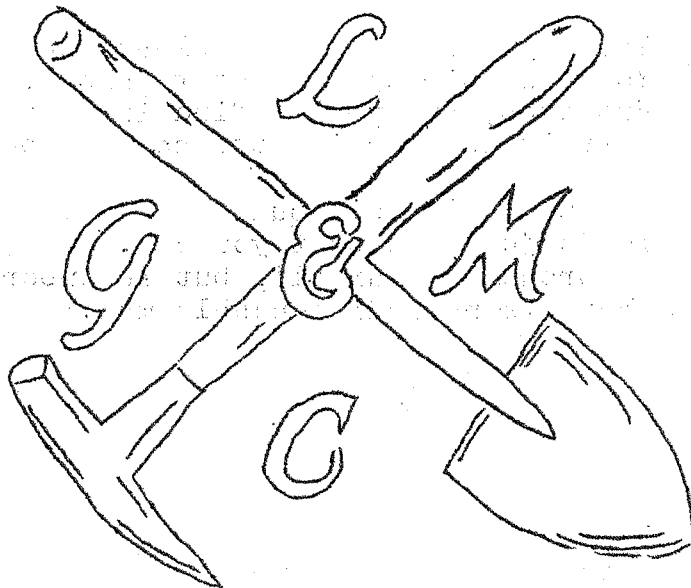


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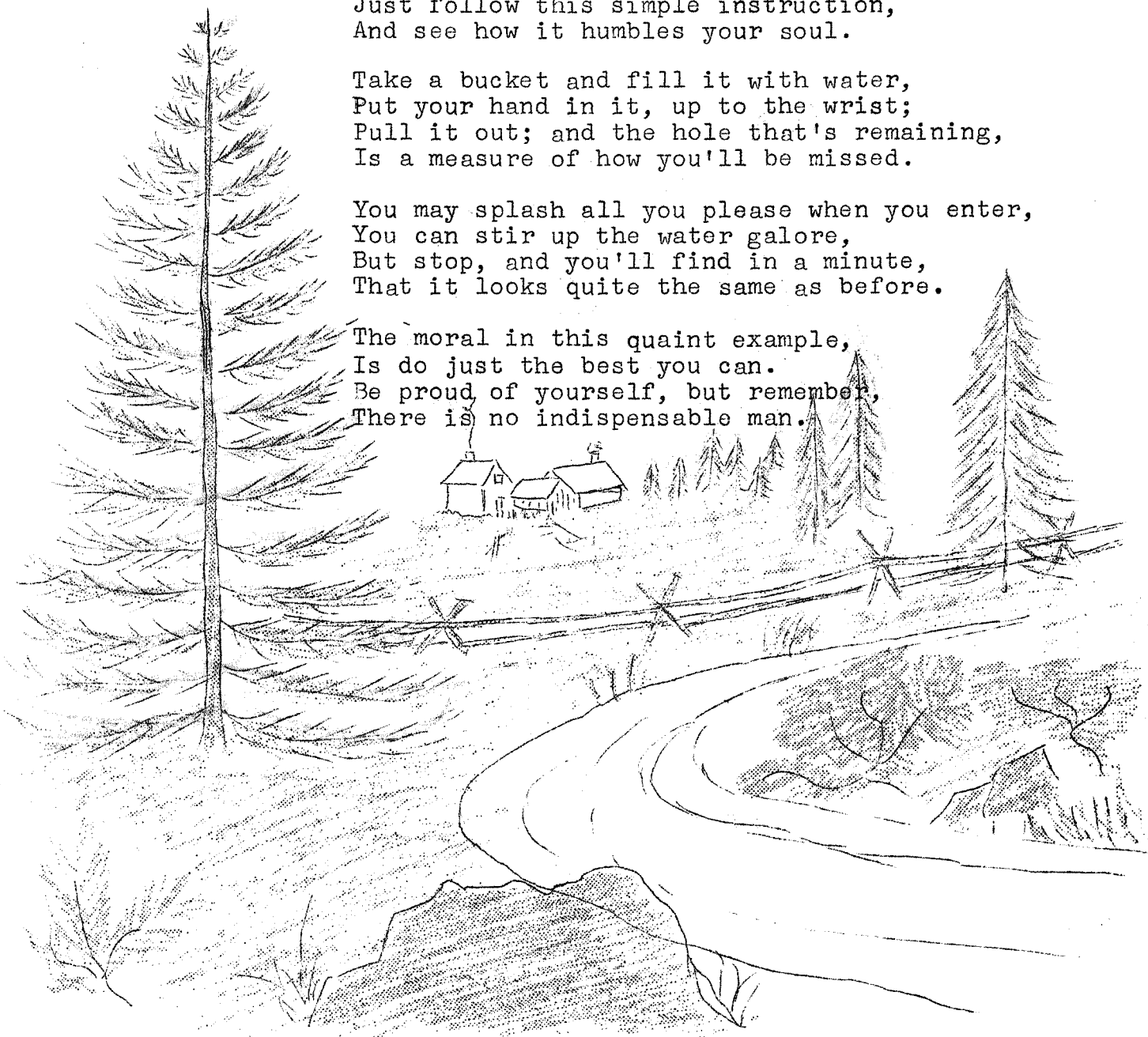
Sometime, when you're feeling important,
Sometime, when you're ego's in bloom,
Sometime, when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room,

Sometime when you feel that your going,
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction,
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it, up to the wrist;
Pull it out; and the hole that's remaining,
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you'll find in a minute,
That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example,
Is do just the best you can.
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There is no indispensable man.



GREETINGS

from your 1969 officers -

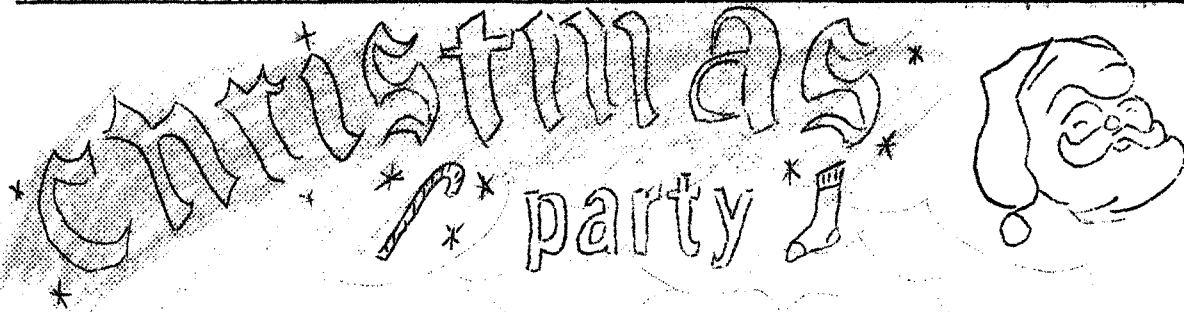
Mac McKinney
 Louise Baugher
 Geo. McGinnis, Jr.
 Evelyn Ulrich
 Ralph Ulrich
 Frank Rule
 Tod Ashmun

CONGRATULATIONS
 AND BEST WISHES
 TO YOUR NEWLY ELECTED
 1970 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Phyllis Parks - - Pres.
 Frank Rule - - - 1st Vice-Pres.
 C. Ray Waddle - - 2nd Vice-Pres.
 Ralph Ulrich - - Treas.
 Evelyn Ulrich - - Rec. Sec.

Board Members

Irl Everett Jim Parks
 Roger Pabian Lynn Wells



Covered dish supper and meeting - installation of officers
Saturday, Dec. 20, 1969 - 7:00 PM
I.O.O.F. Bldg., 1101 N. 56th St.

This will be our Annual Christmas Party. Bring your own table service for your family and guests, and food enough to go around. Coffee, and drink for the children, will be furnished by the club. (Cups, too).

Gift Exchange of \$1.00 - \$1.50 value marked for child or adult. (Anyone, family member or guest, may enter the gift exchange by placing one under the tree.)

Put on your happy face - come and have a good time -
and get your surprise!

(Christmas Party Committee - Marie Carveth, Hazel Bagg, Helen Miller, Marie Taylor, Susan Taylor, Frances Tracy, and Eleanor Rupert.

NEN MEMBERS: George Roseberry, 5529 Oldham-zip 68506
phone 488-9391

Donald & Patty Jo Lawson, and Willie
4426 Baldwin-zip 68504- phone 434-2427

(Add these to your Who's Who to keep it current)

ROOM 104...Holiday closing - Last chance to participate for a while in the fossil fun will be Dec. 19 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The room will be closed along with the University campus until Jan. We will reopen January 9th at 7:00 PM. "Dot"

SICK LIST: Marjorie Heedick is recovering at home from surgery on her hand and doing nicely. Good going, Marjorie.

Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz, too, is at home recovering from surgery on his legs. Keep up the good work.

Jim Rupert, injured in a car accident on Sunday, is recuperating at home from painful neck injury. Take it easy, Jim. Dewey Rupert (his brother) is keeping him company with a sprained ankle. (Poor Eleanor).

REPORT: "GEMS ON LOCATION" and 4 cases of material representing various aspects of our hobby were placed on display on Wednesday (Dec. 8th) at the request of the City Library.

Those contributing material for this project are Roger ^{the Van Cleave's} Asian, Darlene Sprick, Larry Rupert, and Norman and Dorothy Engelhart. The committee in charge is very appreciative of the cooperation given them. Complete report on "Gems on Location" will be printed next month.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

1969 is nearly gone and another page of history for our club has been written.

This past year has been a good year when we consider the growth of our club which is approximately 20% increase in membership over the preceeding year.

As to the financial aspect and looking at our annual show, the money-making project, we enjoy another 20% increase (approximate), this would have been greater both for this year and previous years were it not for the depreciation of our club cases which were charged against show expense.

Most clubs need money with which to operate and grow, however the growth in membership, the friendly association with others who share the same hobby regardless of whether it be other clubs or individuals, is probably the most important. Our club is growing each year as is the popularity of the rock hobby but again the friends you make is probably the most important.

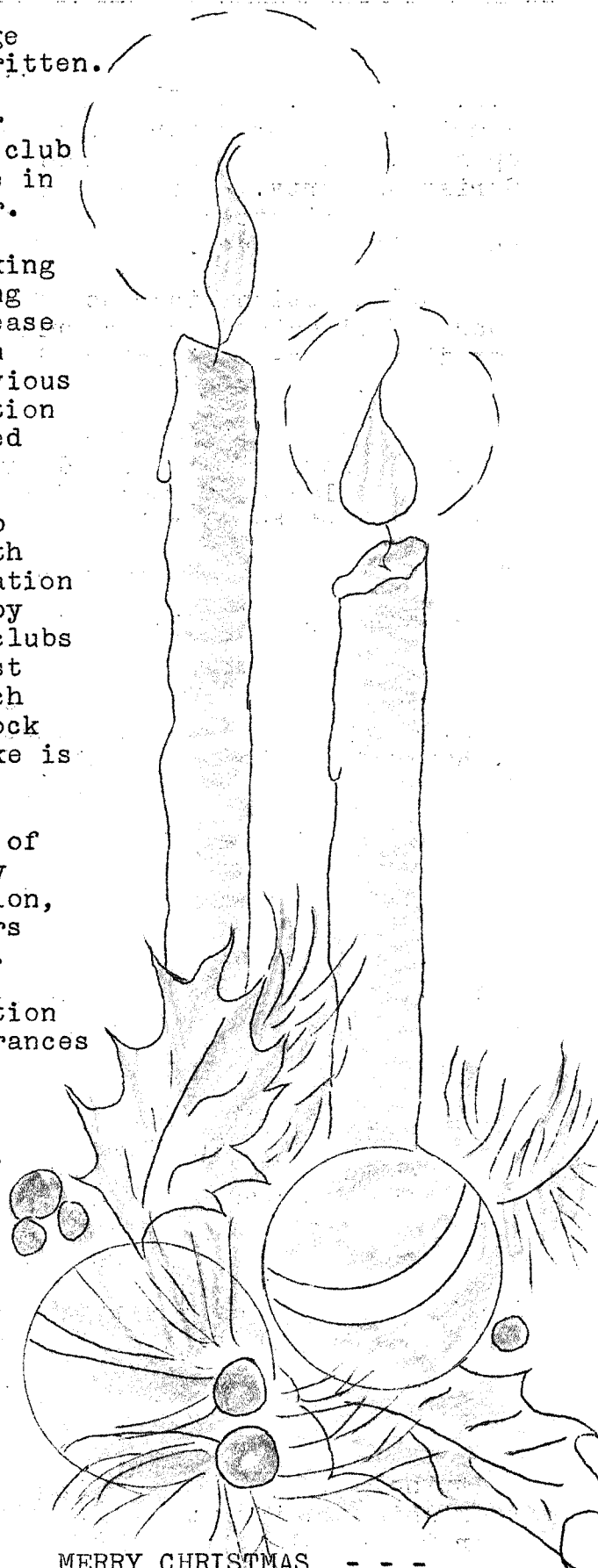
I have enjoyed serving as chairman of the board of directors and offer my thanks for your wonderful cooperation, and a special thanks to the officers and committees for a job well done.

Also I wish to express my appreciation for the many visits and the remembrances while in the hospital.

To each of you a very special Holiday Wish and a Most Happy 1970.

McK

There's no time quite like Christmas
for shining canglelight.
No time when songs are sweeter
than carols in the night...
There's no time quite like Christmas
for wishes warm and true -
And no friends like old friends,
Especially - friends like you!



MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

LAST MONTH ...the November meeting was held at the I.O.O.F. Bldg. with 58 members and 3 guests present. (The housing committee is sorry for the delay and inconvenience of the late door-opening. Be assured the door will be open well in advance for the Christmas Party.) It was decided that the Christmas Party be held at 7:00 PM (instead of 6:00 PM) on Dec. 20, with covered dish dinner, and a gift exchange.

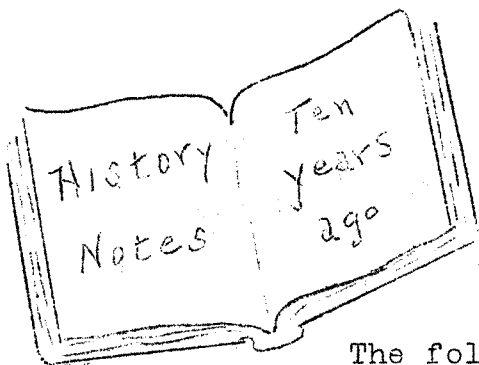
The tabled motion (increase from 7 to 9 the number of members on the board of directors) was carried after being amended to read that the immediate past-president would not be included as a voting member of the Board.

The steering committee for the '74 Show reported that Bruce Simon, Howard Taylor, Gene Eno, Irl Everett, Larry Rupert, and Ralph Ulrich, had been selected to make plans for the '74 Show. It was moved and seconded that the committee be accepted. Motion carried.

The date for the 1970 Show was set for Sept. 26 & 27.

Midwest Federation Directories are available through Ralph Ulrich at 50¢ per copy.

The election of the 1970 officers was held with the following elected:
 Pres. - Phyllis Parks; 1st vice-pres. - Frank Rule; 2nd vice-pres. - C. Ray Waddle; Treas. - Ralph Ulrich; Rec. Secy. - Evelyn Ulrich.
 Board Members: Irl Everett, Jim Parks, Roger Pabian, and Lynn Wells.



Our Christmas meeting was held at the Havelock Y.W.C.A.

Irl Everett announced that the City Recreation Board was buying lapidary equipment and that classes would be held at the Muny Building. Maurice Tracy will be the instructor.

The following officers were elected for 1960:

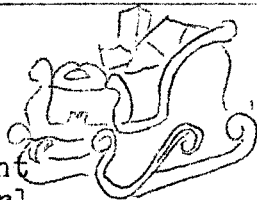
from our Historian	Virgil Carveth	President
Frances Tracy	Dr. Robert Gibson	First Vice-President
	John Lewis	Second Vice-President
	Frances Tracy	Secretary-Treasurer

Virgil Carveth gave a very interesting talk and displayed a case of "Gems of the Bible". After a gift exchange carols were sung.

W A N T E D

Cutting and polishing equipment for 9 year old girl

Contact Mr. Wynkoop
 Phone 432-6611, ext. 212
 Home phone 477-2262



Eager workers

for happy times

Contact Phyllis Parks 423-6798



MINUTES of the Board Meeting, Nov. 21, 1969

The president, Mac McKinney, presided with the following board members present: Frank Rule, Louise Baugher, Ralph Ulrich, Evelyn Ulrich and Tod Ashmun. Visitors were Mrs. McKinney, Lawrence VanCleave, Kay Ulrich, Norma Miller, Lillie Lewis, and Glen Ulrich.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Outstanding bills were presented and allowed, one of them being a fluorescent light for the Gems on Location.

Mr. & Mrs. Don Lawson, and son Willie, and Norman Balliet, were the names submitted for membership, and accepted as new members.

A survey sheet from the Norton Co. was presented by Lillie Lewis. They are making a survey to determine a product line for the lapidary field.

A price list from Jade World was also presented.

A request was made by Phyllis Parks for the following specimens for the Gems on Location.

Opal variety wood from Northwest North Dakota
Quartz variety wood from Central North Dakota
Tepee Canyon agate
Quartz agate, or fortification agate from Bad Lands of South Dakota
Opalized wood - Valentine area
Pigeon blood agate - Utah or southern Colorado
Jasper from Big Springs area
Fortification pattern quartz - Fairbury area
Lake Superior agates from South Bend or Fremont
Palmwood, southern tip of California
Two petrified woods from Central Arizona
Apache tear from Central Arizona
Thompsonite from upper peninsula of Michigan
Petosky stone
Faceted smokey quartz - Colorado Springs
Quartz - lower half of Arkansas

Stones from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Georgia, and Indiana are also desired.

It was moved that the four cases and Gems on Location, to be on exhibit at the Lincoln City Library be insured for \$1000. Motion carried.

It was decided that the Christmas party be held Dec. 20th at 6:00 PM with covered dish dinner and gift exchange.

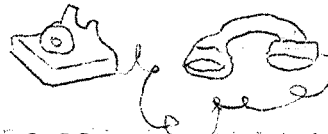
Kay Ulrich submitted her resignation as chairman of the committee on rules, due to health and personal reasons.

It was moved that the minutes of the board meetings be published to the members. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. McKinney.
- Evelyn Ulrich - recording secy.



DID YOU KNOW...



As 1969 draws to a close, the curtain will fall on a very interesting, active decade. New faces have replaced some of our old friends, always refreshing ideas come with new people in the organization.

Fond memories of the former members, some pursuing new action in other parts of the world, some at rest. Nothing will replace the fine people whom we have come to know in this club. It is interesting to note we are not the club in some respects, please - who years ago started on that well known "shoe-string!" Which is good, because we have grown.

With a few, the club began. We are happy to say Maurice Tracy, our first president, is on our list of friends. And our second president is our own "Grandpa" Everett! He served two terms, and continues to be a very active member of the LGMC.

As we scan through the list, it is good to see many doing a great job in the club. Some, of course, through good reasons of their own, are inactive and with respect, we shall always remember Mr. Beckman.

Congratulations to our Mr. McKinney, the outgoing president, for a job well done. A more sincere personality we cannot find. To Mrs. McKinney also thank you for your helpfulness. The board going out spent many long hours keeping the machinery of the club in running order. Our best wishes to the new officers coming in and to those that shall serve us again, we say thank you.

Our news is brief - we hear Lynn & Marie Wells sent their offering to KFOR Operation Santa Claus in the form of "pennies" from heaven, lots of them! The Wells have this as an all year round project. Pennies into dollars grow and the staff at the radio station really enjoyed the gift, and the method of saving. Bill Wood and Dick Perry were really enthused about the gift and gave our friends the Wells' lots of publicity on the gift.

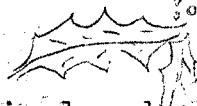
The Everett Webers Judy enjoyed a week-end recently at the National Gun and Antique Show at Osborn, Kansas. They always stay at the Sunflower Inn, which is a historic old place, the furnishings are all antique, and especially the Grandfather clocks, Ruth reports. Terry Weber is still in Vietnam, near Da Nang, he is receiving his Christmas packages and mail.

"Misty", the black Afghan owned by Roger Pabian, is the proud mother of six puppies. Such beautiful little "Pebble Pups" - they look like polished black obsidian.

May I take this opportunity to wish one and all a very happy holiday season and a good new year. Virg says "Me, too" - -

A Merry Christmas to All - 'til next time Marie J. Carveth

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Great men, like tall mountains, retain their stability during the most severe storms. mjc



READING THE NEWS...MOON ROCK SAMPLE to be displayed at Nebraska! Returned to earth by Apollo 11 astronauts one of the moon rock samples will be on display Friday, and for about 10 days. On Dec. 26th it will be returned to Washington to be prepared for shipment to Europe.

The single stone, about the size of an alarm clock and housed in a canister, is one of 6 specimens being circulated throughout the world by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"Baluchitherium" officially made his debut on Dec. 7 at Morrill Hall. The reconstructed rhino is now complete and makes the Nebraska elephant, which stands 14 feet tall, look like a midget.

Additions of a giant hog (approximately 6 ft. tall), and a 19 ft. giraffe from East Africa, (one of the largest ever returned to the States from Africa), are on the agenda. The rhino and hog additions were financed through donations of the Walter Behlen's of Columbus. The giraffe was acquired by Merrill Reller, Lincoln, on his last hunting trip.

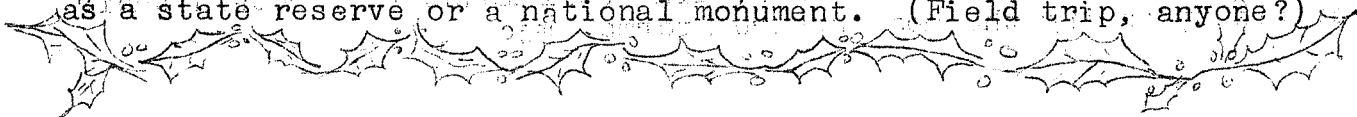
Another addition will be a sabre-tooth tiger from the LaBrea Tar Pits in Los Angeles, like the ones which once roamed the plains of Nebraska. The museum has some fossilized remains of the tigers found in Nebraska but this is a complete skeleton, and in excellent condition.

STUDENT SPELUNKERS from the University of Iowa have discovered a spectacular cave in northeast Iowa at the risk of their lives. It is a "live" cave, water everywhere from the creek that flows through it. Its only entrance to date is guarded by an underwater passage one-quarter of a mile long. It is possibly the world's longest underwater cave entrance, and the most dangerous.

The cave itself extends for more than 6 miles, much of it as yet unexplored, and contains some of the most beautiful formations found in caves anywhere - stalactites up to 20 ft. long, frozen cascades of flowstone, colors from ivory white to a brilliant red, and into darker browns and black!

There are few places in the world today where man has not been, certainly there are none on the surface of Iowa. In this discovery these students have seen the fantastic beauty that no man has ever seen before. A 20 ft. stalactite is not far from the entrance, hanging directly over the creek within. Delicate curtains of white dripstone hang across the passage like drapes over a window. A dome-pit (from below it's a dome, from above, a pit), estimated at 15 stories, is within the underground passage.

Much, if not most of the huge cave remains unexplored because the only way to navigate the entrance with supplies to explore for a day or more, is to use underwater diving gear, "wet suits", air tanks, etc. The students hope it will be preserved and are working through the proper channels to see if they can give it protection, perhaps as a state reserve or a national monument. (Field trip, anyone?)



TURQUOISE - ALTERNATE ZIRCON - Birthstone for December

Most ancient civilizations highly valued this intense blue stone, and in Tibet, turquoise was one of the most popular of all gems. In Persia, it was valued almost as highly, and some of the finest colors and qualities of this stone, were found in Persia. Many of the gem varieties are deserving of the finer platinum and diamond mountings. For thousands of years, turquoise was set in bridles and saddles, and all types of horse furnishings, since it was thought to protect the legs of horses and men from fracture. It is of great interest to know that many Indians of the Southwest, here in America, believed that turquoise possessed similar virtues. The American Indians prized this stone very highly. No Navajo is likely to be seen without his fine piece of turquoise, and the higher his position in the tribal society, the finer the stone is supposed to be.

For those who prefer a faceted stone, as a birthstone, the American Retail Jewelers Association designated Zircon to replace Lapis-Lazuli as the alternate birthstone for December.

During the middle ages, the hyacinths which referred to the colored zircon, was supposed to have the power of inducing sleep, and of promoting riches, honor, and wisdom, as well as driving away plagues and evil spirits. "Hyacinths" was the name of a youth in Greek mythology who was slain. The wild Hyacinths flower supposedly sprang from his blood. This beautiful gem stone occurs from colorless to many colors - ranging from blue, orange, brown red, green and yellow - the colorless being called "Matura Diamond"; and the deep blue variety was popularized by Dr. George K. Kunz of Tiffany and Company, under the name of "Starlite". Of interest to note; most of the blue zircons, as well as the colorless zircons that are seen today, are the result of heat treatments of the natural stones which range from pale yellow-brown, to deep red-brown.

- Ellwood T. Rees, MD Graduate Gemologist
via Magic Valley Gem News

VALUES -- --

- A bar of iron: Cost - \$5.00
- Made into horse shoes - worth - \$12.00
- Made into needles - worth - \$3500.
- Made into springs for watches - worth - \$300,000.

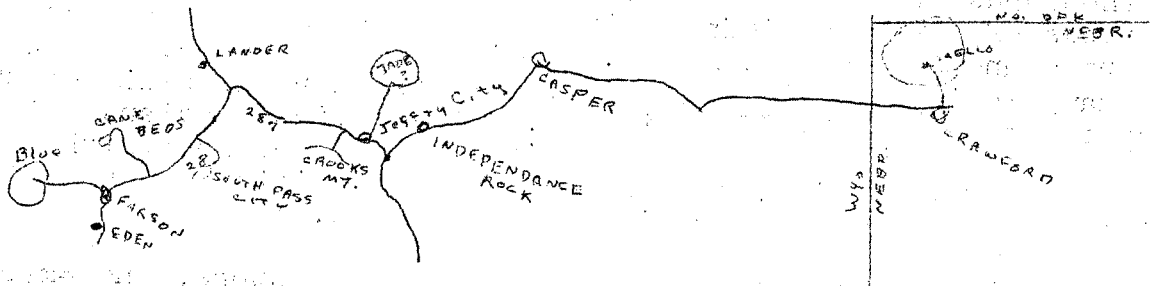
Your own value is determined by what you are able to make of yourself.

mjc

<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>14 inch Norton-Spartan saw</p> <p>20 inch vibro-lap grinder</p> <p>1 plain lap grinder</p> <p>Contact - Kip McEwen -- phone 435-3821</p>
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BIG, WONDERFUL WYOMING, & HOME
(continued from October)

If anyone is still interested in the ramblings about 'The Dirty Dozen' I'll resume where we left off - departing the area where two lonely "Johns" maintain silent vigil atop a hill overlooking the vast regions of sage, sand and shale with (we suspect) tons of earthbound, beautiful blue woods still waiting the tender excavations of eager rockhounds.



We followed Lynn and Marie Wells through the Big Sandy Reservoir area and out to Highway 28 then northeast to the turnoff, expecting to arrive at the cane beds. The Wells had visited these beds in 1968 with a group from Lander. Before reaching the cane beds we passed through the much-famed fossil fish beds, product of the ancient seas which once covered this area. I personally was very disappointed to see the huge piles of shale and deep holes left by previous visitors. Knowing that ownership of these fragile remains of a bygone era stimulates a feeling of deep satisfaction, it seems like sacrilege to find uncared-for parts of these fossils laying amidst the rubble to be destroyed by the wind and weather.

Lynn and Marie had left us on the road to the cane beds in order to continue their trip to Ogden, so we became 10 plus two dogs for the next parts of our trip. Amidst shades of evening and a cloud of dust we returned to Eden and Farson to rest for the hopes of jade. We again had rendezvous 8 A.M. Farson and followed #28 northeasterly over the Divide stopping at South Pass City and historic mining area to view the old buildings and relics. We made contact with a mining gentleman who led the men in our party to a working gold mine where they explored the dump for a few minutes and secured some interesting mineral specimen.

Onward, ever onward, keeping to the highways with all our vehicles when we actually would have liked to take one of the lesser used roads and perhaps found our own beautiful (rock) hunting grounds. Eastbound 287 and Jeffrey City which is the 'heart of the jade country' supposedly, where we gassed up, iced our containers and headed north into the mountains where jade should be found on "The Beaver Rim". Since this can cover miles of ground it would take an unknown quantity of years to really cover and I begin to feel it is a rare chance if a newcomer finds the elusive green. We know it is there somewhere because we've seen its glory and felt its magic. We made our camp on a rounded knoll with visibility for miles in all directions. It was a very majestic, isolated spot where the antelope cavorted very near camp, yet power lines ran very near us and we could see an occasional vehicle on the road below which goes all the way through the basin. The Vans went off to explore on the other rim and our 'Fearless Three' trail riders explored the near rim - where they found the weather balloon displayed at our show.

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BIG WONDERFUL WYOMING & HOME (continued)

With supper over and the waning light, everyone relaxed, chatted with their neighbors and planned the next days activities. Jimmy and Linda gathered all the burnable refuse and some brush hoping for a bonfire to toast marshmallows which Nelda promised - but - the wind kept getting a bit stronger so plans were changed to use the Safari confined fire and be safe. This proved to be almost as much fun and the eating was very good. Later the debris had to be buried thus providing more activity for the younger set. It was a gorgeous night, cool, clear, and the moon as bright as only Wyoming can provide; wonderful for sleeping. Next morning nearly everyone was awake in time to see the sun rising to the east just before the moon set in the west -- truly magnificent - and my thoughts went to Marie Carveth, wishing I could share it with her.

No jade had been found - some lovely rocks and even a limb cast or two - but we kept hoping, so on to the next spot and more lovely rocks, enough to last a lifetime. Once again the Three were off on the two-wheelers while Nelda Oliver hung her wash to dry in the stiff breeze. Picture Pappy sitting atop another knoll beyond where the campers were parked, then weary with the weight of rocks he carried and the miles he had covered, climbing on behind Tom on the Totegoat for the last little climb! Clouds had appeared as if by magic and rain seemed possible so we made haste to return to a traveled road although we'd have enjoyed staying much longer.

Pausing for a short while at the Sweetwater River where the men wandered off toward the hills and the women enjoyed the river. I found a nice little agate with black & white fortification pattern - this set us off - we were all ready for Fairburn country. We did take a few minutes to go back west through Jeffery City and in to Crooks Mountain where we passed numerous huge boulders with the words claim, or keep off, or other warnings. We were attempting to find the claim of a friend who had given permission for us to go on his claim. We were very interested to find the various forms which they had been worked and the utter lack of any actual mining activity which we had rather expected. I've always thought it might be interesting to really see how they locate the real stuff, even if I couldn't find any for myself.

We regrouped and began the journey with Crawford as our destination. That night we selected a small rest stop near Independance Rock just a few feet from the highway. Next morning we rushed right on past the Rock, Alcova Dam, the mountains - you'd have thought Tom was in a hurry. In Casper we hit a light the wrong way and got separated - I never did find out just what happened - but eventually we were through the city and on the way east. I might say that Bob Oliver didn't ever get separated from our tour guide - he gets the medal for the best caravan travel.

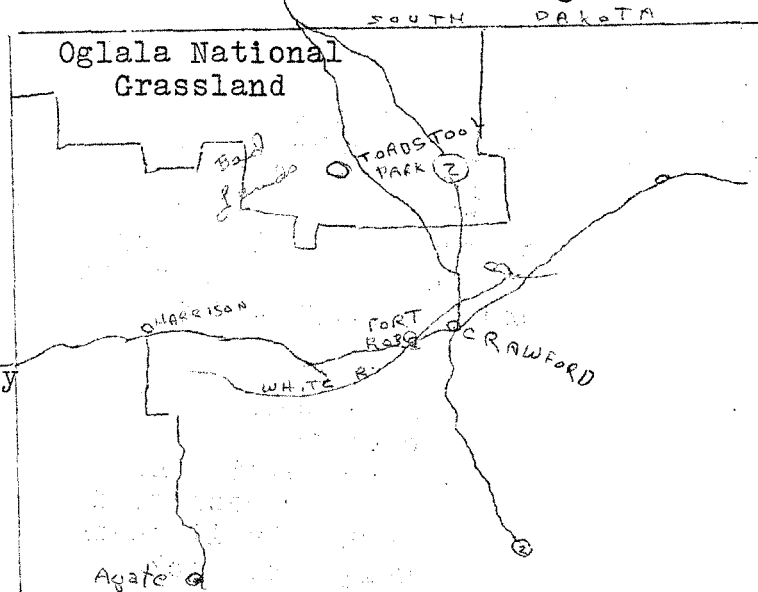
By noon we'd reached Fort Robinson and parked Tom's trailer - and as it turned out his International also as radiator trouble developed. We all climbed into the Oliver's and Park's vehicles for the trip into Crawford where we had a delicious meal at the Pine Cone Cafe and asked if other of our Lincoln friends might be in the vicinity. Tom made arrangements to have his vehicle repaired before we went back to the Fort to find The Van's setting up camp and ready to head north to the Fairburn beds.

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WYOMING & HOME (continued)

The cars fairly flew along as we headed north out of Crawford - each of us excited in different manners - Tom at home in this range where he has hunted rock and game for so many years. Pappy with a new experience in store as with Bob and Nelda and Jimmy, Jim and Phyllis hoping for that big find which could grace their collection, The Van's who knew that artifacts were also available in this region.

There were no spectacular finds but an enjoyable time was had by all- those wide open grasslands have a fascination all their own and the huge hills of rocks of all sizes and kinds are a delight at all times. Nelda was trying very hard to find a rock which had been described to her as "like a rotten potato". She finally decided to whack one that looked suspicious (she usually just carried them back to the camper to whack) and upon carefully inspecting the interior of said 'glob' she saw a defined pattern which she brought for me to see - never having found one quite so positively fortification pattern, it caused chills to go up my spine - and we returned to the search with renewed vigor. Soon I picked up a blobby looking piece of rock and with great joy saw that it was the piece which Nelda had whacked off her rock - thus she could have a complete 'first fairburn'. We hope she found many others and will find many more - but I bet none will cause the same excitement as the first.



The next day we visited and explored Toadstool Park before proceeding to another area where we could see the famed "Turtles". Jim and I had never been into this area but had heard many tales. Well we saw them and saw the 'rugged' terrain which they occupy. The group split up according to ambition and Pappy and I found what we thought to be a partial find and were busily working around it trying to see just how much of it was left when we rather unexpectedly discovered that we were "trespassing". We had quite a visit with the land owner and assured him that our intentions were good and that we had no idea that we had crossed the line between private and government ownership. We decided that a lack of knowledge could create the same circumstance for others and would like to publicize the facts.

If you are on government lands the pastures will be marked. If you have a map of the area it will be clearly defined. If you go through a gate- the number of the pasture will be on the side as you enter. If no number is clearly seen from the roadway - you might be entering private lands. This past Legislature in Nebraska has added a penalty clause to the Trespassing Regulations which enables the land owner to be more properly protected. This clause and its possibilities will be included with the final days of our trip in a future bulletin.

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FORMS FOR REPORTING MEMBERSHIP ON THE WAY

Forms for reporting membership and for providing a list of officers and other information for inclusion in the 1970 Midwest Federation Directory have gone out to the clubs. By completing the single form, club officers can supply membership statistics for paying annual dues to the Federation treasurer and can provide the necessary information for listing their clubs in the Directory. Both the treasurer and the Directory chairman will get copies of the reports. The form asks for membership as of December 31, but it is due in the hands of the Federation secretary, Miss Jean Reynolds, 107 Tuttle Avenue, Clarendon Hills, Ill. 60514, by January 10. Consequently prompt return of the form at a busy season will be necessary to ease the work of the busy Federation officers concerned. Or, to put it briefly and to the point.... DO IT NOW!

FOR FOOD SAVE AND USE COMMERATIVE STAMPS

The MWF is collecting used stamps in its Stamps for Food program. You can help by saving all of the stamps from your mail, especially the commorative issues. And you can help others to save them by using commorative issues on your mail. Next time you buy stamps at the postoffice ask the clerk for a commorative issue, they usually have some on hand.

IF YOU MOVE....

will you please send your new address to the Newsletter Editor and to the Midwest Secretary, Miss Jean Reynolds. Thank you!

RESUME OF THE NOVEMBER FEDERATION MEETING

The Michigan Mineralogical Society was host to the fall meeting of the MWF which was held at the Sheraton Motor Inn on Saturday, November 1st in Detroit, Michigan.

Treasurer B. G. Dahlberg reported a balance of \$8,300.72 in the treasury. With the addition of three new clubs, the total membership in the Midwest is up to 217 clubs, with some 15,000 members. This is an increase of approximately 1000 members in the past year. Michigan with 39 clubs is the most energetic contributor to the MWF, with Illinois (31 clubs) a fairly close second. There are approximately 25 individual members, mostly of those who are in areas with no rock club available. Several new clubs have requested membership kits from the MWF, including one in London, England.

Through the efforts of June Zeitner, the phone company has included an article about rockhounding in their Tele-Briefs of most of the MWF states. Some 12 million people have read about the hobby in this way. A printing magazine in Minnesota featured the Lake Superior agate on their cover.

Harriet George reported the completion of a fine gemstone list, now being printed. The list is an exhaustive report on the acceptable gemstone names for exhibiting, along with a long list of unacceptable names.

The days of the MWF field trip convention may be numbered. There are not enough areas left in the Midwest that can handle three or four thousand rockhounds at the same time. Leo Yanasak reported that there is one more trip scheduled in 1972 to Ishpeming, Michigan, and that may be the last one. There was discussion about what will take -turn to page 2

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP

The Archives Committee has been cataloging hundreds of club bulletins and Federation Newsletters filed in the Federation archives in the Field Museum. We had a difficult time trying to figure out the dates of some of the bulletins and other material. We looked at postmarks (a lot of them did not give a date when cancelled) and read through the entire contents trying to date the material. A lot of it was in excellent shape as a result of Russell MacFall's work as Historian. Archive material is of very little value unless dates. It would be appreciated if club bulletins would contain, preferably on the cover or first page, the name of the bulletin, where it is published, the name of the club, volume number, issue number and date.

Some of the files of club bulletins are quite complete. Others have many issues missing. Where we have duplications we are considering writing the club and offering to return them or dispose of them. Where we are missing a number of issues we expect to write the club to see if it has extra copies. Both of these ideas will require further study to determine whether or not they are feasible.

We would urge all clubs to send copies of their bulletins, constitutions, by-laws and histories to the Archives Committee. If we can build up an extensive file of constitutions and by-laws of clubs, we could be of service to new clubs and existing clubs who are reviewing their by-laws.

We already have a wealth of material in the Archives, and we hope by adding to this material we can be of service to our membership. -Elmer R. Priggie, chairman, 6919 W. 31st Street, Berwyn, Illinois 60402

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Many thanks for the generous check from the Cuyahoga County Gem and Mineral show committee. They had a wishing well at their show for the benefit of the scholarship fund. What an excellent way to inform the public as to our worthwhile projects. Not only does this benefit our treasury with cash and coupons but it also improves our public image. This is a good idea for all club shows.

Congratulations to the following clubs for their success in reaching their goal:

Des Plaines Valley Geological Society, 100%
Dallas County Rock Club, 200%
Lake County Gem and Mineral Society, 300%
Michiana Rock and Gem Club, 700%

Our thanks to all of you for your support and to the many other clubs that send in regular donations. Wish we had space to print every gift of coupons or checks as received but our space only permits us to list clubs as they attain a higher percentage.

The new Christmas Tree Snow Flocking Kit has a Betty Crocker coupon on it worth 20 points. This is well worth saving. If you or your friends flock your own tree be sure and save that coupon.

Thanks a million for all your wonderful support.

-Katharine Steinbrenner

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the place of the field trip convention... another standard convention or perhaps a large rock swap.

June Zeitner reported some of the humor that arose from the Murdo convention.

Verne Montgomery announced a plan of Earth Science magazine to possibly publish a book written by ESCONI that will be of benefit to juniors and junior clubs. The book is a compilation of lectures given to the ESCONI juniors. Verne also announced that many of the books printed by the MWF as a service to its members are sold at a loss. For instance, the directory that is sold for 50¢ costs over a dollar to print. The Newsletter, sent to clubs for their bulletins, is sold to the clubs at less than cost.

A new special committee has been added, headed by Mrs. Pat Yoblin from Wisconsin. This committee will work with the junior clubs, providing information for them and helping clubs form junior groups.

The new Paleontology Division chairman, Dr. Katherine Nelson of Milwaukee, was introduced.

Over 150 ballots were returned to the MWF, reflecting much concern by member clubs over the proposed constitutional changes. The majority of replies favored complete passage of the changes. The changes were approved and passed. There was a great deal of comment about the short time available for completion of the ballots, and all effort will be made in the future to allow more time.

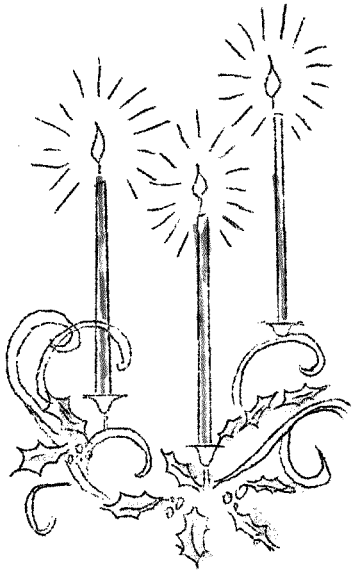
The new changes include aiding a second vice president and the formation of a continuing nominating committee to give a long-term balance to the nomination of elected officers. To start this new system, a temporary group of six people appointed by the board will appoint a temporary nominating committee, who in turn will nominate the officers for this coming year as well as candidates for the long-term nominating committee. If this sounds confusing, it is, but was the system agreed upon by the members present at the meeting.

Cal George gave an important report about the tax status of the federation and of member rock clubs. There are four categories of tax-exempt status into which a club may fit, but only one of these offers the bonus of allowing members to deduct their expenses in traveling to meetings or while on club business. Clubs in this category (C-3) cannot do any lobbying. Cal promises to make this information available to clubs who are confused about tax status.

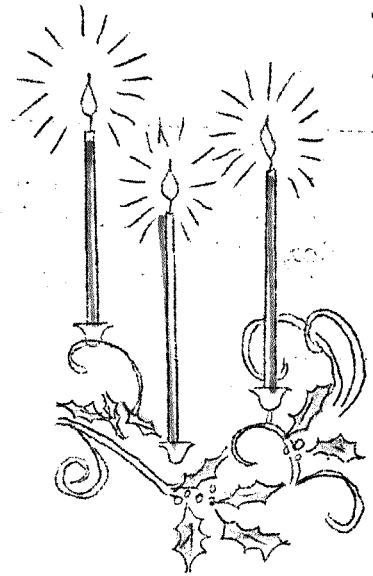
Much other business was discussed during the seven hour meeting, including reports from the state vice presidents (now called directors after the constitutional changes), division chairmen, and other committee chairmen. After the meeting, everyone attended the very fine gem and mineral show of the Michigan Mineralogical Society held at the Armory.

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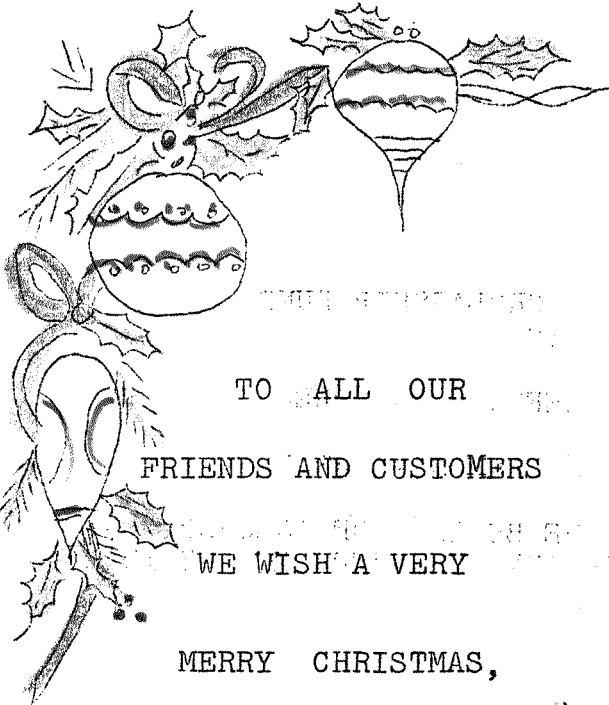
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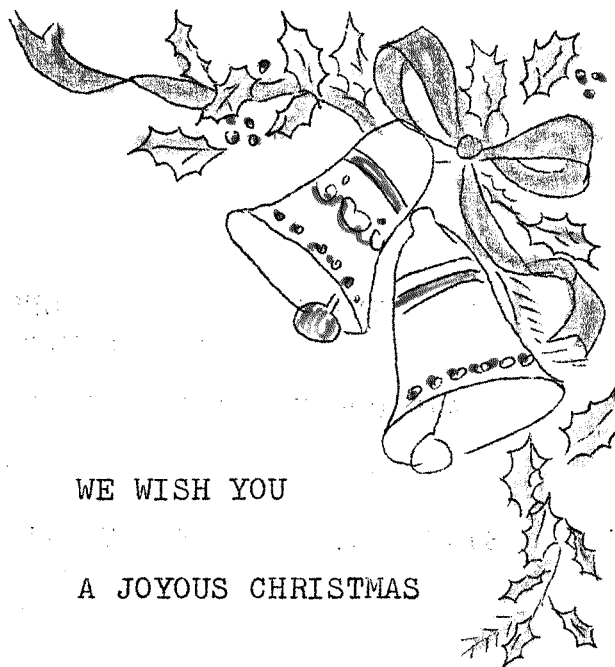
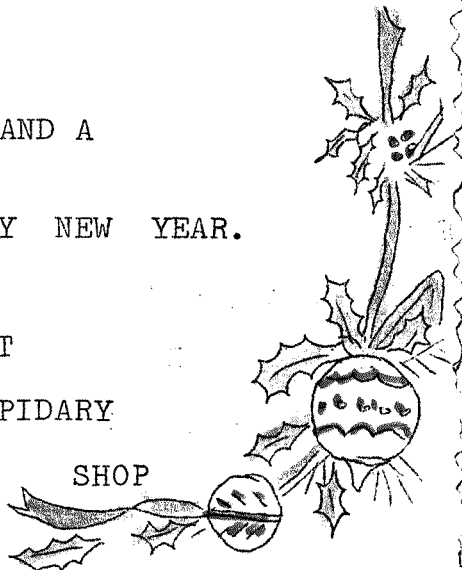
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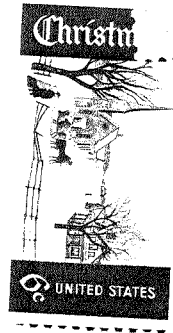


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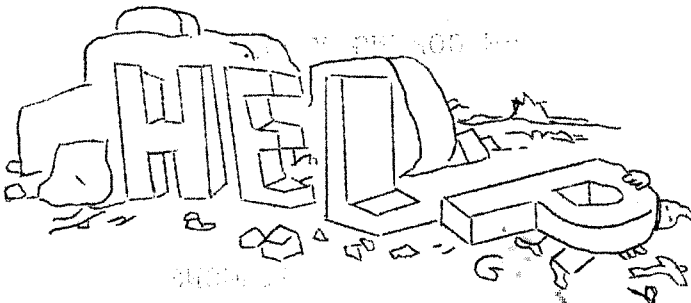
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