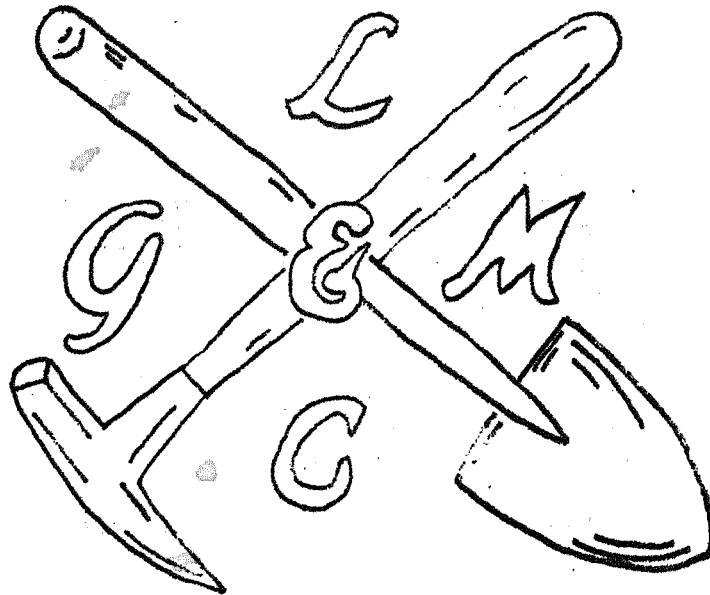


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THIS MONTH

REGULAR MEETING - Saturday, May 25, 7:30 PM

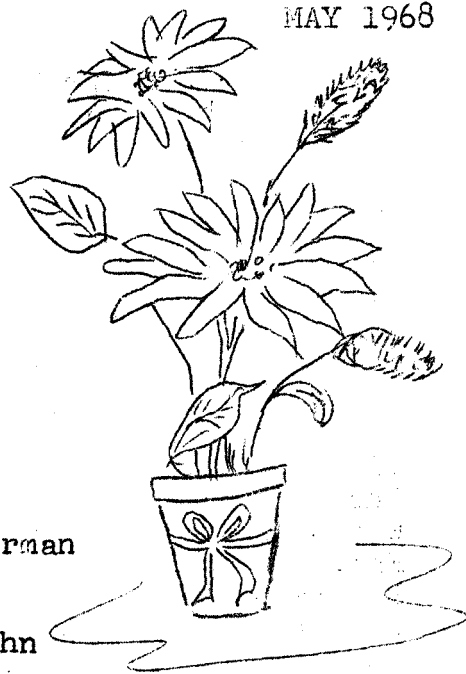
W.O.W. Meeting Hall, 734 S. 27th St.
(This will be our last regular meeting
until September.)

PROGRAM: Prof. Wm. Foxwell Will present a
very interesting program to the
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club this
month. This will follow imme-
diately after the business session.

-Marie J. Carveth Program Chairman

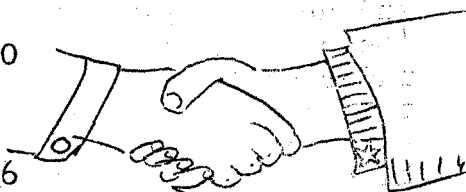
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FIELD TRIPS: Fremont sand pits in June. Plans in the making...for
information contact Virgil Carveth.

Wyoming field trip in June. Meet at Lander, Wyo. for the
Wyoming State Show on the 14th...for information contact
Jim Parks.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR:

June 8 - 9 3rd Annual Show, Siouxland Gem & Mineral, Sioux City, IA
State Line Gem & Mineral Society Rock Swap, Wauseon, Ohio
Rocky Mountain Federation Show, Tulsa, OK

June 22-23 3rd Rock & Mineral Show of The Sac & Fox Lapidary Club,
Ottumwa, IA

June 14-16 Wyoming State Show, Lander, Wyo.

July 25-27 Ishpeming, Michigan Rock & Mineral Club Show

Aug. 17-18 Northwest Nebraska Rock Show, Crawford, NB

Aug. 22-25 Combined American Federation-Midwest Federation Show and
Convention, Normal, Ill.

Aug 31-Sept 2 Nebr. Mineral & Gem Club, Omaha, NB, Annual Show

Sept. 13-15 Nebr. State Rock Fair, Lincoln County Fairgrounds,
North Platte, NB

Sept. 28-29 Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club 10th Annual Show, Lincoln, NB

SUMMARY - The April meeting in our pleasant new quarters was attended by 74 members and guests. All were able to sit through the meeting by using the piano bench and a couple of tables. The kitchen and other facilities were fine except for the size of the coffee maker. A larger piece of equipment was quickly approved by the membership. In brief, announcements were made that Mrs. Jan Eno was improving from surgery at Lincoln General, Mr. R. D. Ferguson was still hospitalized after a heart attack. The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club has been invited to put displays in the Natural History Building of the Uni. of Nebr. at the 1968 Nebraska State Fair, Chairman Gene Eno. Plans are in progress for our December Christmas Party to be held Sunday, December 15th in the afternoon followed by an evening meal. The membership was privileged to sing Happy Birthday for G. W. McKinney, our First-Vice-Pres. The Membership was asked to help with club displays to go to the Midwest-American Federation Show at Normal, Ill. in August, Chairman Gene Eno. Announcement was made that our bid for a Federation Show in 1974 is under consideration by the Executive Board of the Midwest Federation. Mr. Ulrich announced that membership now stands at 121 adult and 18 junior members. Door prizes were won by Bruce Simon, Dorothy Engelhart, Jim Parks, Mr. Walter Erbach, Miss Cornelia Snell, all of which were given the club by the Earl Andrews of Nebraska City. Ralph Ulrich won a piece of onyx given by Don Gless. An interesting program and question and answer period followed on "Cabs & Slabs." John Lewis stressed - 'Be sure to finish one job before going to the next, don't hurry, check under an incandescent bulb by rolling through each dimension watching the shape of the bulb to see if it stays even. When grinding watch the touch and do not push, let the stone do the cutting. Be sure to use the star dresser on your wheels to keep them "ruffed" up.' This period was followed by two movies, one a cartoon on LITTERING, very timely and enjoyed by young and older alike. Thank you John and Maurice.

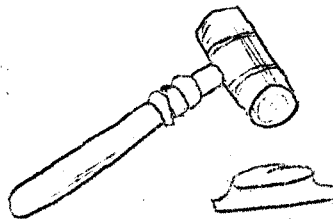
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 GUESTS at the April meeting were Marjorie and Garry Heedick who are back in Lincoln to live, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Shemanek of Minnesota, Terry Stivrins, junior member applicant, Cornelia Soell and Mr. Walter Erbach, Donald Rankin, Ray Plouzek and Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Hoveis.

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 JUNE FIELD TRIP ANYONE?? Virg Carveth is hoping for a nice field trip to the Fremont area sometime this month and will be glad to make plans with you or for you if you are interested. Talk to him before or at the May meeting as this is usually a fine picnic meeting at Fremont City Park and lots of good clean hunting at the pits. No one needs to return home without some choice things to remember the trip by.

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 JUNE Spring is in the air, sweetwaters in the ground
 There's a field trip in the offing
 13, Cause we know there's rock to be found.
 14, Pack the shovels, stow the gear,
 15, It looks like the Rock Trip of the year.
 16, Off to Wyoming Land to look for jade
 Or other treasures before they fade.
 17, At Lander's "Mountain Gemboree" we rally,
 And look for choice wood in Eden Valley.
 1968 We'll visit the Fish Beds if time does permit
 Please sign up if June 13 will fit.

Note: We're marking our maps, guide books, etc. with all suggestions and ideas from previous successful Wyoming vacationers so please feel free to contribute. Contact our leaders-Jim Parks, Howard Taylor.

MAY 1968



Fellow Rockhounds:

Hope you all approved of our new meeting place. Attendance was very good and I hope it will be as good this month, or even better.

Have not heard any suggestions for field trips. If you have some place you would like to go please let the board know so we can make arrangements.

Rock Swap and Show plans are still progressing so I am sure both will be as good or better than ever. However, this is only possible by the member's participation so don't forget to do all you possibly can.

It's time to get busy on displays for the Federation Show in August. Contact Gene Eno for information about types of displays. If you have any ideas for our club displays for competition also let Eno know.

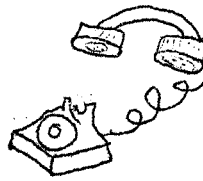
Don't forget to be in attendance May 25th, 7:30 P. M., W. O. W. Hall, 27th and Randolph. More door prizes will be given and you must be present to get them.

This will be the last regular meeting until September. If we should call any special meetings or plan any field trips you will be called or sent a notice through the mail.

Sincerely,

Howard Taylor

DID YOU KNOW ? ? ?



Mr. and Mrs. Shemanek of Minneapolis, Minnesota, were guests of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club at our last meeting. These fine people joined our club at the Fort Robinson Inn, and enjoyed our President's Field Trip into the rock fields north of Orella, Nebraska, and the Sugar Loaf area. Their luck was good - the reward some beautiful Fairburn agates; this all happening last year over the Labor Day weekend. The Shemaneks were on their way home now, after a vacation in Arizona. They contacted Ralph and Kay Ulrich, enjoyed dinner with the Ulrichs and came to our meeting. We were happy to have them, and hope they join us again.

Lillie Lewis is the lucky lady to carry off some nice prizes during the recent bowling tournament. Congratulations, Lillie!!

Ray Lambert, a member of our L.G.M.C., is now pursuing his career in Lexington, Nebraska, being employed at a pharmacy there. Ray is also taking flying lessons, has twenty hours, and shall soon receive his wings. Ray says it's a great thrill to be up there in the "blue skies" and is really enjoying it.

Dr. Lange has moved his office and is now located in the Federal Securities Bldg. Good Luck in your new location, Doctor.

At this time, we do not have the exact count but from all reports many Lincoln club members made their appearance at the Hastings Rock Show in April. An interesting show presented by our friends in the Hastings Club, and we also enjoyed visiting with our dealer friends, many who make a regular appearance at our own shows here in Lincoln.

Miss Cornelia Soell, of 6141 B-Schönberg, (Schloss) Germany was a guest at our last meeting. A very charming young lady, Cornelia is a foreign exchange student at Northeast High School, who is making her home with the Walter Erbach family while living in the United States. Schloss means castle, and when at home, this is where Cornelia lives. This castle is owned by a mining company by whom her father is employed. Cornelia's father is an instructor to the employees of the mines, teaches therapy, etc., to the miners while they recover from any effects suffered while under ground working the mines. To live in a castle would be thrilling, and especially so for a pretty young Miss! Cornelia will leave the city in June, but will not leave the States until in July sometime. In that time she will enjoy a sight seeing trip in the east with a visit to Washington, D.C., and New York City, with the Statue of Liberty being the highlight there. Come see us all again, Cornelia.

Mrs. Gene Eno is recovering from surgery, keep up the good work Jan.

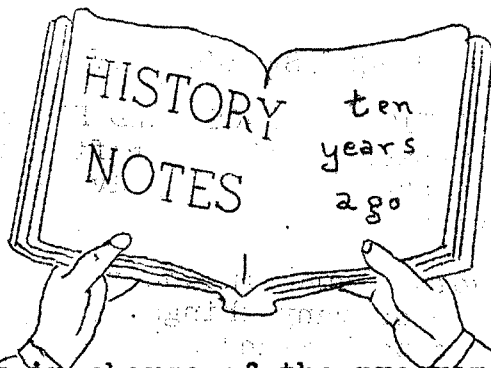
Mr. George McGinnis and Tod Ashman presented a fluorescent lecture and program to the Lions Club recently with reports that it was greatly received.

Our sympathy to Mr. Ewald Paul and Mrs. Paul on the passing away of his mother.

Remember Dr. Neihardt with "get-well" cards, friends!

Welcome Home! to Margie Heedick and Garry. Nice to see you again at our L.G.M.C. meetings!

Until next time -- Marie J. Carveth



Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh was in charge of the program for the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club meeting in May 1958. She furnished those present with maps of several states for the purpose of marking the localities where rock hunting was good.

A picnic was planned with the Omaha club at the home of Mr. Harry Cowls at Venus. Field trips were planned for Holmesville in June, Dawson in July and Crawford over the Labor Day week end.

-from the notebooks of Frances Tracy

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Gene Eno and Dorothy Engelhart will present the "Monster Dig" to members of the Nebraska Society of Medical Technologists at the Center for Continuing Education on the evening of May 25. Our own Marie Wells is a member of this organization and we are sure this group will enjoy the slides and commentary as have so many others in the past.

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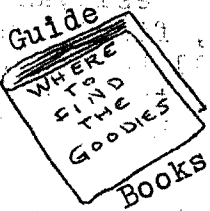
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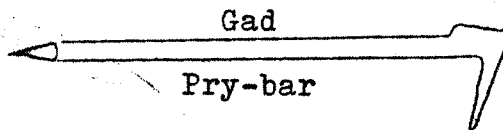
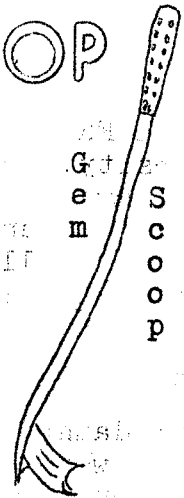
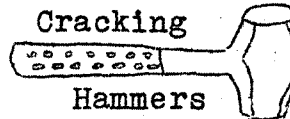
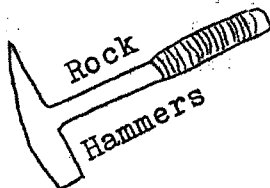
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We have all heard the word "Pawn" in connection with the Indian. In the Indians lives this means many things. To the Indian a trading Post is more than just a place to buy and sell goods. It is a social center, a post office, and sometimes an employment agency. In addition to this it also serves as a hock shop and the local bank. The trader performs all of the services of these two latter institutions through a transaction known as pawning.

A roll of bills, although admittedly practical, is not particularly attractive from an aesthetic point of view, so most Indians convert their ready cash into silver and turquoise. When in need of money on credit they will take a bracelet or a belt to the trader and use it as a security for a loan. At a specified date the loan is repaid in full, plus interest, and the jewelry is redeemed or a new arrangement is made to renew the loan.

Often times a Navajo has no need for a loan, but merely wants a safe place in which to keep his most valuable jewelry. In this case he may pawn the items for a dollar or two and pay the interest rate in return for this safety deposit box service. If an item is not redeemed after the agreed-upon time, it becomes "dead pawn" and may be sold by the trader for whatever amount it will bring. Some people shop for "dead-pawns" and find a bargain in a truly beautiful bracelet, necklace, etc. Saddles, Pendleton shawls, saddle blankets, buckskins, rifles and baskets are also pawned in addition to jewelry.

Marie J. Carveth

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NOTE FROM KATY ULRICH: Am just finishing a semester at Wesleyan University! When this issue of Pick & Shovel reaches you, finals and all the sweat of study and long hours at the typewriter will be over. It has been an enjoyable experience and I am planning to return to campus in the fall. Summer plans include volunteer work with the CARC Program (an extension of LARC School.)

Meanwhile, back at the lapidary shop, Ralph has been working on some star garnets and is now doing some special opal faceting.

Our daughter, Lois K. Metzger, and family, will be arriving here on the 30th when our son-in-law will receive his Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Nebraska on June 1. They have 4 children and will be staying for about a week before returning to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where Ken will continue his teaching in the philosophy department at the Southeast Missouri State College.



THIS AND THAT which we found interesting:

Roger Pabian has a large case of fabulous fossils on display at the University of Nebraska.

The Larry Martins, whom many know as our "Baby Sitter on the Pleezy project", now have a baby girl of their own to occupy their time.

Jerry Field had a fine paragraph on the Sherman's of Onawa, in the April "Gems & Minerals" magazine.

The new Midwest Federation directories are here, one copy with the editor and one with president and liaison officer. Please feel free to call for information about clubs, shows, etc., in any area you plan to visit throughout the Midwest.

We understand that John, son of the Lynn Wells, who was seriously injured in an accident last week, is now making a slight improvement at Bryan Hospital. We hope this will continue and he will soon be fully recovered.

As of now, the McGinnis family is planning a trip to Florida as they haven't seen their grandchildren there in too long a time. Watch for more news of their trip in following issues.

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In the September, '67, issue of ESCONI, publication of Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, an interesting and informative article on "COMMON POISONOUS PLANTS" caught our eye and now that camping and field trips are the order of the day since summer is here, we will reprint part of it in this issue of the Pick & Shovel and continue it in the following issues. Hope it may remind you all to be careful of, and respect the various plants mentioned:

Do you have a peach tree in your back yard? Watch out! Plan to grow tomatoes in your garden this year? Be sure you and your family eat only the fruits. How about rhubarb? Enjoy its tart, sweet flavor? Eat only the stalk. The stalk is harmless, but the leaf contains oxalic acid and can cause severe kidney damage if eaten.

Once, a group of children brewed tea from the leaves of a peach tree and drank it. Moments later they were rushed to the hospital in critical condition. The leaves of the peach tree contain hydrocyanic acid - one of the most dangerous poisons known.

Two of our favorite vegetables, the potato and tomato, come from plants related to the deadly nightshade. The tomato fruits and potato tubers are, of course, perfectly edible, but the foliage and vines of both contain poisonous alkaloids.

One of the most familiar but also deadliest of ornamental shrubs is the oleander. It is found growing widely in the South in parks and on lawns, but it is often grown indoors in tubs in northern regions. Every part of the oleander is dangerous: it contains a lethal heart stimulant similar to the drug digitalis. This drug is so powerful that one leaf can kill a child. Even the smoke of burning oleander cuttings is irritating, and some people have died merely from eating meat roasted on oleander sticks.

A plant commonly known as Jimson weed or stinkweed is responsible for more poisonings than any other plant. It grows almost everywhere - in fields, back yards, wastelands. The entire plant is poisonous, but the seeds and leaves especially so. It grows from two to five feet tall and has large leaves and white blossoms similar to morning glories. Children have become ill after attempting to suck nectar from its flowers. Symptoms are mild sometimes, but they can lead to distorted sight, even to coma and death. (more on this next month)

CENTRAL NEBRASKA ROCK SHOW:

We received a nice report on the Hastings Show from Mrs. George McGinnis. They attended the show on Saturday morning and saw the Guy Millers, Irl Everetts, Shermans, Ebersoles, and the "Little Wigwam" of Pinedale, Wyoming, as well as Wrights Lapidary of Liberal, Kansas. They were interested in visiting with the people of Southwest Smelting & Refining Co., who did the casting demonstrations and had a special class session Saturday P.M. Glenna reported around 200 cases, mostly lapidary work, fine shell specimens, lost wax process casting and fine mineral specimens. Let us add a word about the excellent case of small "Rockhounds" which the Kenfields of Ogallala had "metal sculpted." A truly interesting use of rocks.

Letter from MIDWEST FEDERATION....

April 24, 1968

Dear Mrs. Tracy,

As I told Dorothy Engelhart (and the executive committee of the Midwest Federation) that Lincoln club does things and it does them right. Your club history is a new dimension in such things, and I hope to recommend it to other clubs as a model. It has a logical organization and plenty of detailed information in compact form.

I had hoped to see the Lincoln club in action last fall at your Rock-rama, but events here in Chicago interfered, so I know you only through your representatives who attend the council meetings. I have also seen the slides of the big dig that the club undertook, so that I feel I do know you all by deed if not in person.

Thank you for the excellent history. I know it represents a lot of work. I feel that the work is worthwhile, and I hope you do, too. I am sending this letter in care of Mrs. Engelhart as I do not have your address.

(signed) Sincerely, yours,
Russell P. MacFall

Note: Thank you Frances for sharing this letter with all members of the club in this manner. We are so proud to have such an efficient person in charge of the History of Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. Your work is very much appreciated by all of us. pnp

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A ROCKHOUND'S A B C's

- A AIM "Aim high, low aim is a crime, not a failure. Reach for the stars -- you may not reach them, but still -- Reach for the Start."
- B BEAUTY Let this be your aim. Beauty in workmanship, life and character.
- C CARE CONCERN Caring is doing the best we can in work and life. Have concern for others. "The only way to have a friend is to be one."
- D DISCIPLINE We must discipline ourselves in word, deed and action. For, by what each of us does is a Rockhound judged.
- E EDUCATION Education gives us the tools to do that which is worthy and knowledge to do our work to the best of our talents.
- F FORGIVENESS "To err is human, to forgive divine" -- Pope
- G GRATITUDE A divine attribute accompanied by humility.
- H HELP HAPPINESS By Helping others we bring Happiness to ourselves. Happiness is like a butterfly -- pursue it and it eludes us, but quietly helping others, it comes to us.
- I INTENTIONS In our intentions there must be honesty. Choose carefully your goal and pursue it diligently.
- J JOY Joy is the Grace we say to God. -- Mana-Zucca
- K KINDNESS The true attribute of a Rockhound.
- L LEARNING LAUGHTER The L's lead us to a more rewarding life.
- M MEMORY Retain the happy moments. Of such is a good life made. Remember well the good works of others.
- N NO A word not spoken by a Rockhound when asked for help or ~~service~~.
- O OPPORTUNITY "While there is one untrodden track for intellect or will, And men are free to think and act, Life is worth living still." -- Austin
- P PRIDE Honest pride in work well done -- in thoughts and deeds and all of life.
- Q QUESTION Ask and Question. In that way we learn. Seek for the best in all things.

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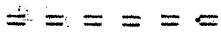
ROCKHOUND'S A B C's (cont'd.)

- R ROCKHOUNDS True Friends. Full of Reverence for the universe and the God who made it and granted us the Revelations of Nature. "Let knowledge grow from more to more, But more of Reverence in us dwell."-Tennyson.
- S STONES God made the stones, rugged, staunch and strong, shining and beautiful. Teaching us the mysteries of time and life. Let us show our appreciation by the way we treat this gift.
- T TALENTS God has given each his talents. Our tools are at hand. Each in his own way must develop the best in what HE has given us.
- U UNDERSTANDING "Therefore, get wisdom. And with thy getting get understanding." -- Proverbs IV-7
- V VALUES These A B C's of the Rockhound are the true values of life.
- W WORK "Be glad for work to be done. Be glad for the words, 'I have a job for you'. Work is love made visible." -- Kahil Begran
- X X The unknown quantity? Yes, but much more! X is the spot in life we seek. It may be found by those who seek holding fast to the hand of God.
- Y YOUTH May we always retain the open and inquiring mind of youth. Youthfully seeking the good knowledge of self and the universe.
- Z ZEAL Zest in our friendships and our work.
ZEST Zest is something that gives or enhances a pleasant taste or relish. Hence keen enjoyment of God's gift of work, bringing pleasure to all with whom we associate.

I give you the total of these ABC's. Together they depict the true Rockhound.

S/Frances M. Murray

(via Skagit Gems - official publication of Skagit Rock & Gem Club, Inc. Mt. Vernon, Wash., and Southwest Mineralogists, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.



FROM OUR MAILBOX:

Siouxland Gem & Mineral Society, Third Annual Rock Show, at the Municipal Auditorium, Sioux City, Iowa. Free Parking, Restaurant, Programs, Dealers from 4 states, Free Diamond Hunt, Displays, Demonstrations, other items too numerous to list. Saturday June 8 and Sunday June 9. Admission 50¢, children under 12, Free with parents. Show Chairman, Tex Phelps, Box 308, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

Other mailings elsewhere.

PUTTING THE EYE IN TIGEREYE

The cutting of a tigereye cabachon with a floating eye has, for many amateurs, been a case of hope, luck, and try-again. Many have never been successful in obtaining the floating eye, although of course, the fixed eye is easy to obtain from the margin.

There is, however, a way to pre-determine the hoped-for result. If you will take a slice of tigereye that has been properly cut parallel to the grain of the fibers (a difference of 2 or 3 degrees will make the difference between properly and improperly cut) and look across the slice toward you either dark or light with the far half the opposite in color to the near half.

Mark with a pencil lightly, the dividing line between dark and light and then holding the slice in the same plane, rotate it end for end and if the light side was toward you before, it should be toward you now even though you have rotated the slice.

Again mark the dividing line of light and dark and hope your pencil marks are in the same place. Now turn the slice over so the bottom becomes the top and you should have a reverse lighting effect. If the light side was toward you before, you should now have the dark side toward you and that will remain true if you again rotate it in the same plane.

When you look down at 60 degrees on the slice and see the dark side toward you, you are looking at what should be the crown of the finished stone, so place your template on the side where the light half is base and when you are through with cabbing and polishing, you should have a "floating eye of light."

by Walter H. Jayne

Copied from Oregon Rockhound
(via Cedar Valley Rocks and Mineral Society, Febr. 1968, from an old
"Treasur Chest" put out by Des Moines Lapidary Society, Nov. 1961.)

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FROM OUR MAILBOX:

State Line Gem & Mineral Society, 1968 ROCK SWAP, at Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio, June 8 and 9. Silent Auctions, Bake Sale, Free Admittance, Camping. Complete Flier from them in as many of our bulletins as possible. Others contact Editor or see bulletin board at the May meeting.

Third Rock & Mineral Show, sponsored by The Sac & Fox Lapidary Club, Ottumwa, Iowa, Ottumwa Coliseum, 102 Church St., next door to Holiday Inn. June 22 and 23. 25¢ per day.

First Annual Upper Penninsula Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. at St. John's School, 351 S. Pine St. Ishpeming, Michigan, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 25, 26, 27, 1968. There will be a scheduled field trip Friday, July 26 and a rock swap Sunday July 28. Complete flyers available at the club meetings.

SEE THE BIG ONE FOR 1968 --MIDWEST FEDERATION AMERICAN FEDERATION Show and Convention. August 22, 23, 24, 25, 1968. Normal, Illinois at the Illinois State University. Complete information on lodging, features, meetings, available at the club meetings.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT MR. ELLIS COURTER

A short time ago the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of the Interior, completed a rather extensive survey covering the outdoor recreational activities of the American people. The results of this report have just been printed in an attractive 25-page booklet which they call "Outdoor Recreation Trends". This report, in case you're interested, is available for 40¢ from the Supt. of Documents, Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C.

As a whole the report which covers a cross section of selected outdoor activities makes interesting reading -- until quite suddenly there comes the shocking realization that among all these supposedly favored outdoor activities there is not one single word about rockhounding-- and this, when you pause to reflect a moment, is downright shameful because much of our hobby is based on wholesome outdoor recreation for the entire family-- and at the same time it is contributing quite a few million dollars to the nation's economy.

It appears to me that this is not an intentional oversight on the part of the researchers, but rather our failure to make ourselves known. It is our failure to sell the worthiness of the many contributions which our hobby provides for the health and welfare of the American people. It seems to me that the time has come when we must do something about it-- and I say "we" because this is not a one man job. It will require the collective efforts of all the rockhounds in every mineral club in the country.

In keeping with this, I would like to commend Colleen L. Woods of the South Gate Mineral and Lapidary Club of South Gate, California for her very timely Guest Editorial in the Gems and Minerals (March 1968) Magazine, because in my continued page 2, column 1

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER 1968

Elsie Kane White, president of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, announces that Dr. Armand J. Eardley, Professor of the Department of Geology at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah has been named the 1968 AFMS Scholarship Award Winner.

Dr. Eardley writes: "I am much honored in having being chosen to receive the AFMS Plaque of Recognition for 1968. To be so rewarded by a federation with over 50,000 dedicated members in especially gratifying because no other earth science organization is as large, and I might add, as friendly. The possibility of selecting two students for \$500.00 scholarship awards is particularly attractive because graduate students are my particular delight."

Dr. Eardley is the author of over 50 bulletins, articles and books. He is widely known in his field and has received many outstanding awards, among them the Distinguished Service Award from the Utah Academy of Science. He is President of the Rocky Mountain Section of American Association of Petroleum Geologists; was president of the National Association of Geology Teachers, president of the American Geological Institute, and a number of other organizations related to earth science.

He is chairman of a Graduate Advisory Committee of about 20 Ph. D. degree students and 40 M.S. degree students. Many of his former students are now in positions of responsibility in universities and industry.

It will now be Dr. Eardley's job to select the students who will receive the Scholarship awards.

---THE BIG ONE--- AUGUST 22-25, 1968---

mind she has hit the nail right on the head. And so, with the gracious permission of both Gems and Minerals and Colleen Wood, I would like to restate the message. Says Colleen:

"ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE STOPPED TALKING TO OURSELVES? In every rock hobby magazine, there are articles telling what a wonderful group of people rockhounds are. Poems are written, editorials composed, and any day now, we can probably expect to hear songs being sung about the honesty, sincerity, helpfulness, generosity, friendliness, loyalty, reverence, independence, etc., of the members of our hobby.

So it's true. We think our people are just wonderful. We can, and do, point with pride to cleanup campaigns; scholarship funds, and work with museums, schools, and veterans' groups. But whom do we tell? Another rockhound. Who reads our bulletins and our hobby magazines? Mostly, other rockhounds.

"We have a great hobby. It requires us to use our hands, our minds, our ingenuity, our resourcefulness, our originality. But very few people outside our group are aware of any of these things. To most people, we are rather odd looking individuals who wander around the desert bent over like we had stomach aches, carrying strange looking hammers and big sacks. To most of our relatives we are the black sheep of the family with a strange habit of disappearing on every weekend and holiday and getting excited over a bunch of dirty rocks that clutter up our yards, patios, garages, and houses.

"What has your club done in the past month to improve the image of your hobby? What have you done in the past year as an individual? How many displays have you set up in a library, bank, savings and loan company, city or county office building? You say you displayed in your club show. Well, that's fine, but who came to see it? More rockhounds? Many clubs take minerals to their local schools for the youngsters to study. Have you done this? While you were there, did you take time to talk with the earth science teacher, or the children, about your hobby and the wonderful things you have learned from it?

"Have you ever visited another outdoor hobby club meeting-- a camper club, hiking group, trail bike organization? They are probably pretty

SCHOLARSHIP

Is your club "in the pink"? That is, are you among those listed in the pink pages of the 1968 Directory? If so you are among those that are 100% or better. Get a new Directory and look over this wonderful list. We are so proud of our Midwest clubs, 89 are 100% or better and 4 are 500%. Before the summer is over we will have many more 100%ers for many of you are close to this goal and are supporting the Foundation with checks and coupons.

Since our last Newsletter the Chicago Lapidary Society and Peru YMCA Gem and Mineral Club became 500%. The Illowa Gem and Mineral Society became 300% and the Black Hawk Gem and Mineral Club of Moline and the Miami Valley Mineral and Gem Club of Ohio became 100%ers.

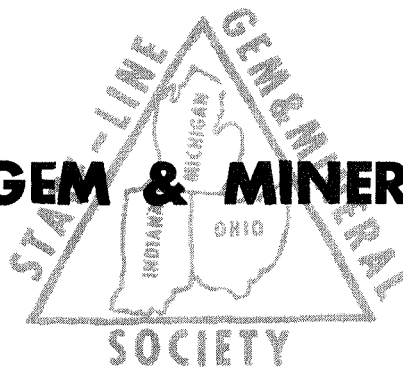
Please keep saving those Betty Crocker coupons (every point is worth 1/2¢ to us.) Send them to Mrs. W. H. Steinbrenner, MWF Scholarship Chm., 2813 Patricia Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50322. It would help if you would trim the coupons a bit since we do not need the entire box top. . . only the little coupon at the one end. Also we would appreciate it if you would count the coupons and keep a record as to the number sent us. Please do put your name and address as well as the name of your club and number of coupons on the inside of the package . . . in this way proper credit can always be given your club.

Thanks a million, Katharine Steinbrenner.

nice people, too, and many of our interests are the same. Have you ever written a newsy article for your local newspaper? True, maybe they won't print it right away, and maybe never, but have you TRIED to tell the story of your hobby to them? If you do it well, with enthusiasm and good taste, you just might capture their interest. You may get a feature story. If you can impress upon just one person that we are not a bunch of anti-social desert rats, but instead, lively, interesting, creative people-- THAT'S PROGRESS."

To this very excellent advise, I must say amen. Now then, let each one of us start doing something about it. And with that I rest my case.

STATE LINE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY



1968

ROCK SWAP

Note - New Location

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FULTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Wauseon, Ohio

June 8 and 9

SILENT AUCTIONS

FREE ADMITTANCE

BAKE SALE

FREE CAMPING
Electricity \$1.00 per camping unit

SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAM AND CRACKER BARREL SESSION

LOTS OF SHADE

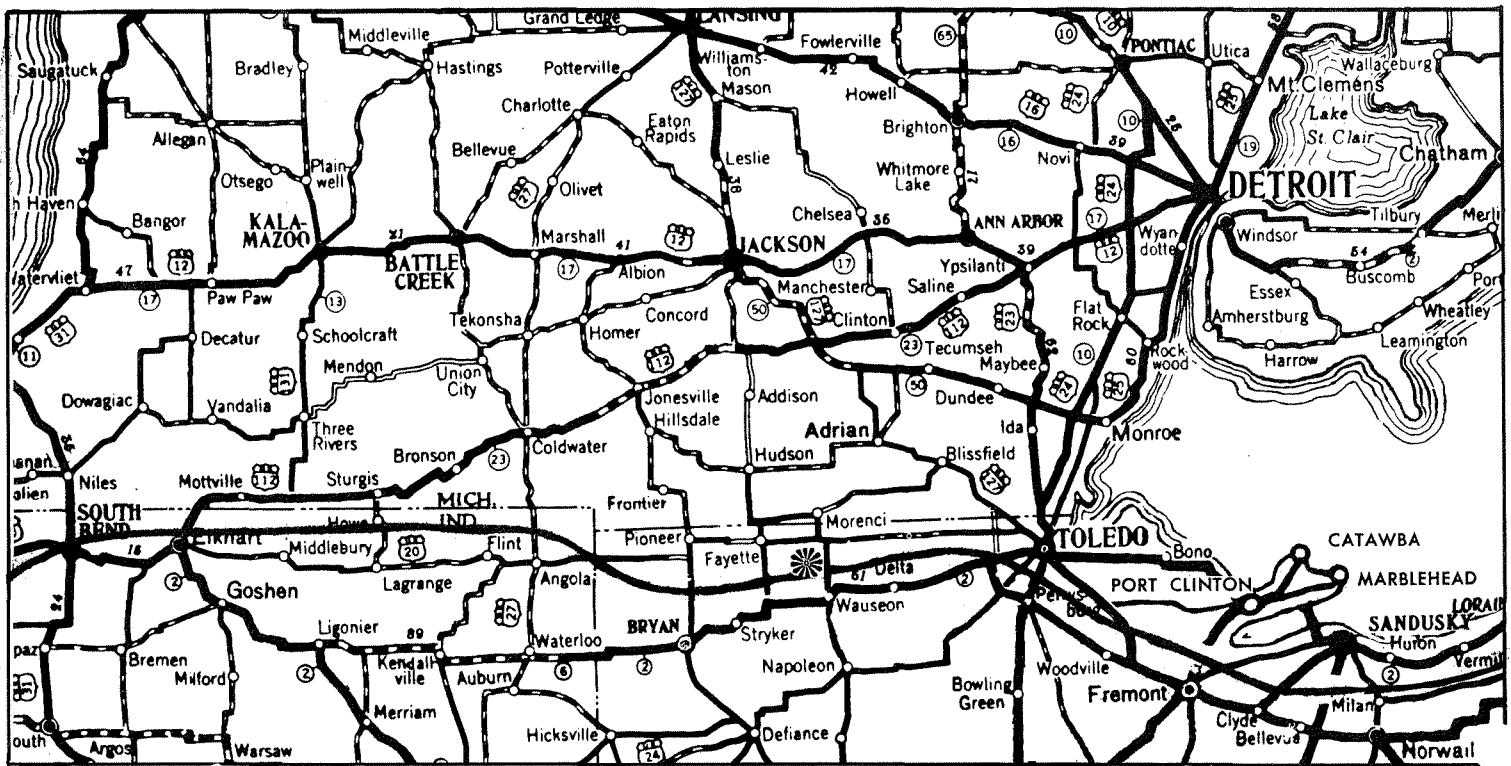
LOTS OF FUN

AND

INFORMATION
Mrs. Frazier Tubbs
1021 W. Maple Ave.
Adrian, Michigan 49221

LOTS OF SWAPPING

Positively
No
Selling



★ Fulton County Fairgrounds

A FRIENDLY INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL ROCKHOUDS BY THE STATE LINE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED IN MICHIGAN. WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND SWAP ROCKS AND TALES, OR JUST BROWSE AROUND AND BID AT OUR SILENT AUCTION TABLES. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, SWAPPING CAN BE DONE FROM THE TRUNK OF YOUR CAR...OR BRING A CARD TABLE, SET IT UP UNDER THE GRANDSTAND, AND SWAP FROM THERE.

DONATIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED!

All pets must be on leash or confined to the owners quarters.

George Pochay, Rock Swap Chairmar
Route #1
Lyons, Ohio 43533

MOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

ARROWHEAD MOTEL
Across from the Exit
Route #3
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

DELMAR MOTEL
Across from the Exit
Route # 3
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

CHIEF WAUSEON MOTEL
Route #2
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

EXIT THREE MOTEL
Route # 3
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

YOU MUSTN'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest, if you must -- but never quit.

Life is queer, with its twists and turns,
 As everyone of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about,
 When he might have won if he'd stuck it out;
 Success is failure turned inside out -
 The silver tint of the cloud of doubt.

Stick to your task, though the pace seems slow -
 You may succeed with one more blow.
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems afar;
 So stick to your fight when you're hardest hit
 It's when things seem worse that you mustn't quit.

Author Unknown

via THE PIONEER, Beatrice, NB

H.E.L.P. excerpt from BE ON THE ALERT (from "Keep America Beautiful")

PLEASE do not throw trash in our rivers and ponds. Litter in our waters can puncture the hull of a boat traveling at high speeds. It can damage a rudder or a propeller; such accidents can be the cause of death. Rubbish can cause pollution of our streams and kill hundreds of fish.

Please carry a litterbag in your car - this is a portable wastebasket. USE IT... Use the litter cans along the way, provided for your use. Litter is a very poor advertisement for the tourist business, a blight on the landscape, and a bad reflection on a community. Please respect your neighbor's property.

"Let no one say
 And say it to your shame
 That all was beauty here
 Until you came!"

(a timely message via Esconi, publication of Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois)

From

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB
% Mrs. Phyllis Parks, Editor
2435 South 19th St.
Lincoln, Nebr. 68502



TO

Mr. & Mrs. Mauria Tracy
3601 South St
Lincoln Neb.
68506

.SAVE GENERAL MILLS COUPONS - Worth one-half cent for scholarhiip.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS - Aid Refugee Children.

USE CLUB AND FEDERATION EMBLEMS - STICKERS - PATCHES

"UNITED WE STAND" - Motto from Ellis W. Courter, MWF President

H E L P E L I M I N A T E L I T T E R P L E A S E

August 22-23-24-25, 1968 - THE AMERICAN-NATIONAL ROCK SHOW to be
held in conjunction with the MWF at Normal, Illinois.