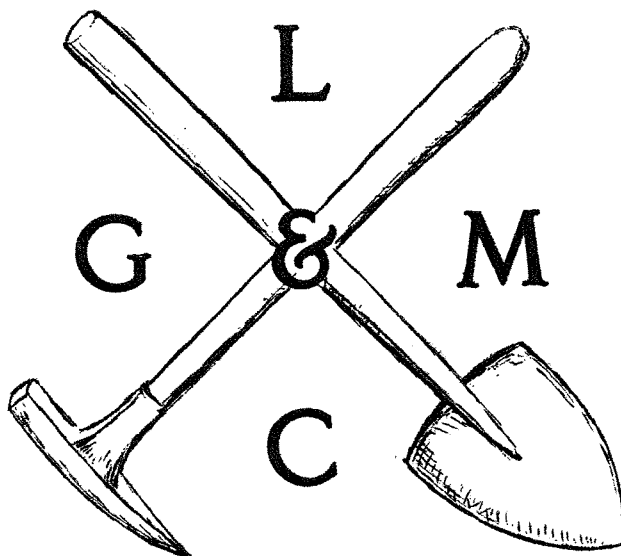


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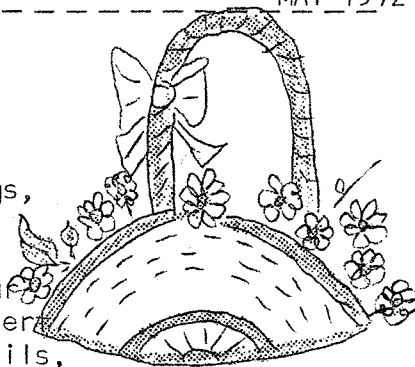
HOST OF COMBINED

MWF-AFMS NATIONAL SHOW AND CONVENTION
AND NEBRASKA STATE SHOW

JUNE 13-16, 1974
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CALENDAR

regular meeting...Sat., May 20, 1972 6:00 PM
 Steak/hamburger fry at Dick & Dot Hornungs,
 3/4 mile east of 84th & Hiway 2. Turn
 north in gate by metal bldg. The fire
 will be going...bring your steak or hamburger
 for your family, one vegetable or dessert
 dish, drink for your family, eating utensils,
 tablecloth and chair, for a fun-type supper.
 Meeting and entertainment will follow the mealtime hour.



NO REGULAR MEETING IN JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST

FIELD TRIP...May 27, 28...Keokuk, Iowa area...meet at Victory Park at 8:00 AM; Sat.
 in front of the George M. Varity River Road Museum. The group will leave
 as a caravan at 8:30 for St. Francisville. Those arriving earlier or
 later can catch up with the 8:00 group by going directly to Don's DX
 station in St. Francisville where you can obtain instructions regarding
 location of the group. Camping is permitted at the St. Francisville
 Geode mine if arrangements have been made in advance. This is a fee
 based trip. Detailed information may be gotten from Norma Miller, Nelda
 Oliver, or Marie Wells as Tom Simmons, Field trip chmn. is out of town
 this week.

FIELD TRIPPERS...ATTENTION...anyone interested in going to Wyoming, Montana and Idaho
 on field trip, speak now to Tom Simmons, our trip chmn, or forever hold your peace
 this year. We have listed this trip in your Who's Who Field Trip Schedule and it can
 take place but to date only 2 or 3 people have indicated an interest in this trip.
 This number is not sufficient number to warrant the organized field trip. A meeting
 to organize this trip must be made immediately after Memorial Day to get things
 settled...call Nelda, Oliver, Marie Wells, or Norma Miller and let them know of your
 interest and when Tom returns a date will be made to finalize plans. WANT TO GO???
 LET US KNOW!!!

NEW MEMBERS...Edward Ridge, 1415 S. 26th 68510 ph 475-1304
 Roger & Sue Kirby, & Steve, 3402 Starr 68503 ph 434-05-2
 Dorothy Hornung, (Mrs. Dick) Rt. 8 68506 ph 488-8326

REINSTATED MEMBERS...Robert Smith "Bob", 4101 Fran Ave. 68506 489-2446
 Mrs. Angie (Wm.) Denio, 7140 Lincolnshire Rd. 68520 ph 489-9176
 and children, Bill & Diane
 Sally Heald, 2435 S. 11th 68502 432-9060

CHANGE OF ADDRESS...Charles Anderson, 13541 Fairfield Lane, Apt. 181 A, Sealbeach, CA 90740
 TEMP. CHANGE OF ADDR...Ralph & Kay Ulrich, 2100 N. Scottsdale, Apt A122, Tempe, AZ 85281

WHO'S WHO CORRECTION...Bill Schneider's phone should be 488-6788
 Wilfred Wittman should be Wittmann

DR. NEIHARDT REPEAT PROGRAM...Dick Cavett Show...June 12

RECYCLING STATION...Parking lot south of County-City Bldg...open Saturdays 10:00 AM
 to 4:00 PM...bring your flattened cans and glass jars to this
 station for pick-up...let's get in their and ecologize, OK?

COMING EVENTS:

June 3-4 Central Nebr. Rock & Min. Soc. Swap, Grand Island, NE
 June 17-18 100th Meridian Rock & Gem Club open house & Swap, Lafayette Pk, Gothenburg.
 June 17-18 Swap---Chatauqua Park, Beatrice, NE
 Aug. 4-6 Swap...LGMC State Swap, Park just No. of Nat'l. Guard Armory, Lincoln, NE
 Aug. 19-27 NW Nebraska Rock Club Show, Crawford, Nebr.
 Sept. 2-4 Nebr. Mineral & Gem Club Show, Nat'l Guard Armory, Omaha, NE
 Sept. 15-17 Plains Rock & Mineral Club Show, Kimball, NEbr.

last month ... the meeting of April 22 at the WOW hall was well attended by regular members, and they were hosts to 12 adult and 8 Petrified Pebble Pups of the 4-H Rock Club. Many progress reports on the coming show, field trips and next meetings were given. A resolution was made to go on record with the State government as being in favor of placing the "moon Rock" (now on display only a few hours a week at the Governor's Mansion) in a prominent spot at the State Museum or other facility where it could be seen by many students and other visitors. This resolution was approved by members present. An interesting and helpful program on "Setting Up Your Show Display" complete with a 10-page brochure was presented by Margaret and Roger Simmons. Many actual ideas for artistry were shown. There were many fine specimens of quartz displayed for our enjoyment and the "People's Choice" prize was won by Tom Simmons for a lovely cluster, although the voting was very close. The Silent Auction was timed during the coffee hour and closely watched by several eager bidders. Final tally - \$20!!! Pretty good for our first time, eh? pnp

PETRIFIED PEBBLE PUPS 4-H NEWS



Professional rock collectors were visited by the Petrified Pebble Pups of Lancaster County 4-H Club April 10. They met first at Peter Pan Park. Art Howlett was visited first by the club. He showed them his personal rock collection and his machines.



One highlight was his dinosaur's back bone. George McGinnis was visited next. He showed his display to the club. The main attraction was his Brzailizn agates. Mrs. McGinnis treated the club to cupcakes, and sample rocks were given to the club by both collectors.

-Andrew Olson, reporter



via con dios --- "May God Be With You"

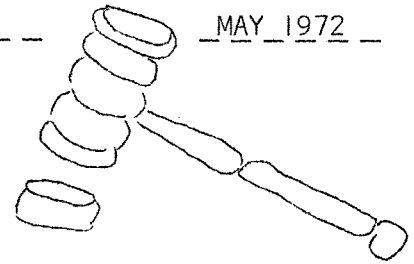
Get well cards this past month went to:

Helena Baegl
Merle Geyer
Barbara Allen
Louise Baugher
Rev. Raymond Pfeiffer

Our sympathy to:
Wilfrid Wittmanns

-Marie J. Carveth

REMEMBER...ROCK SWAP...sponsored by Central Nebraska Rock & Mineral Society at Hall County Park, Grand Island, Nebraska. Four miles north of I-80 on Highway 281. Signs will be posed. Admission - material for auction. FREE overnight camping June 2 & 3. There are no hook-ups, but there are hard surfaced roads, a playground, hot showers, and with the Lord willing and if the creeks don't rise, there will be a pot-luck dinner Sunday noon. This sounds like it could be a good time for everyone...don't miss it.



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The 1972 Show has come and gone and with it the satisfaction that it was the best show yet.

I wish to express my special thanks to these work horses without whose help set-up on Thursday morning would have been difficult: Julius Young, Don Eckel, Larry Bigley, Bob Anderson-and Tom Simmons and Don Lawson for the service of their truck and van and labor, both Thursday and Sunday. These folks for being on hand Sunday to help tear down; Jim Parks, Vern Heller, Don Gless Don Eckel. To you son, many thanks too.

The fresh flower arrangements were by Myrtle Young and added so much to the beauty of the show.

To our various chairmen, my greatest appreciation for a job well done; Roger Pabian, George & Glenna McGinnis, Pat Lawson, Luella Paul, Joella Olson, George Balke, Bob Bainbridge, Marie Taylor, Phyllis Parks, Norma Miller, and Jim Oliver. If I've forgotten anyone who should be emntioned by name forgive me. To all the other members of the club who exhibited, or helped , my very special thank you. What you did may seem insignificant to you but this is what made the show a success.

The whole club membership expresses their appreciation to all out of town exhibitors, and all those who came to our show we thank you.

-Marie Wells, President

The State Rock SHow at Hastings was well attended by members of our own club. The following members had displays at the show: Howard & Marie Taylor, Jim Taylor, Roger Pabian, Frank Krejci, George & Glenna McGinnis, Lynn & Marie Wells, Tom Simmons, and of course Hal and Darline Janzen represented both clubs. Gemson Location was also on hand.

I was impressed with the quality of workmanship in the lapidary division and originality in the manner in which some of the minerals and their uses were introduced. The new club cases of the Ogallala club and meterial shown were of unusual quality and beauty and artistically displayed. It would not appear there is a shortage of the Nebraska gem stone, the Blue Agate. I would give several eye teeth for any one of the lovely specimens shown.

They had a good choice of dealers with excellent selection of material. The Scout organization served a very tasty meal for a nominal sum. The North Platte club extended an invitation to host the 1973 State Show and it was accepted. Details on the business meeting appear elsewhere in this bulletin.

-Marie Wells



GLENNA'S GLEANINGS

The last weekend in April found Hal and Darline Janzen and Lynn Wells in the southwestern portion of the state hunting wood. (and whatever). Got some goodies, too!

Susan Taylor 'joined' the law firm of Crosby, Pansing, Guenzel, & Binning on May 8th. Good luck, Sue!

Ralph & Kay Ulrich will be at Tempe, Arizona for several months on temporary assignment for Olson Construction Co. (We expect to hear from you two with something for the bulletin in your absence...we don't want to lose contact with you...we need your helpful presence in our midst! Ed.)

Our Veteran member, Harry Gragg, will celebrate his birthday on June 6th. His friends might like to remember him with cards and letters.

Don't forget the hamburger-steak fry at Dick & Dorothy Hornung's place on May 20. Details elsewhere.

Verne & Millie Heller are deep in plans for their trip to Phoenix. Good hunting.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Simmons will be leaving soon after the show for a sojourn in the northcentral states. "Rots of ruck." (Rock, that is.)

Several club members manned the gem and mineral exhibit at Brandeis auditorium on May 6th. Seventy-five people attended in spite of inclement weather.

Frances Tracy reports Maurice is feeling better now and would enjoy having his friends drop by. Speedy recovery, good friend!

Roger Pabian appeared on the Woman's World program on channel 10, KOLNTV on May 3rd in behalf of the '72 LGMC show.

John & Eleanor Harrison are heading up a committee making plans to celebrate Hickman's centennial and an annual feature, the "old settler's picnic," on June 23 & 24.

Former member Chet Bagg send thanks to all who remembered him with cards and good wishes during his recent convalescence from oral surgery.

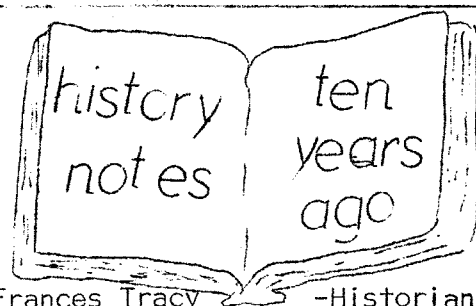
Our sincere sympathy to the Wilfred Wittmann family at this time in the untimely death of their son-in-law in an unfortunate drowning accident at Gothenburg.

Rev. Raymond Pfeiffer is entering the hospital on Sunday for tests and observation... our thoughts and prayers are with you and we wish your good health back in a short time.

- your reporter, Glenna McGinnis

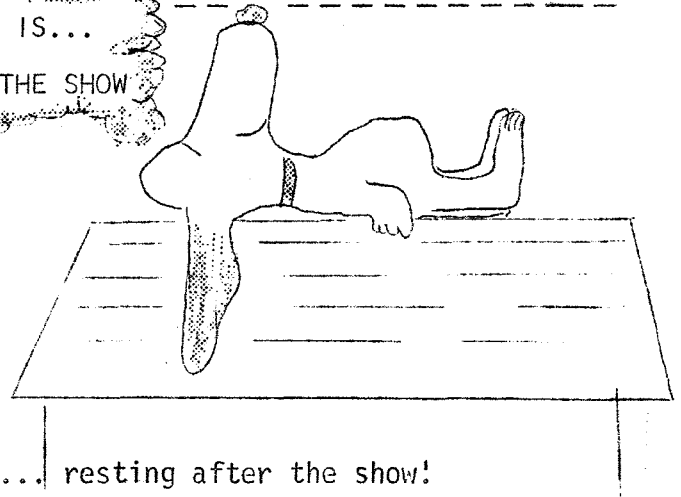
At our May meeting Tom Simmons read a citation from the Boy Scout office thanking club members for their help with the Scouts.

Don Hazelrigg presented the program on the art of silver work, and displayed many of his own designs.



- Frances Tracy -Historian

HAPPINESS IS...
RESTING, AFTER THE SHOW



HAPPINESS REALLY IS..

the rest after the show, knowing that all the efforts of those involved have made it a SUCCESS. That is real happiness in spite of the weariness one feels. With the cooperation and hard work of many members like Don & Pat Lawson, Tom Simmons, Marie & Howard Taylor, Bob Anderson (who isn't even a member yet?), Marie Wells, and Clark Wells (who isn't a member), Luella Paul, George Balke, and many others, Roger Pabian the Show Chairman was able to say on Sunday night...HAPPINESS IS....

resting after the show!

For the enjoyment of those in attendance, on display were individual cases of various gems, plus open displays which really piqued the imagination. Fred the Frog was quite original and I would say "live entertainment" what with the fish 'doing their thing' all three days! Tom's blue agate made one drool! Susie Taylor's football feature was nice. Those owls of Dorothy Hornung's were something else! And what about her black vertebraes with the eyes? A good title for that display would have been "The Devil's Nest". Of course, the working displays (George Balke with the shop, Judith Goeke in silver, Frank Krejci and his fabulous faceting, and others) all were certainly of great interest to the viewer and appreciated by the club. The feature exhibits, too, were outstanding...how could you beat a complete skeleton of a gar fish or of a baby oreodont, if you are a fossil fan? Or that fossil worm of the Morgan's? Or, if you are a lapidary buff...the priceless Friday Plume Agates, or the jade? And if you are a gem worshiper, how about those star garnets? or the "Age of Aquarius" cases of tempting gems? And to top the gems there was the ivory elephant from Ceylon with gold, rubies and emeralds. And the carvings of jade, coral etc. When it comes right down to it...every 'rock show' is a success because there is always something new and different for your education and enjoyment.

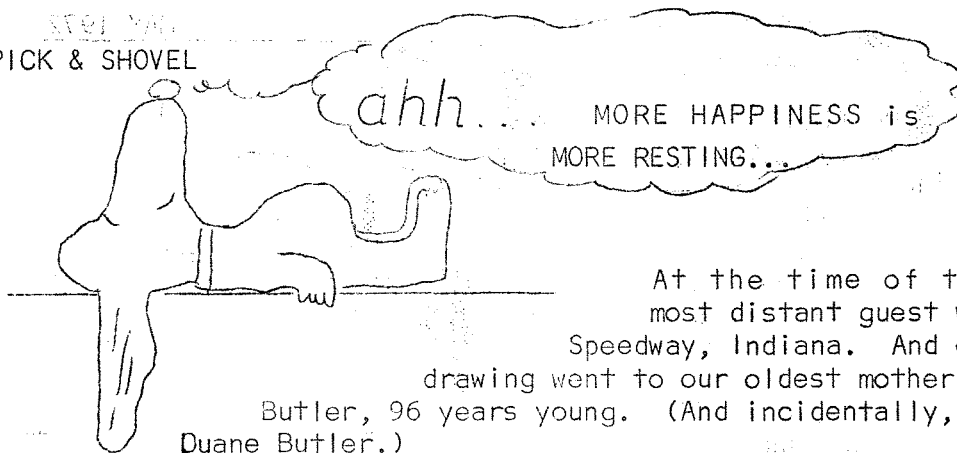
And what about those Finches? They were no pikers when it comes to talent and beauty. And they were so generous with their time and explanations. And how could we get along without judges like Hazel Tarcza and Bill Diamond in the competition area? Impossible! And we thank them for their efforts on our behalf. Winners in the competition were: Best of Show - Frank Krejci: Best Sr. Fossil - Sally Heald: Best Jr. Fossil - Laurie Wells: Jewellery & Metalcraft - Adeline Nolde: Novelty & Specialty - Bill Schneider: Best of Minerals - Luellen Montgomery.

We must also thank the dealers for their cooperation, tolerance, and materials... they were tops. But above all we must thank our Show Chairman, Roger Pabian, who did a remarkable job of pulling it all together so successfully, and to our president, Marie Wells, who was his stand-by and stand-in. Our thanks to all who made this 14th Annual LGMC Show a great success.

The show was well attended in spite of some inclement weather Friday and Saturday, and even the rain on Friday did not hinder the presence of some 400 school children representing Cathedral, Sacred Heart, Huntington, Randolph, Risen Christ, Blessed Sacrament, and even some from Omaha. The students had been issued free passes for this event and we hope next year to duplicate this under a little different system.

We had guests from as far west as California, east as far as Washington, D.C., north as far as Wisconsin, and south as far as Lubbock, Texas, so we nearly covered the states.

(continued next page)



At the time of the presentation our most distant guest was Mrs. Fred Schyber of Speedway, Indiana. And our Mother's Day feature drawing went to our oldest mother in attendance, Mrs. May Butler, 96 years young. (And incidentally, the grandmother of member, Duane Butler.)

Door prizes were won by the following: Mrs. Lawson Bird, Rt. 8; Velda A. Prokop, 3126 Vine; Mrs. Dave Schreiber, Monroe, Nebraska; Mrs. Jeannette Lawson, 811 S. 35th; Elva McFie, 1130 H; Mrs. C. K. Hillegass, 2330 Woodcrest; Neil H. Zimmer, 6828 Bethany Park Dr.; Dale Vergith, 1610 Harwood; Margaret Frankl, 5606 S. 91st Ave., Omaha, Nebr.; Philip Kufeldt, Clarks, Nebraska; K. E. Peterson, 2841 Mark; Mrs. Antoinette Mazar; 1310 N. 67th; Lawrence Schuet, Salem, Nebraska; Lenvie Faubel, 423 S. 27th; Dave Nurach, 1220 Garber Ave.; Mrs. Dean Schlusser, Humboldt, Nebraska; Inge Worth, 8241 Elizabeth; Margaret Eckel, 3838 Randolph; and Bill Pootz, 6444 Leighton.

Once again...the rest after the show is "What Happiness Is". (nm)

LGMC members: Happiness is...getting your show ticket money for advance tickets to Pat Lawson. This money or the return of the advance tickets must be done immediately if not sooner so everything can be squared away with the show financially. This is an after-show detail that can complete the happiness of Pat Lawson, adv. ticket chmn.

I wish to thank everyone that participated in displaying "open displays" at our '72 Show. We had a few more people that entered this year over last year. There were 18 people that displayed in "open display". Actually there were 30 open displays. I'm sure we can top this next year.

I'm sorry that there was a misunderstanding this time. Last year we did have judging for "Best of Show" in this area but felt if we did not judge this year more people would enter. They were all so nice it would have been difficult to get a "Best of Show".

I also want to thank all club members that helped at the registration table. We tried a first this year...we had some of the men folk helping and I must say it looked very nice to walk in and see a man or two at the registration table, and it's a nice place to rest your aching feet! We hope to see more of the men helping next year.

-Marie Taylor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...John Sinkankas has done it again...a new book for rockhounds of formulas, tests, tables, data and processes of interest to the practical collector. GEMSTONE AND MINERAL DATA BOOK comes off the press in late June, published by Winchester Press, 400 Park Ave., NY 10022, priced at \$8.95. 384 pages 6 x 9.

AVAILABLE: "A Guide to Mineral Collecting in Ouray, Colorado," by Ervan F. Kushner, 5 Colt St., Patterson, NJ 07505. Price \$2.00.

DON'T MISS the May issue of Arizona Highways...Beeauuttiiffuull pictures of minerals from this mineral wealthy state!

NEBRASKA STATE ASSOCIATION SHOW & CONVENTION...NAOESCI) April 14-16, 1972

We arrived in Hastings Saturday morning and set up our displays as well as the Federation Booth. We decided this was a good time to see the show, not too many people so one could really move at a snail's pace and enjoy viewing the displays. This really was a nice, big show. One can say that a State Association show along with your own show can make a big show. They had a very good attendance both days.

The State Association meeting was called to order Sunday morning by Mr. Leonard Hill, the presiding president. There was a good attendance but still quite a few clubs that didn't have delegates attending the meeting. We feel like this is so important to be represented.

The various committees gave their reports. Mr. Ralph Ulrich gave a report on changes of amendments in regard to additions and clarifications of the By-Laws. They were voted on by the delegates and approved. Now the proposal is being sent back to each club for ratification.

Mrs. Marie Wells brought up the proposal of moving the Moon rock from the Governor's Mansion to the Museum. This would give the public a better chance to view it. It was passed by the delegates. Each club will now have to vote on the proposal, then write Governor Exon to permit the transfer.

The North Platte delegates decided to ask their club to host the 1973 State Show.

We had election of officers for 1973. They are:

- President - Leonard Hill, Hastings
- Vice-President - Howard J. Taylor, Lincoln
- Secretary/Treasurer - Mary Wareham, North Platte

- New Board Members - Harvey Kenfield, Ogallala
- Marvin Whitaker, Omaha

- Old Board Members - Earl McGuire
- LaVerne Lange, Pleasanton

- Howard & Marie Taylor

Following is a letter to share with all of you:

Dear L.G.M.C. Members:

It is easy to understand why Tod loved being a part of the L.G.M.C. Club. Our family would like to thank you for the many things you did for us. We knew that all of you were "standing by". Thank you too, for the tribute to Tod in 'The Pick & Shovel'. It was a tribute we shall cherish.

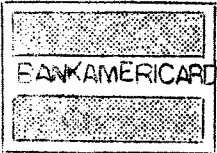
- The Ashmun Family

My house has windows that are wide and high
I never keep the curtain drawn
Lest I miss some glory of the sky
Some splendor of the breaking dawn!

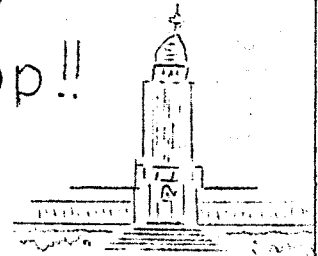
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A good lap for polishing geodes, cabs, slabs, etc., can be made at home with very little cash or labor involved. Materials needed include a $\frac{1}{2}$ h.p. up to $\frac{3}{4}$ h.p. vertical type electric motor. Such a motor might be found in your or your neighbor's garage or bought second-hand very reasonable from a swap shop, flea market, or good-will store. It should cost you not more than \$5.

Next you will need several light, ten or twelve inch discs, depending on the size you wish to use, constructed of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch plywood. Also the same number of masonite discs of the same size. These may be obtained from any cabinet shop at a very reasonable price. The centers should be drilled with $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{5}{8}$ inch holes, depending on the size of your motor shaft.

Rubber discs, same size as your laps, for cushion under your polish mats may be substituted. These are usually about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick.

The leather polishing disc may be easily made from a discarded suitcase, etc. If the paper liner is glued to the leather it may be loosened by soaking in water. After the loosened paper has been scraped off, let the leather dry and hand rup it a little to soften it. The leather may then be cut to fit the laps. Use a peel-um-off cement to fasten the leather to the lap.

Mount the motor on the underside of a table or bench in which a hole has been drilled for the shaft to extend above the top surface. A plastic dishpan or garbage can cover may be used for a splash pan. Cut a hole in the center and place it over the shaft so the edges come up above the top of the surface.

The plywood is mounted on the motor shaft first to give more strength to the masonite lap. It will thus stand more pressure during the sanding or polishing operation.

Sanding discs of 180, 220, 400 or 800 grit silicon carbide may be purchased from most auto paint shops or supply stores.

via Calumet Gem, Golden Spike News & Glacial Drfrtr

HOW HOLLOW IS A GEODE?

Have you ever cut open a Mexican Coconut geode, with high hopes of finding a beautiful crystal-lined cavity inside, only to find instead a solid mass of non-descript rock? Although there is no certain method of identifying the kind, size, or color of crystals before a geode is opened, the chart on the following page will be helpful in estimating the approximate size of the cavity by merely measuring the outside diameter and weighing the geode. Instructions for use are on the chart, but a few words of explanation may be helpful.

The chart will give accurate results if the geode and the cavity are perfect spheres, and if the entire geode is composed of quartz weighing 165 pounds per cubic foot (1.5277 ounces per cubic inch). This ideal situation never exists in nature, but fair approximations can be made with the chart if measurements are carefully made. If the geode is egg-shaped, the average diameter can be found by adding the largest diameter to the smallest diameter and dividing by two. Use calipers to measure diameters most accurately, but fair accuracy is possible with a ruler. If the geode is placed on a flat surface against the vertical side of a box or wall, and a book or other rectangular object is placed against the wall and the top of the geode. The ruler is then used to measure the distance from the flat surface to the edge of the book that is in contact with the top of the geode.

Be sure to weigh the geode to the nearest ounce, or more accurately, if possible. Most rock shops have scales reading in pounds and ounces, and many household scales can be used also. The accuracy of the chart increases with larger geodes, because a one inch sphere of quartz weighs only 0.8 ounces. The difference in weight, however, between a 4" geode with a 2" cavity and a 4" geode with a 3" cavity, for example, is approximately one pound.

Don't expect perfect results with the chart, but it is far better than the usual method of hefting the geode in your hand, and saying, "Well, I think this one may be fairly hollow."

by John J. Symons

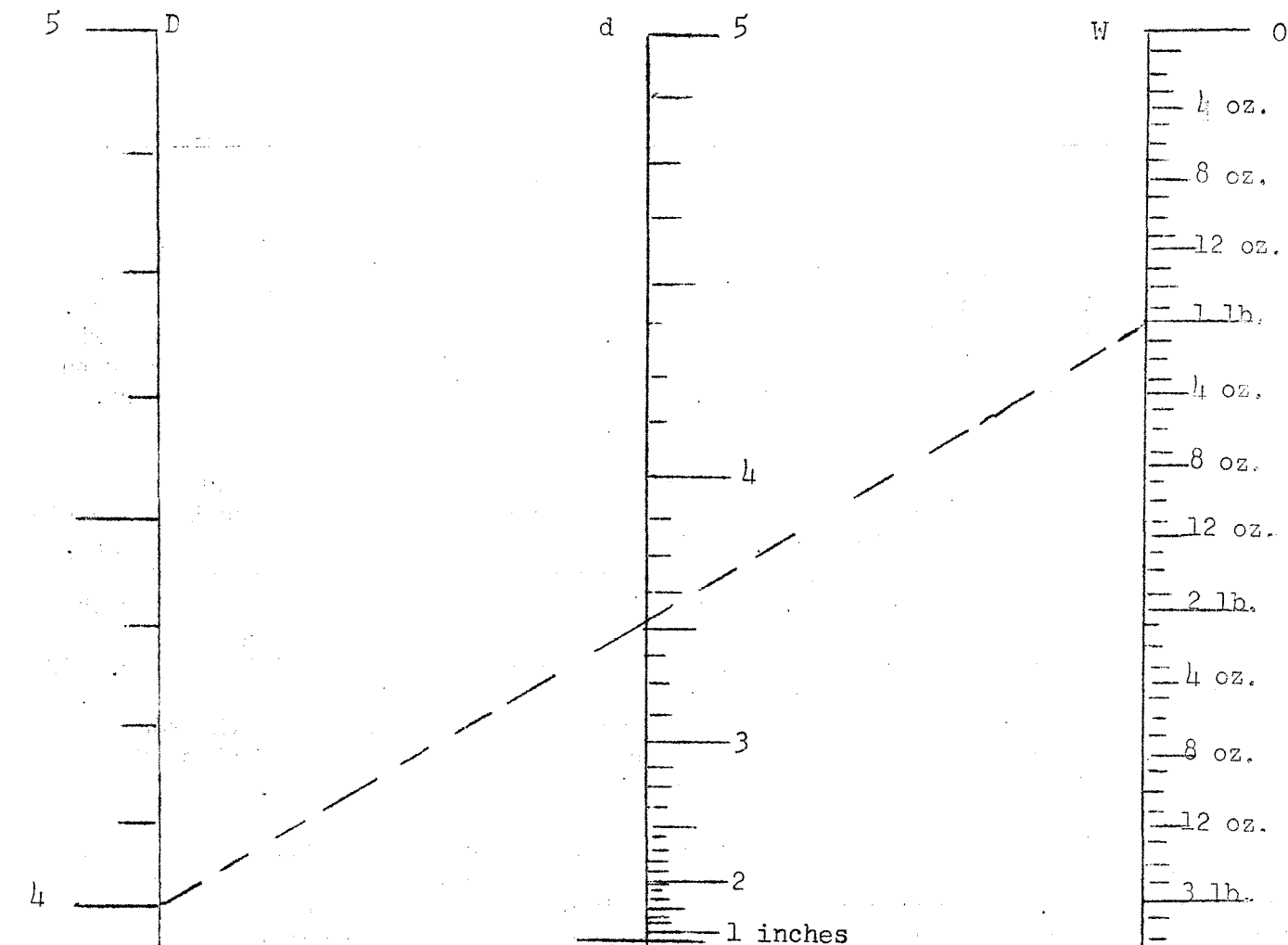
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Chart and instructions for use following page.

This chart should be most helpful in determining which geodes are the good ones, and could prove helpful on field trips or when you visit rocks shops.

EXCHANGE BULLETIN EDITORS...PLEASE NOTE!!! Reprints by permission only. Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to John J. Symons, 541 Monterey Dr., Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, This chart is an original and we would like to keep track of the number of times it is reprinted. Thank you for your cooperation.

Editor of AGATYPE



HOW TO USE THE CHART

1. Measure average outside diameter (D) of geode in inches.
2. Determine weight (W) of geode in pounds and ounces.
3. Locate outside diameter (D) on vertical line at left of chart.
4. Locate weight (W) on line at right of chart.
5. Draw a straight line connecting above two points.
6. Read cavity diameter (d) at point where your line intersects the line at center of chart.

EXAMPLE: The broken line (above) is drawn if the geode is 4" outside diameter and weighs one pound. Cavity diameter is slightly over $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and the average wall thickness is $(4 - 3\frac{1}{2})$ divided by 2, or approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ "

1 inches

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Section 501 (c) (3) Now Applies

IRS grants Midwest change in tax exempt status

Effective March 21, 1972 the MWF officially became a tax exempt organization with an educational status, or more officially, we are now exempt from Federal income tax under IRS section 501 (c) (3). Previously we were a (c) (7).

This change was made at some expense and great trouble as a service to those who work for the MWF. As an educational organization, any person who donates time or who has expenses that are not reimbursed by the MWF will now be able to deduct these expenses as a legitimate deduction on his personal Federal Income Tax return. This can result in a sizeable saving for those who spend a great deal of time and money serving the MWF with no other reimbursement.

All elected MWF officers, committee chairmen and their assistants will be able to deduct all expenses connected with MWF work. A separate letter will be sent to them explaining possible deductions.

This tax change will also effect some members of MWF clubs who are not directly connected with the MWF organization. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CHANGE FOR THE MWF DOES NOT IN ANY WAY change the tax status of individual member clubs. If they wish to file a request for a c-3 status with the IRS they should obtain the services of a local attorney experienced in such matters. It is quite complicated and not easily obtained.

However, any individual club member who can legitimately claim that he is performing some service for the MWF that is not reimbursed may deduct certain expenses incurred while doing this service. People likely affected would be:

- *Club liaison officers for the MWF (expenses of attending club meetings, postage, telephone, etc.)
- *Delegates to the MWF annual convention (expenses going to, from and during convention.)
- *Exhibitors at MWF convention (This is a gray-area—specially invited displays and non-competitive educational displays would likely qualify but competitive displays may not—check with IRS locally.)
- *Judges and speakers at MWF convention.
- *Any workers who help set up the MWF convention that are not otherwise reimbursed for their work.

*Speakers, judges, special displays listed on MWF sheets and booklets as being available to local clubs. This constitutes a service of the MWF and any expenses incurred while doing your thing would be deductible. If you charge anything for your services, this would have to be subtracted from your expenses.

This list is not complete. Anything done by a MWF club member that could be considered as a service of or for the MWF would qualify for the tax deduction. Something done by the club member for the individual club, such as leading the club on field trips or being chairman of their own show would not qualify. Deductible items would include:

- *Mileage, meals away from home, lodging, postage, telephone and any expenses incurred as a part of the activity being done for the MWF.
- *It is conceivable that the cost of display cases, slide projectors, etc. would be deductible if it can be shown that they are used solely for the MWF - connected activities and were purchased for this purpose. If in doubt, ask a tax man.

Also deductible would be any expenses connected with the production of a slide program or educational booklet for the MWF, which would then be distributed by the MWF to member clubs. Such expenses might include the cost of film, processing, mileage connected with filming and producing the program, postage, etc. Thus any member of a MWF club wishing to donate educational items to the MWF would be able to deduct the cost of such items. If done by a club, the club could deduct the costs if this benefits the club at all, or the individual members connected with the presentation could collectively donate the program to the MWF and divide the costs appropriately.

In addition, all gifts, donations and bequests of money to the MWF would be deductible.

So, if you feel you are doing something for the MWF keep a careful record of your expenses. Itemize your expenses and deduct those for the MWF stating that the expenses were for (name it) activity for the MWF, an educational organization exempt from tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Good luck... and we hope that more and more people will become an active part of the MWF

- Jay C. Wollin

Delegate Forms Mailed

Credentials Chairman Vernon Miljour has mailed to each member club a Delegate Form. Each club is to indicate on this form the name and address of the delegate selected by their club to be their official representative at the Council Meeting at the Holiday Inn at Marquette, Michigan on Friday, July 21. Each club is also to indicate their choice for alternate #1 and alternate #2.

Mr. Miljour asks that each club make their selections as quickly as possible and return the form in the enclosed addressed and stamped envelope.

It is important that each club be represented at this annual meeting.

Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting of the Midwest Federation was held on Saturday, April 8 at the Ramada Inn at Dolton, Illinois.

Meeting was called to order by the Federation President B. F. Parr at 9:30 A.M. and was adjourned at 5:30 P.M. Considerable discussion was given to a variety of subjects of utmost importance to the Federation including finances, choices for future conventions, the Newsletter and others.

A complete report of the meeting will be sent to all member clubs in the minutes to be mailed within a few weeks.

CO-FOUNDER OF EVANSVILLE LAPIDARY SOCIETY DEAD AT 73

Mrs. Ida May Black, 73, Evansville, Indiana passed away February 1. She and the late Dr. Glenn Black were co-founders of the Evansville Lapidary Society.

She served as the first president of the society, founded in 1953, and was active in the 25th Anniversary Silver Jubilee of the MWF show held in Evansville in 1965.

Club Anniversary?

The upcoming 25th Anniversary Party of the American Federation in Washington, D.C. prompts us to ask if your club observes its anniversaries. An anniversary celebration, be it the 10th, 15th, 20th, or even the 5th can be most enjoyable and also a stimulus for your club. This can be at a regular meeting, a special meeting, or at a dinner. In any event, a birthday cake should be part of the proceedings. On this occasion founders, past presidents, etc. can be introduced and honored, and those who have dropped away from active participation can be brought back into active participation many times.

A historical review with anecdotes of persons and happenings will be of interest to the newer members and the older ones as well. A special issue of your club bulletin would be definitely in order. This will also provide an opportunity to get some publicity, perhaps with pictures, in your local newspaper. Perhaps the greatest asset of a club is a feeling of pride and loyalty among its members. Anniversary celebrations will help foster this feeling.

MICHIGAN HAS BOTH A STATE ROCK AND STATE STONE

On February 21 Governor Milliken signed into being a new state gem for Michigan. It is Chlorastrolite or, as it is more familiarly called, greenstone. Greenstone is rich light to dark shades of green in a polygonal mosaic pattern referred to as "turtleback".

The Michigan state stone is the Petoskey Stone, thus giving Michigan both a state rock and state stone.

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lists the price of decals incorrectly on page W-10. The correct price of the decals is 5 for \$1.00.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 19...

AND THIS IS POSITIVELY THE LAST DAY ON WHICH YOUR REGISTRATION FOR THE MWF FIELD TRIP AT ISHPEMING, MICHIGAN, JULY 20-21-22-23, 1972 CAN BE ACCEPTED. Registrations could very well be terminated sooner if the limit of 3,000 is reached. Registration fee is \$15.00 per person and should be mailed to Laurence W. Sain, 818 W. Kaye Avenue, Marquette, Michigan 49855.

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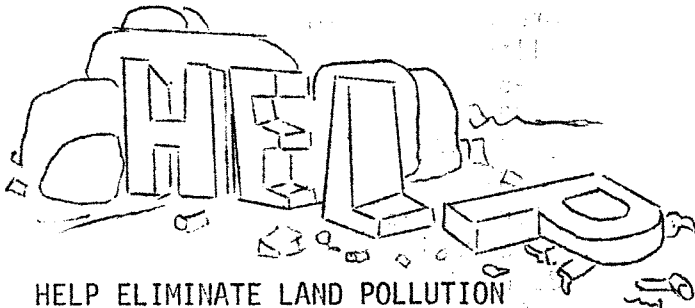
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