselves and for their guests. More clubs should follow this example. Our clubs collect a lot of money, much of which is lying idle in banks. This money is collected by this generation of hobbyists from us and for us. It should help us enjoy our hobby now and insure that we have a hobby in the future. There is no better way we can put some of this money to use than to insure the future of our field trips.

The big copper mines of Arizona have field trips as part of their public relations program. What we need to do in some of the other states is to let the mining companies know more about us and show them that we are big enough and important enough that to help us will vastly increase good will toward them.

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THE FUTURE OF THE ROCK HOBBY (Continued)

Many old areas are being reopened on a fee basis. There is nothing wrong with this. We know of people spending \$3.00 or \$10.00 for an afternoon of golf or an evening at a major league ball park or \$20.00 for a license to hunt game. There is no reason to gripe if we have to pay several dollars a day for the privilege of hunting for gemstones, the most precious of this earth's materials. I hope more clubs, groups and dealers will have fee areas and that we will treat these areas with the grateful courtesy they deserve.

The next point - legislation - is getting harder. Any of our groups which have had the nerve to get mixed up with politics have realized with a bang that we are still a minority group. Some of the new laws, and what is even worse, some actions taken by agencies without specific laws, are definitely a threat to our hobby. Most things which are done against us are done only because we are so misunderstood, only because so very few know enough about us. It all comes back to better public relations. If the public is made to see what we stand for and what we are accomplishing we will not be discriminated against.

One thing the State Stone Bills have done for us is to help us become firmly established in the eyes of 15 state legislatures. The states which have passed these bills have our groups to thank for their well organized educational publicity campaigns. The legislatures of these states, though many were mildly shocked at first, now have cordial warm feelings toward us. They feel that they have had an important part in their state's history by honoring eternally a mineral symbol of their state's resources, such as the plants and birds were previously honored. Certainly having the state legislature have a warm feeling toward you is better than if they had never heard of your groups at all. I am certain that within a few years half or more of our states will have official symbols from the mineral kingdom. Let's not miss this golden opportunity to get the right kind of publicity for our whole hobby.

Our legislative committees need some cracker barrel sessions to explore new ideas, to line up new legislative programs to insure our rights. We should be ready to answer any criticism. For instance what do you say when your legislator says "You people are just needlessly dragging home all the rocks from the public domain". You should be ready to prove to him that you are saving...or conserving...these things for the future. That in most cases nature will hide or destroy things of importance if they are not collected. You should have a list of schools, museums, and other institutions which have benefited from the alertness of your collecting. You should be ready to show that mines and quarries can destroy more in a day than your people are able to collect in a year.

Now, how do we police our hobby. I hate to admit it needs a little of that. However in most cases I feel we are being charged with vandalism which we are not responsible for. If we know who these people are... who are destructive, careless, lawless, or greedy...whether they are in or out of the organized hobby we must see that they get the blame that is coming to them. If the vandalism is outside the organized hobby perhaps these people would reform if we brought them into the hobby and showed them the gratification we find in keeping our hobby on a high plane.

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The FUTURE OF THE ROCK HOBBY (Continued)

Keeping our clubs strong and active and participating in the work of our Federations are the best ways to insure the future of the entire hobby. We will be a true prestige group only when people see that we are conservationists, scientists, artists, educators, therapists, and recreational leaders. Perhaps the meetings we have this year and in the next year or so will have more bearing on the future of the hobby than all the meetings we have had in the past. Let's make each one count.

-June Culp Zeitner

(Comment-- The preceeding address was delivered at the banquet of the Midwest Federation Convention in Davenport in July...to read it is inspiring, to have heard it in person must have been truly rewarding. With Mrs. Zeitner's words ringing in your ears one should have come away from that convention full of renewed interest and invigorating enthusiasm for the preservation of this hobby of ours and the uplifting of our public image. nm)

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FROM THE ULRICH'S:

Hi -- Further news on our trip to Germany.

We leave Lincoln December 20 at 1:15 and arrive at Frankfort the next morning (the 21st) at 8:50 A. M. heir time. We will have lost six hours. It will take two hours to go through custom and our daughter-in-law writes "Take it cool and you will be all right - we won't see you until you come through the swinging doors."

Ralph and I will be with our son Fred, and his family, at Oberurfel for Christmas. We're especially anxious to see our "Enklin" Britt. She's four and one-half and a blonde with sparkling blue eyes. The "kids" have a trip planned to Nurenburg to visit some Ulrichs there. Of course we'll get to Idar-Oberstein a couple of times.

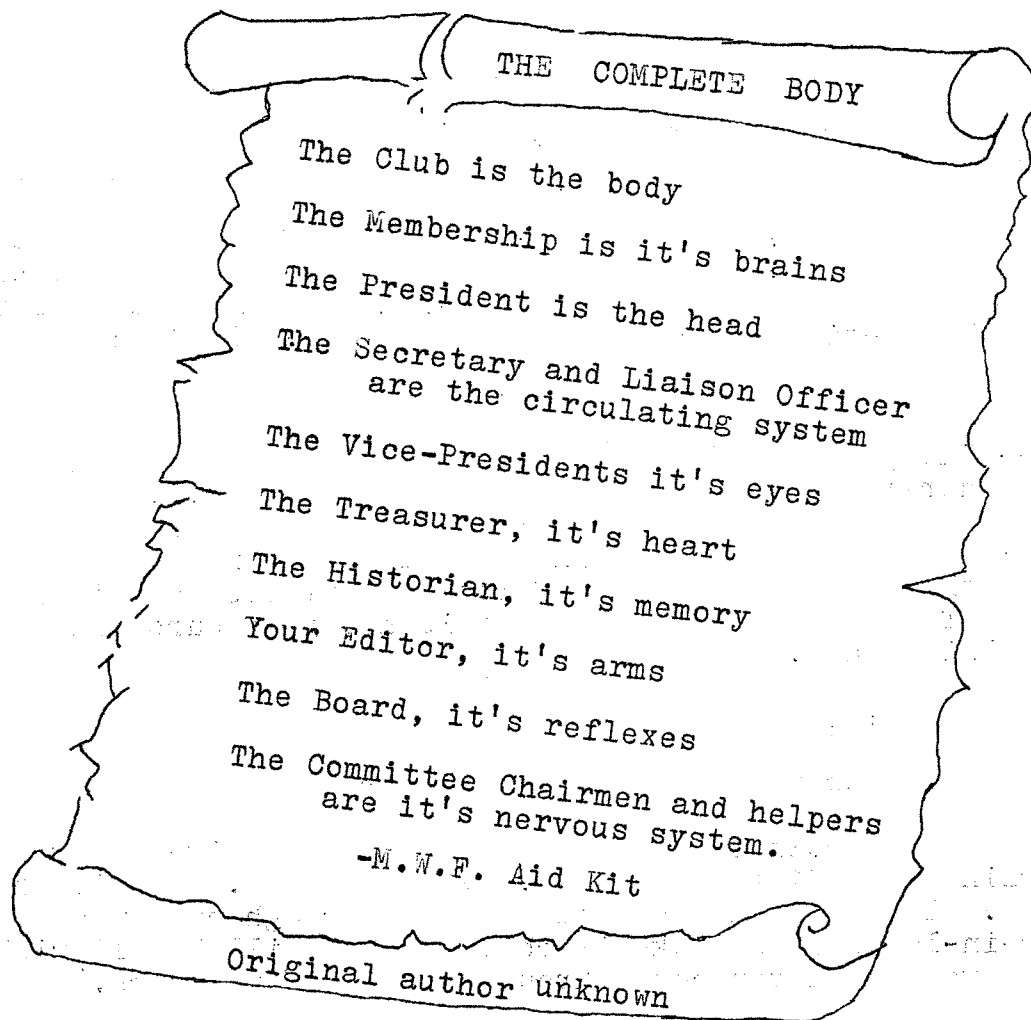
Ralph will be home January 4 but I will stay on. Jan. 11 I'll be visiting in the home of a relative in Norden, Germany, up near the North Sea. The evening of Jan. 13 I'll be in Copenhagen, Denmark; Jan. 16 in Oslo, Norway; and Jan. 19 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Jan. 21 I'll be in London, England and expect to be met by relatives there. Jan. 24 I'll be back in the U.S.A. stopping in Chicago for a two-day visit with my brother, then home Jan. 26.

It sounds like a fast go-around. Wish I had three months instead of six weeks. Hope I have some good pictures to show when I get home!!!

Anyone have an uncle, aunt, or cousin any place along my route - or a rockhound friend? If so drop me a card at 441 Jeffery Drive or phone and I'll try to contact them.

"Fröhliche Weihnachten und Glühliche Neue Jahr."

Ralph and Kay



As this most successful year draws to a close and the Holiday Season is upon us "The Arms" of your Club would like to reach out and say "Thank You" to each and every member who has contributed to any phase of our activities, and especially to those who have contributed physically, verbally or by letter to the publication of The Pick & Shovel.

I'd also wish that the entire Membership have a joyous and safe Holiday. Special words to those of you who may be traveling far and wide to enjoy this season whether by Air or Sea or Land. May the "Guiding Angel" be with you on your journeys.

-Phyllis Parks

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.

-submitted by Marie J. Carveth

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A NOTE FROM OUR RETIRED PRESIDENT

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My term as president of your MWF ended on November 1st. Because of the fine cooperation of MWF officers, chairmen and member clubs we have completed another growth year with increased resources. Many corporations wish they so could report!

Growth necessitates the detailing of responsibilities so one knows what he should do, and others know what to expect from each officer and chairman. Job specifications are changable as conditions change. They are pertinent to the smooth functioning of every organization.

Several such specs have been written this year - Liaison Officer - State V. P. and Assistant V. P. - Bulletin Contest - Rockrama - those who assisted in preparing these have done a good service. This is a real accomplishment.

The MWF Scholarship achievement is another manifestation of clubs working together. We are a growing organization!

- Verne Montgomery

MAY WE EXTEND A WELCOME

to another new club to join the Midwest Federation. The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club, Inc. President of this club is H. G. Holbrook, 1489 Hagley Road, Toledo, Ohio. The Liaison Officer is Mrs. Marcia Waltz, 3250 Northwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

IN MINNESOTA

our Vice President for that state is MRS. B. G. Dahlberg. An error in recent listings listed it as B. G. Dahlberg.

DECEMBER 2nd

has been set as the date for the annual fall meeting of the MWF Executive Board. It will be held at the Kaskaskia Hotel in La-Salle, Illinois. Meeting will open promptly at 9:30 A.M.

"FUTURE OF THE ROCK HOBBY"

copies have been shipped to a number of clubs which requested them in accordance with the offer made in the November Newsletter. There are still copies available of this talk given by June Culp Zeitner at the MWF Convention last July and may be had at the rate of 6¢ per copy plus postage.

THANKS FROM EARTH SCIENCE

Many good things have come our way in 1967. and some words of thanks are in order. First, we sincerely appreciate the honorary membership in the Midwest Federation conferred on two of our staff, Earl and Mary Cornwell.

The many clubs who in 1967 and prior years donated space at their shows for the display and sale of the magazine gave us an opportunity to introduce ourselves to rockhounds and potential rockhounds, otherwise hard to come by. We thank, in particular, the Illowa Gem and Mineral Society and prior host clubs to Midwest Federation shows; the Michigan Mineralogical Society; the Greater Kansas City Gem and Mineral Clubs; the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.; the Flint Rock and Gem Club; Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society, Inc.; St. Louis Mineral and Gem Society; Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.; Siloam Springs Earth Science Club; Illinois Valley Rockhounds; Rock River Valley Gem and Mineral Society; Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society; and the Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois.

It would be hard to compile an all-inclusive list of clubs and individuals who have shown their

interest in us in a special way. The Columbus Rock and Mineral Society feels that our articles and club news are of sufficient importance to the acclimatization of new club members that taking out a year's subscription to Earth Science is one of the conditions of joining.

Through the generosity of Oliver Roskam of Show-Me Rockhounds, Inc., who loaned us his 3-M color separation negatives, we were able to put color on the cover of the September-October issue. For Mr. Roskam, our authors, and ourselves, we thank you for the nice things you said about that issue.

Many clubs have responded to our offer of a free gift subscription for each five new subscriptions, 25 to date, and some have repeated for a second gift subscription. School, public, and club libraries are the favorite beneficiaries.

The offer continues in effect as new members join and old members get around to taking out the subscription they had always intended to take out. If you would like to set aside some time at one of your meetings to promote subscriptions, let us know in advance and we will send you some copies for display.

We would also like to thank the Wildcat Geological Society for setting up a little booth at their show.

IS YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

correct on our mailing list? If not, will you please advise us of the correct address so that your Federation mail will reach you promptly. Thank you!

A COMING EVENT.....

which is a bit in the distance as yet, but it is wise to make plans far enough ahead so that you can enjoy it.

The Midwest Federation will have a combined convention and show on August 22-23-24-25 in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. The host club is the Corn Belt Lapidary and Geological Society.

CONGRATULATIONS

to two more MWF clubs which have become 100 percenters in the Scholarship Foundation. They are the Lake Shore Mineral and Lapidary of Mentor, Ohio and the Calumet Gem and Mineral Society of Hiland, Indiana. In May of 1967 we had 89 clubs which had not participated in any way in the Scholarship Foundation. Since that time we have heard from 15 of these clubs coming in as 100 percenters. The Foundation is a most worthy cause and we hope many more of our clubs will become 100% and those of you who are already 100% will move on to 200%, 300%, etc. as many of you have already done.

-Kate Steinbrenner

A VERY DANGEROUS PRACTICE

was observed on a recent Saturday morning about 20 miles west of Topeka, Kansas on Interstate 70. About ten cars of rockhounds had pulled onto the shoulder, lined up one behind the other, while they proceeded to dig into the adjacent bank for some apparent rock formation. This is an illegal act on Interstate highways on which stopping is limited to emergency stops only.

IN IOWA

at a favorite quarry hunting spot the management closed the quarry to rockhounds and hunting due to the careless acts of some who hunted there. Children were allowed to damage equipment in the quarry. Since the closing the management has been prevailed upon to open the quarry to limited and scheduled hunting only. It seems that regardless of how much is written and said about this it still continues. In order to preserve the right to hunt we must do everything in our powers to stop damage to property and equipment of those on whose property we hunt.

THE FALL MEETING

of the Executive Board of the Midwest Federation was held on Saturday, December 2nd at the Kaskaskia Hotel in LaSalle, Illinois. A report of this meeting will be sent to all clubs as soon as available.

CHIPS & CHATTER

This seems to be the last month of our Centennial Year and as we Nebraskans look back on the year we have many very fine events to remember and think of in the next "hundred years."

We Rockhounds can especially remember the many fine shows all over the state. Many of us attended at least three or four of these shows and some attended nearly all of them. The combination of Centennial Nebraska; our newly adopted State Gemstone, State Rock and State Fossil; and beautiful lapidary works made each show a successful enterprise. May we have many more of them each year as we increase in the number of interested peoples and gain more recognition for such a worthwhile hobby.

This will be the last bulletin we mail to non-exchange Nebraska Clubs unless we receive an indication in writing that you are interested in further copies. Requests may be mailed to the Editor or to any of our 1968 Board.

Both MWF State Vice-President Mrs. Engelhart and MWF Awards Chairman Gene Eno had very interesting journeys to the recent MWF Council Meeting and came back with many ideas and rock facts. Lets hear from them.

How nice to know that Mrs. Larry Pope (Joanna) is spending this month in Lincoln with her young son Larry Jr. and how happy the proud grandparents Lloyd and Louise Baugher must be. Larry Sr. is expected but no dates as to his arrival time.

Also nice to know that Frank Rule has made quite a snappy come-back from his surgery and is considering going back to work - if he hasn't already.

We see by the Sunday Focus that our East Lincoln High School member will be taking part in the first school play to be produced by the Spartans - Shakespeare's comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Dec. 14 and 15. Congratulations and good luck to Les Miller.

In closing we would like to hope that all our rockhound friends and fellow club members will let the rest of us share in the news of your Holiday activities by sending the news along to some member of the Pick & Shovel. Many of our members only wait for news of their friends and co-hobbyists. Please share your "rocktivities."

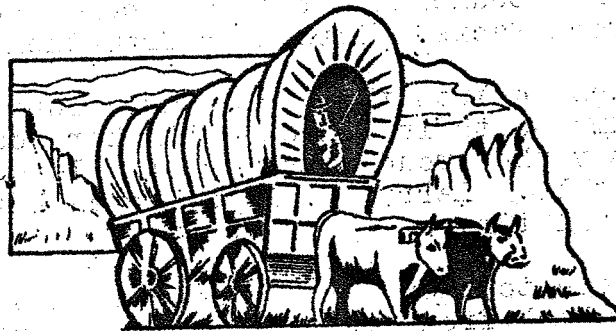
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