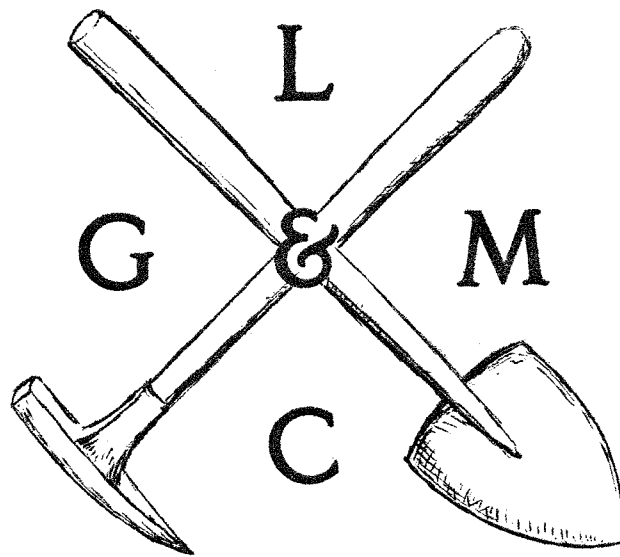


THE PICK & SHOVEL



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LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB

HOST OF COMBINED

MWF-AFMS NATIONAL SHOW AND CONVENTION
AND NEBRASKA STATE SHOW

JUNE 13-16, 1974
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CALENDAR

REGULAR MEETING: Sat., Sept. 22, 1973, 7:30 PM
W.O.W. Bldg., 734 S. 27th St.

PROGRAM: Thoughts on Sandhill Geology by James Swineheart.
Slides will include pictures of the sandhills
taken by satellite.

ROCK FEATURE: Bring your summer bragging finds.

BUSINESS: Nominating committee to be elected.
1974 Nat'l. Gem & Mineral Show applications for space will be handed out
and collected that night so be prepared to complete yours at that time.

REFRESHMENTS: To be served by Refreshment Committee.

LGMC BOARD MEETING...tentative date...Thurs., Oct. 4, 7:30 PM, Nebraska Hall, Rm 122

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sept. 15-16 Golden Belt Gem & Min. Soc. Show-Knights of Columbus Hall, Great Bend, KS
- Sept. 16 LGMC FIELD TRIP - FAIRBURY, NE - See field trip guide
- Sept. 22 LGMC REGULAR MEETING (see above)
- Sept. 22-23 Annual Rock Swap, Lincoln, Missouri
- Sept. 22-23 Old Capital Swap, Iowa City, Iowa
- Sept. 22-23 Arbor Valley Gem & Min. Club Show, Memorial Bldg., Nebraska City, NE
- ** Sept. 28-30 NAOESCI - Nebraska STATE SHOW - NORTH PLATTE, NE, Nat'l. Guard Armory
- Sept. 30 LGMC FIELD TRIP, Odell, NE. - See field trip guide
- Oct. 4 LGMC Board Meeting - see above
- Oct. 6-7 Ottumwa, Iowa, Sac & Fox Lapidary Club Annual Show
- Oct. 6-7 STATE SHOW, Aberdeen, SD
- Oct. 6-7 Topeka Gem & Min. Soc. Annual Show, Expo Center, Mid-America Fairgrounds
- Oct. 11-13 Caravanner's Gem & Min. & Fossil Soc. Show, Wichita, KS
- Oct. 20-21 Mid-Iowa Rock Club Show, Marshalltown, IA
- Oct. 20-21 Osage Hills Gem & Min. Soc. Show, Dewey, OK
- Oct. 27-28 McDonnell Douglas Gem & Min. Show, NW Plaza Aud., St. Ann, MO
- Oct. 27-28 Hutchinson Gem & Min. Soc. Show, Convention Hall, Hutchinson, KS

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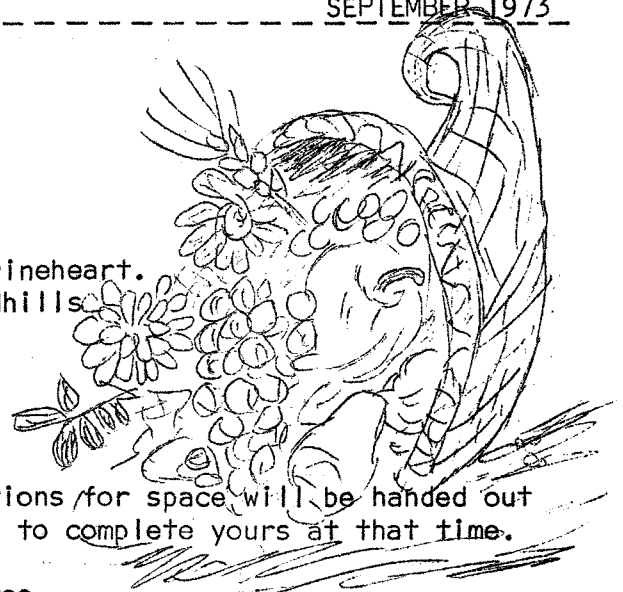
and

SAVE BETTY CROCKER COUPONS FOR MWF SCHOLARSHIP FUND...COUPONS COUNT

** Via the Gem Palette - "If any member of your club would like to be a candidate in the State Association please notify Lavern Lange, Marie Taylor, or Charles Gaudreault, our (State) nominating Committee."

LGMC may send 4 delegates to the delegates meeting to be held in conjunction with the State (NAOESCI) Show. Show hours are from 9 to 9 on Friday and Saturday, and 9 to 6 on Sunday. Special features are a Crystal City created by J. J. Muchna, Phoenix, AZ - a miniature city of 20,062 facets, Rock Picture Paintings by Art Henry of Omaha, Petrified Wood collages by H. & H. Kenfield of Ogallala and silversmithing by Art Steudler of Paxton.

PLAN NOW TO SPEND THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 28-30 VISITING AND SUPPORTING OUR STATE SHOW with an exhibit and meeting and greeting old and new friends.



Last Month... There was no meeting of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club last month since August is vacation time for most everyone. However, a large number of club members journeyed to Crawford, Nebraska to enjoy the president's field trip and to attend the Northwest Nebraska Rock Club's annual show.

The show was held in the Crawford City Park Pavilion on Aug. 18, 19. It was an excellent show with lots of choice material artistically displayed. As one would expect, there was a number of cases of beautiful Fairburns. Our banner advertising the '74 National Show had a conspicuous place in the show room. There was a refreshment stand where one could purchase good food including delicious home-baked pie.

A field trip was made to Edgemont, S.D. for ammonites - and excursions to collecting sites north of Crawford. Some very nice material was found which no doubt will show up at the September LGMC Meeting as "bragging rocks."



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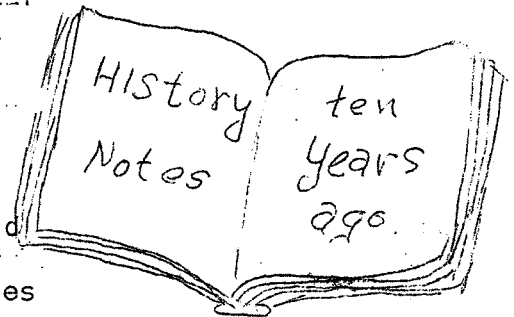
Cards this month went to:

TOM SIMMONS
FRANCES TRACY
GLADYS WORKMAN
GORDON MC KINNEY

(all get-well)

AUGUST - 1963...A field trip to Newcastle, Nebraska was headed by John Lewis. We also had a picnic and swap at Pioneer Park.

SEPTEMBER - 1963...The September meeting of LGMC was held at Van Dorn Park shelter house in the midst of heavy rain. The shelter was crowded with tables and the tables crowded with food. Final arrangements were made for our annual show.



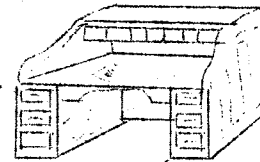
ANNOUNCEMENTS and THIS & THAT...

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club is the recipient of a \$25 donation from the Gateway Shopping Center earmarked specifically for publicity for the '74 National Show. The club participated in the Gateway Shopping Center's Hobby Month promotion. There were three working demonstrations and about twenty cases on display. Those club members who provided cases are: Roger Pabian, Frank Rule, Norma Miller, the Larry Bigley family and Marie Wells.

An Award of Appreciation was received by Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club from the MWF for providing the Nebraska State Exhibit at the 1973 MWF Convention and Show in Cincinnati.

An account of the State of Nebraska field guides to collecting sites in Nebraska appears in the current issue of the MWF Newsletter in this issue of Pick & Shovel, The Lapidary Journal, and Gems and Minerals. LGMC and the Nebraska Geological Society are being given credit for financing a large part of the cost of putting out the publications.

ROSA LEE WRIGHT is a new addition to the Editorial Staff...thanks for your help Rosa Lee. The staff still needs more typists...please call Art Howlett and offer your help.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK—

Welcome back to the second half of the club year. Hope your half-time activities over the summer were enjoyable and that you all enjoyed much good collecting and traveling. Those of us on the Crawford trip all had very good luck and many nice fossils, agates, and other items of interest were found. The field time was well spent by many people this summer, judging from some of the finds that have been reported. Let's all bring some of these items to the September meeting and show them off after the business meeting.

We have much to do on the first meeting of the year. A nominating committee to select the 1974 officers' candidates must be chosen. This committee is elected by the membership at large. The duties of the nominating committee are elaborated upon in Article IV of the club by-laws. Each member is encouraged to consult this article of the by-laws in order that he (she) may be familiarized with the electoral processes of the club.

The second of the important things we will discuss will be your displays for the 1974 show. As you are aware, the club show is one-fourth of the whole show and it is up to you the membership to furnish these. Those members planning a non-competitive display for the 1974 show will be given applications for display area at the September meeting. Plan your display now and be able to describe it in terms of footage and electrical wattage it will require, as we will pick up the display application forms at the September meeting. In other words, we will need the forms back the same evening you get them. A show of this scope requires a much greater margin of time to lay out, as our club displays will have to be integrated with the featured displays, competitive displays, and NAOESCI displays in order to produce the whole of the show. Integrated with does not mean our club displays are to be randomly placed with the NAOESCI and competitive displays, but it does mean that we will know where our displays will be in relation to the others. We must have all of this information early as far as displays go because all of this data must be correlated with the floor committee, the NAOESCI committee, the competition committee, and the awards committee, and so on. Be prepared to fill out your display application sheet at the September meeting. It must be done then!

My work with the 1974 steering committee and show committee has taken on some interesting aspects. We had promotional events at the Hickman Old Settler's Picnic, Madonna Home Summer Festival, Gateway Shopping Center, and the Nebraska State Fair. The interest in the 1974 show is running very high and many people not in the rock collecting fraternity are already familiar with our big show. It is encouraging to see that we are having such an interested following.

The 1974 show publicity has also been taken to the Crawford and Omaha shows. The Banner was hung and fliers were distributed at both events.

Those who missed the Omaha show missed a "Super Show". Their new building is great—air conditioned and carpeted. Every one of their displays were of National Show caliber. The variety of displays and originality of the individual members made Omaha's show the finest ever.

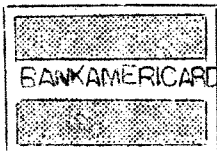
Cecilia Duluk of Detroit, Michigan, has been appointed as a member of the displays committee of which I am chairman for the 1974 show. Ms. Duluk will assist in the area of competitive displays. Already much of her work is reaching the display committee. In addition to being familiar with show set up procedures, Ceil is completely familiar with the uniform rules, having served on this committee in the past.

See you on the 22nd.

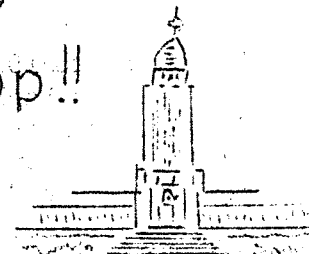
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK -

If you have never gone on the President's field trip you have missed one of the most delightful experiences which your Club has to offer.

Crawford is a favorite place for such trips. Not only is it a fine vacation spot with beautiful scenery, but it is close to an area abounding with some fine materials for the collection and for cutting. Such items as Cycad, Temskya fern, blue agate, red chalcedony, petrified wood, artifacts, prairie agates, and the fabulous Fairburn are hiding there waiting to be picked up.

Best of all is the fellowship one enjoys on such a trip. The fun of hunting together, sharing the pleasure of a good "find" with others, and meeting each other in an informal, carefree vacation-like atmosphere helps friendships to grow.

Don't miss the next President's Field Trip. It is rewarding in many ways. E.U.

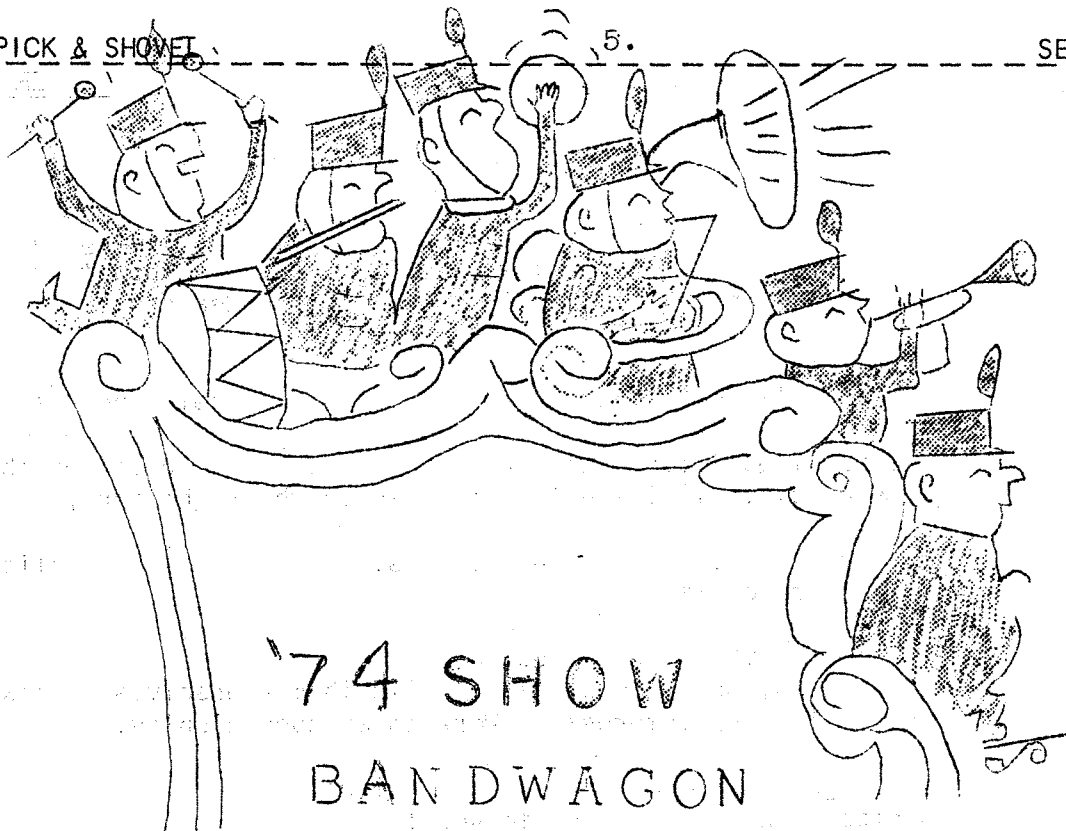
MORE OF THIS AND THAT!...LGMC participation in exhibiting at the Old Settler's Picnic at Hickman brought lots of bystanders to realize the extent of our hobby. Frank and Tom Rule, and Roger Pabian were on hand to help John Harrison who played a big part in the weekend of activities.

Madonna Home grounds held lots of visitors during their summer festival in which LGMC members, Ralph Ulrich, Roger Pabian, Frank and Tom Rule and Norma Miller helped support LGMC's booth and promote the '74 National Show.

And, as stated on another page, LGMC participated in the Gateway Shopping Center's Hobby Month promotion and received recognition in the form of a donation towards '74 Show advertising.

At the time of this writing good reception is being received at the LGMC booth at the State Fair where Virginia Green is working from 10AM to 2PM each day and Art Howlett from 2PM to 6PM each day. We're reaching not only Nebraska people but out of state as well.

PLAN YOUR '74 DISPLAY RIGHT NOW...Roger will pass application forms out at our next meeting for space at the '74 National Show...if you wish to display you must get on the ball and BE PREPARED...MAKE IT THE BEST YET.



'74 SHOW BANDWAGON

This is your invitation to see the largest Gem & Mineral Show in our area. We are now ready to make our plans known. The buildings have been contracted for, and we feel we have the best area ever to hold this show. Also just to mention, there will be plenty of free parking for all who come.

I might mention here that the dealers are all contracted and ready to be here.

A note of interest. As I figure it, there will be over one mile of dealer tables so you should be able to see and buy what you want.

Also in the area of displays, there will be close to five miles of display tables. Big? I would say so!

Our Feature Display Director has lined up some really super displays. I'm sure he will write more on this.

Also the Special Events Director is working overtime to have something new and different.

We have some nice wholesale dealers coming that will add to the show and will be a great help to the dealers showing here. Also other dealers who will come to buy.

If you have been by the camp grounds you will see that during the fair they were really shaped up with it. And they have promised that by next year all will be in A-1 Shape, so the campers will have an easy place to park within walking distance to the show.

Now to all you who have asked the question - can we show at this show? The answer is YES!!! We want each one to be our guest and to show his cases at this show. Speaking of cases - we will be short so we are asking all who can to bring his own case. As I see it, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime deal for us.

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'74 SHOW BANDWAGON (continued)

This is four Rock Shows all in one and I can't think of anyone not wanting to be part of it. We expect friends from all the states to be here and I know that those who are planning on coming in from far places will add to our endeavor.

This is the place each one of you can help. Make all the outstate rockhounds feel welcome. Plan to spend the full four days out there with us and help when asked.

I'm sure there will be lots of questions that need to be answered and if you think of any call me or drop me a note. I'll see that it gets to the right party.

I might say that the mail has picked up from all levels. We have really publicized this show and everyone is aware of it.

One last reminder. Come to all the meetings so you can keep current. Work on your cases. If you don't have cases, get them built or build them yourselves. Work up a nice display that represents your interests. Work on an open display.

Everyone who displays will get a nice ribbon and certificate stating this is a National Show. What a nice thing to have and to keep!

We will be writing and keeping you posted on what's new.

Please feel free to volunteer for the job you would like. We have plenty of openings that yet need to be filled.

Any questions - call 466-6204 or write 2941 N. 65th, Lincoln, NE 68507

1974 National Show Director, Irl Everett

TIPS BY LEFTY: Did you know that an old diamond saw blade makes an excellent tool for trueing your grinding wheels? If you have a tool rest on your grinding wheels raise it to the center of the wheel. Then lay the old diamond blade flat on the tool rest - use it as you would use any dressing tool. If you do not have a tool rest, cut a piece of 2x4 wood, just as high as the center of the grinding wheel and use this for the tool rest. Use only diamond blades that have some diamonds left in it.

-Frank "Lefty" Rule

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PICK & SHOVEL WINS SECOND

HOORAY AND HALLELUJAH!!! Our bulletin, the Pick & Shovel, and your editor won 2nd Place in the MWF Bulletin Contest at Cincinnati on July 27th. I am so very pleased and proud that if you hear me 'crowing' please forgive as it's my last chance inasmuch as I resigned editorship in January.

This year it was the December issue that was judged by a qualified person outside the federation so if you care to you could dig out our 1972 issue of P & S and see how you would have judged. To clue you in just a bit let me explain - one never knows which month's issue of the bulletin will be judged so you try to make each issue meet a certain standard. That standard is determined by the following point system:

	MAXIMUM POINTS	POINTS SCORED
I. FRONT OR COVER (5)		
A. Does it have the title of the bulletin, and society?	3	3
B. Is it neat and attractive?	1	1
C. Is it dated?	1	1
II. FORMAT (12) (No penalty for the type of reproduction)		
A. Can the bulletin be read easily?	5	5
B. Type clean and corrections neat?	4	4
C. Are the pages numbered?	3	0
III. VITAL INFORMATION (7)		
A. Does it list a return address.	2	2
B. Are names of officers and editor listed?	2	2
C. Is the date, time, and place of regular meeting listed?	3	3
IV. SOCIETY NEWS (42)		
A. Calendar of club events	5	5
B. President's or official message.	3	3
C. Announcements of future meetings.	3	3
D. Are events of other societies announced?	1	1
* E. Committee reports: discussion reports; past meetings; planning reports; editor's column; guests at meetings.	15	12
* F. Treasurer's report; board meetings; study groups; field trips; Secretary's minutes; special exhibits, etc.	6	4
G. Miscellaneous business; club members' news; talks and displays given; community services, etc.	5	5
H. Special projects endorsed by MWF & AFMS such as: Scholarships, Anti-pollution, stamps for food, etc.	4	3
V. FEATURE ARTICLES (16)		
A. Interest	8	7
B. Quality	8	7
VI. ILLUSTRATIONS (5)		
A. Appropriate and accurate	5	4
VII. FEDERATION NEWS (13)		
A. MWF Newsletter and other	10	10
B. AFMS News	3	3
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*Not all of these are necessary but merely indicates the extent to which this section may be extended.

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PICK & SHOVEL WINS SECOND (continued)

The Breakfast was well attended and MC'd by MWF Bulletin Chairman, Paul Good. He is truly devoted to his job in the federation and does his best to help editors establish and produce better bulletins with his quarterly issue of helpful hints and information.

Panel members, Ellis Courter, Kay Jensen, Russ McFall, Nancy Schultze and June Zeitner, gave helpful and interesting tips on "How to and Not to". I will make a list of these to be placed in the editor's file for future reference.

One of the most interesting statements of the day was made by Ellis Courter who said, "Show me a good bulletin and I'll show you a good club." Does that tell you anything about LGMC?

There were 69 entries in the regular bulletin contest and your ex-editor won SECOND! There are 245 clubs in MWF so where does that indicate the possible standing of LGMC?

First Place went to Ellis Courter, an editor-publisher in his own right who produces an excellent bulletin, The Conglomerate.

Thanks to all of you who helped support my efforts - I was truly proud to receive from MWF President, Lee Kirby, the engraved plaque. I feel like I won First Place among the amateurs.

-Norma Miller, ex-editor

1973 MWF BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS

1. Mr. Ellis Courter, The Conglomerate - Michigan Mineral Society (Mich.)
2. Mrs. Norma Miller, The Pick & Shovel - Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. (Nebr.)
3. Mr. Willard Lamb, The Pyriter - Dallas County Rock Club, (Iowa)
4. Mrs. Betty Rasmussen, The Niagara Ledger - East Cent. Wisc. Rock & Min. Club (WI)
5. Mr. Willis Smith, The Geode - McDonnell Douglas Gem & Mineral Society (MO)
6. Miss Marcella Langfeld, The Pick & Dop Stick - Chicago Rock & Mineral Soc. (Ill)
7. Mrs. Helen Beck, The Earth Science News - Earth Science Club of Northern Ill.
8. Mr. Arthur Ferguson, The Glacial Drifter - Grand Rapids Min. Soc., (Mich)
9. Mrs. Joyce Hanchu, The Rockpile - Midwest Min. & Lap. Soc. of Dearborn (Mich)
10. Mrs. Renie Love, Sandscript - Duneland Rock Club (Indiana)

We are very happy that our bulletin for 1972 rated so highly in the MWF bulletin contest. We knew we had a good bulletin, and we are glad others deemed it so.

A good bulletin doesn't just happen. It takes a lot of thought, a lot of planning, and a lot of work. Norma Miller, our past editor and her staff, really put forth a lot of time and effort into giving us a prize-winning bulletin. They deserve a lot of credit, and we are grateful to them for bringing this distinction to our club.

-Evelyn Ulrich

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER BULLETIN IS THE 5TH...and DON'T YOU FORGET IT...IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE EDITOR TO ORGANIZE MATERIAL WHEN SHE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE IT IN HAND WHEN THE DEADLINE COMES...and then receives it finally on publishing date! To those of you who get your copy to her on time (and on stencil yet)...we are most grateful...you are what keeps us trying. Remember, if your copy is not in editor's hands by 5th of month it will not be printed in that issue. EU and nm and another PLEASE-ppp(also an ex) from the publisher



GLENNA'S GLEANINGS

Card showers celebrated Golden Wedding Anniversaries for C. Ray & Marian Waddle and Julius & Myrtle Young this summer. Many Happy Returns!

Congratulations are in order for 4-H members, the Pebble Pups, for eight purple and two blue ribbons on their fossil and mineral cases at the County Fair.

Rod Woodcock visited his mother in Fremont prior to returning to college. He spent the summer working in a copper mine in Silver City, NM.

Frances Tracy is home recuperating from her recent surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams of Davenport asked me to convey to members their thanks for the cards and letters, calls and visits, flowers and gifts while Estelle was recovering from July surgery.

Former club president G. W. McKinney is making a slow recovery from a recent heart attack in Lincoln General Hospital.

Several members are proud possessors of new RVs. Among them are the Vernon Hellers with a Winnebago motor home and the Hal Janzens with a Silver Streak trailer.

Gladys Jeurink and Flossie Litzenberg won honors at a Lincoln Flower Show recently.

Evy & Ruth Weber are proud grandparents to a baby granddaughter, Mary Ann, born to Mr. & Mrs. Terry Weber in Thailand. They will return to the States early in December.

Phyllis Parks is the proud recipient of a cute fossil train made by Vone Luthi who displays at our show each year. Let's ask her to bring it to a meeting, huh?

Enjoyed a long catch-up visit with Kay Ulrich who spent the summer in St. Louis with their daughter and family.

Two weddings: Laurie, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Don Gless of Fremont was married to Jim Smith on May 19th, and Joyce, daughter of Mrs. Joella Olson became the bride of Jay Sheppard on July 14th. Much happiness to them!

Tom Simmons is at home now making a good recovery from his surgery. Isn't ready to go rockhunting yet though, he says.

A former member, Leslie Miller, has moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where he will attend University and his wife Joan will be working at the

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Community College nearby. Lots of luck in your new venture.

Last, may I add George's and my own sincere thanks for all the beautiful things done by fellow club members to make his recovery from a heart attack so much more pleasant. He hopes to return to his job in late September.

Till next time--Glenna McGinnis

1973 MIDWEST FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT

The M.W.F. delegates meeting was called to order by the President, Lee M. Kirby, July 28, 1973, with 91 certified delegates present, representing 30% of the clubs, which constituted a quorum.

Minutes of the previous meeting, the treasurer's report, State Directors' and chairmen's reports were approved and accepted.

The treasurer's report showed a receipt of \$10,326.59 from Nov., 1972 through July 23, 1973. Disbursements through this same period came to \$8,712.14, leaving a balance of \$4,342.77.

A resolution recommended by the Waterford Gem & Mineral Club's Board of Directors to this delegation in regards to censure of those member societies that knowingly and wilfully violate terms of a collection permit granted to a Member Society by a property owner was passed after an amendment to the resolution was added and voted upon.

All changes proposed in By-Laws of Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies were passed. These were: No longer to have Earth Science Magazine be the Federation's Official Magazine; Renumbering of all following Articles to take account of this deletion; making the number of assistants to the State Directors more flexible and reflecting changes in committee titles.

The names of Dr. Kiril Speroff and Russell Greer were proposed for honorary membership and passed.

A suggestion was made that local club By-Laws be checked to be sure they comply with IRS tax exemption status.

Ralph Ulrich gave a very enthusiastic and well-received report on the upcoming 1974 National Gem & Mineral Show hosted by our club.

Merrill Dykema, Junior Activities Chairman, reported a need to develop a more meaningful program for our Pebble Pups and appealed for suggestions and a request for a room in which to hold a workshop and seminar at the '74 National Show.

There was a discussion in regards to commercial shows hurting rock club shows and a recommendation that local clubs not support these shows and that they alert business of possible misrepresentation by the commercial group.

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The following slate of officers was presented and unanimously accepted;

President: Mark Harris, Columbia, Missouri
1st Vice-President: Terry Huizing, Cincinnati, Ohio
2nd Vice-President: Howard J. Taylor, Lincoln, Nebraska
Secretary: Jean Reynolds
Treasurer: Mrs. Joseph McCloskey

The meeting was very capably conducted by our retiring President, Lee Kirby. It was indeed a pleasure to be a part of the MWF Council Meeting, and I thank the Board of Directors for the privilege of representing the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club.

Respectfully submitted
-Marie C. Wells, Delegate

THE HUGH GLASS STORY

"The year was eighteen hundred twenty three"---

To fans of our esteemed honorary member, Dr. John G. Neihardt, this line has much meaning. In late summer 1823, old Hugh Glass, hunter for the Ashley-Henry band of trappers and adventurers, fought an angered grizzly while hunting game for those eighty up-stream men.

This was near the forks of the Grand River in northwest South Dakota. His comrades then stole his survival gear and left him alone--to die in the wilderness. The amazing old graybeard revived, and filled with revengeful hate made the famous crawl nearly 200 miles to Ft. Kiowa, near modern Chamberlain, South Dakota.

That unbelievable feat and his search for the betrayers provides "the precious saga stuff" in Neihardt's Song of Hugh Glass, first published in 1915. This was the first to be written of the five Songs in the incomparable epic A Cycle of the West, which required 18 years of effort over a period of 29 years. The poet wrote the Songs in the order of gathering pertinent material, rather than historical sequence.

Imitators have written books, magazine features, and motion pictures simulating Neihardt's work. The touch of genius in his writings is self-evident!

In late July, 1923, a century after the crawl, a small mounment was built and dedicated near the point where the fight with the grizzly occurred. My wife and I, newlyweds from Murdo, were invited to attend the monument-building event; our Model T, loaded with camping equipment, helped us in this memorable trip.

After the 1923 Hugh Glass monument event we then joined the Neihardt party and traveled many miles together while the poet was gathering local information for his Song of the Indian Wars. This was the real beginning of our close friendship. My own acquaintance began before 1923. Since 1967 the white-haired "word-sender" has been our house-guest. He was 92 last January 8,--and he is still working on the second volume of his autobiography.

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The Hugh Glass Park was begun several years ago near the Hugh Glass Monument, bordering the big Shadehill reservoir on the Grand River forks. Trees were planted to augment the native flora, and attractive recreational facilities were provided. Incidentally, that whole area is a rock-hound's heaven. Neihardt, in his Hugh Glass story, recognized the abundant petrified wood as "ghosts of an ancient forest."

Last July 13, the Hugh Glass Park was ready to be formally dedicated. Since the poet was physically unable to travel so far to give the ceremonial words, I had the great honor to deliver his personal message, together with my own, relating to the entire occasion and the nostalgic setting. Herewith, I respectfully present Dr. Neihardt's dedication paper.

Submitted by-Julius D. Young

July 13, 1973

Members of the Lemmon Chamber of Commerce, ladies and gentlemen:

It was my intention to be with you on this great day, but owing to illness I am unable to come. My old friend, J. D. Young, has kindly consented to read this message to you. You may be sure, however, that my heart and soul are with you there, and I thank you for your thought of me.

When I was a young man in the heyday of my writing years it was my habit to dedicate my books to the children of my family as they came along. When my Song of Hugh Glass was completed after three years of devoted effort, I dedicated it to my only son, Sigurd, then scarcely three. The dedication ran thus:

TO SIGURD, SCARCELY THREE

When you are old enough to know
The joys of kite and boat and bow
And other suchlike splendid things
That boyhood's rounded decade brings,
I shall not give you tropes and rhymes;
But, rising to those rousing times,
I shall ply well the craft I know
Of shaping kite and boat and bow,
For you shall teach me once again
The goodly art of being ten.

Meanwhile, as on a rainy day
When 'tis not possible to play,
The while you do your best to grow
I ply the other craft I know
And strive to build for you the mood
Of daring and of fortitude
With fitted word and shapen phrase,
Against those later wonder-days
When first you glimpse the world of men
Beyond the bleaker side of ten.

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That was in 1915, more than half a century ago. I have kept my promise to the boy of ten and made the kites, and boats and bows; I have built the mood of daring and of fortitude for the growing man, exemplified by old Hugh Glass.

I watched my boy grow old--and full of sleep--and now that it has been getting later and later for me recently, it thrills me to think innumerable men, women, and children will spend happy times in this recreation park near where Hugh Glass fought alone for life.

And may many learn the great lessons set forth in Hugh Glass. For instance:

"nor might treachery recall the miracle of being loved at all."

And also:

"The duty and the beauty of endeavor, the privilege of going on forever, a victor in the moment!"

Again, I thank you for this very special honor that has come to me in the dedication of this Hugh Glass Park.

Sincerely,
(signed) John G. Neihardt

ADD

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 12-14 Greater Detroit International Gem & Mineral Show,
Light Guard Armory, Detroit, Mich.

To the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club:

May we again thank the many members who gave us such a wonderful card shower for our June 6, 1973 Golden Wedding Anniversary? The flowers too, were beautiful. And Marie Carveth's Vaja Con Dios tribute was a real gem, - bless you, Marie!

Sincerely,
Myrtle & Julius D. Young

We also wish to thank you for your fine coverage pertaining to our Poet Laureate and his recent illness. He was able to attend the annual Neihardt Day at Bancroft, August 5, and with his usual determination his second volume of Autobiography is progressing. He is still the focal point for many cultural projects and activities.

Yours

Julius D. Young

NOVICES "WET FEET" AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA ANNUAL SWAP

...by Vone Luthi

The latter part of summer, when vacations are past and rockhounds have collected a lotta loot from every corner of the USA, a rash of Rock Swaps break out across our country. The Lincoln, Nebraska and Missouri, are two of them near enough we can make it from Topeka in a few hours.

Aug. 4-5, Lincoln, Nebraska held their annual swap and Len and I loaded ourselves into the van and took off at 4:30 Friday evening. Gas stations were open all along the way so we kept the tank full. We arrived at the National Guard Park in Lincoln at 8 PM and the wooded area was already filling with trucks, campers, vans, trailers and tents. Tables were in place and 'goodies' on display beside many vehicles.

We'd been concerned about George (Curly) McGinnis who had suffered a heart attack recently and we asked about him. We were told he was sitting on the tailgate of his wagon visiting with some fellas. Glad he was able to be out, we made our way thru the trees to the group. More familiar faces, from two years of displaying at their show-surprised to see us, made us feel welcome. Glenna McGinnis was sitting beside the wagon in their "living-room", where a large fiber rug, with folding chairs and lounge, had been spread out behind their tables. Another friend, Mary McNamar from Des Moines, was there. We visited, were introduced to many new people, and were welcomed by more, who I wasn't aware would remember us - by name yet. Delightful! At 10:30 we left Ed and Mary's trailer and crossed a silent sleeping campground to our van, carefully avoiding tie ropes, folding chairs, and grills standing like sentinels, awaiting the big day Saturday.

I awoke to silence at 6 AM, dressed, fixed breakfast, and battened down the van for the field trip at 10:00. We took some of our creations, on a hostess tray enlarged with masonite for a table, and set them out against a tree, and wandered about until Larry Bigley arrived with the papers to be signed for the field trip. Len went to sign for us, but I had to do my own, so, off to the area where a large white parachute had been hung in the trees to protect the coffee urn and, later, food, from the ever present elm tree worms and their dust. A large generator ran softly to keep the urn going and any other electrical hookups the campers needed. In a short time we were ready to leave for Weeping Water and the quarry. Back in the van went our Little People, "Naturelys", packed in nothing flat, and stored in the refrigerator, since it burned out a coil when we were in the mountains, space being a premium in vans.

The quarry site had a river running through it and yielded a prolific number of large horn corals which make beautiful cabs. I found some small ones, and a few brachs which are not plentiful in that particular spot. The fossils are light cream color and much easier to clean than those from our yellow limestone and chert.

I've learned to take my keys for the van when we go rock or fossil hunting, since I get weary sooner than Len, and I can rest a bit and go again. When I went back to the van I found only one other couple there, all the other cars were gone. I sounded that "Charge" horn Len has on the van, waited a while with no results. With all the water and steep slopes in other parts of the quarry and knowing Len ranges farther than I can, I was a little shook and set out to look for him. The sun was very hot and I very weary, so, when Larry's truck came round the bend with Len in it, paused to tell me they'd gone to a spot where the 'big ones' are, where it is very steep and they were happy they'd found some, I ambled back up the hill like I hadn't been fit to be tied at all. Imaginations are horrible at times!

We stopped for gas and ice before returning to the park, since Sunday's field trip was to Beatrice, from where we would head for home rather than going back to Lincoln. As we parked the van, Pat Lawson drove up to tell us that Phyllis Parks, a railroad
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LINCOLN NEBRASKA SWAP (continued) by Vone Luthi

buff, would be over later to get the train. I'd brought along the train Phyllis wanted at their show in May. I set up our display, visited a bit, intended to rest after she left, but I spent the afternoon talking with people, swapping for rocks and green stuff, listening to the funny comments about our Fossil "Naturelys" and just enjoying it all.

There was everything in rock available, plus many craft items, from chenille skunks, little covered wagons made from tree limbs by a youngster, to plastic clocks and tables with slabs imbedded, each showing the ingenuity of its creator.

We hadn't known about the pot-luck supper Saturday night, so were minus a dish to take. The McGinnis' had fixed extra food, for extra people who couldn't stay, and insisted we join the group, bring bread and butter and ourselves. It was like the last day of school picnics of yore, except I can't eat as I did then, darn it. Following supper, a Bohemian Band, some of whom belong to the rock club, played a wide variety of familiar melodies well into the evening. After supper I went to rest but the toe-tapping music revitalized me - so Len and I went looking at more displays. We decided to trade our green stuff for things we can use to cut and cab. Larry Bigley came to tell us the time for Sunday's field trip was set up to 8:30 from 10:00, so he could get the group back in time for the watermelon feed and auction at 1:00. It was almost dark so we hurriedly chose what we wanted to trade our folding green for, to the penny, when Phyllis and her family came. She paid for the train sight-unseen, as it was well packed for traveling. We retired into the van where Len had made some coffee, bless him! I remembered we wouldn't have much time in the morning to bid our friends goodbye til next time, and set out in the semi-darkness to do so. At Ed and Mary's, I went in to look at a big pile of beautiful crinoid pictures Roger Pabian had. Golly! Such specimens I've never seen! Then I left, saying we'd see them at our show in Topeka in October. The musicmakers closed their concert, which had been delightful. People drifted off among the trees to their appointed places of rest, voices called back and forth for a while, then the lights went out and the generator was silent. The end of a very long, thoroughly wonderful day.

Waking at 6 AM, doing the breakfast and dishes bit, we were ready to travel at 7:00. Ed and Mary came to tell Len goodbye and Larry came to see if we'd gotten up. He'd threatened to set off a cherry bomb under the van if we weren't up when he arrived. With our alarm clock at home, I wasn't sure we'd waken early after the day before.

We signed the trip sheet, told more of those we'd come to know better to come to our show, thanked them for their wonderful hospitality, and at 8:30 the caravan headed for the sand and gravel pits near Wilbur, Nebraska. We found agate, bone, wood, iron-stone crinoids, and to make my day, I found two 1" by 1/2" pieces of red, agatized bryozoa with the pores very distinct. Roger Pabian verified it when he came along later. At noon some of the group left, some stayed - we found a shady spot by the road to fix lunch, pack the rocks for travel, make coffee for the trip home, then headed South. At a rest stop we scanned the roadside and found geodes with calcite crystals.

We arrived home at 5:00, unpacked perishables, Len set the bags of goodies we'd found out on the terrace, then we fell asleep from exhaustion. Over big burgers later, we decided to attend the Lincoln, Missouri swap, September 22-23. It's farther away and we'll be worn to a frazzle, yes, but there is something about the Rock Swaps that make going to them very worthwhile. I think it's the people you meet, their friendliness, their willingness to lend a hand if needed, and most of all the feeling you've been there before, when you haven't, and you are WELCOME!

Before the winter sets in, do yourself a favor - attend the Missouri Swap - take along whatever you have collected (there is no selling at the Missouri swap) and having some-

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA SWAP (continued)

by Vone Luthi

thing to start out with is important. In any case, go - enter into the spirit of things - take the field trips for Mozarkite and fossils - ENJOY!!! Live a little - live a lot - attend the Swaps!

(We are printing this article from the Glacial Drifter because it will no doubt be interesting to many of our club members. We are glad that our friends from Kansas enjoyed our Swap and "lived a little" and "lived a lot" in Lincoln. EU)

The following item written by Mrs. Harold Lathrop in The Murdo Coyote was submitted by Art Howlett:

A quarter ton piece of petrified tree has been lying near the front entrance to the Murdo High School building for many years. Is it possible that some students or teachers may have given thought as to where it came from or who was responsible for placing it there? In case you have wondered, this man was Julius D. Young, now residing in Lincoln, Nebraska, formerly a science teacher in Murdo High, who discovered wood in the Bad Lands on a week end while picnicing and exploring.

At this time the high school classes met in the upper story of the frame building on the Grade School grounds. Late in the fall of 1922 the students gathered their books and materials together and moved into the new High School building. The next spring, after obtaining permission to do so, Young borrowed a truck and with his fiance along drove to the Bad Lands where he hired two men to help them slide the rock up bridge planks and into the truck. It was so heavy that two tires blew out and he had to stop and patch them before reaching home. They later deposited the rock near its present location at Murdo High.

J. D. Young and his wife, the former Myrtle Fallback, are now retired and live in Lincoln, Nebraska. They are avid rock hounds and whenever they come to Murdo to visit, they also stop and admire "their rock."

VANDALS DESTROYING ANCIENT ROCKS CARVINGS IN MOHAVE via THE LINCOLN JOURNAL...Sacramento, Calif - California's Mojave Desert is a giant treasure chest of primitive art. But federal officials report it is being lost to an army of vandals with highspeed drills, jack hammers and bulldozers.

Thanks largely to the popularity of four-wheel drive and other off-road vehicles, Isaac Eastvold said vandals are destroying or removing the ancient rock carvings of the desert at a rate that will destroy virtually all of them within 15 years.

In some cases, the carvings are more than 5,000 years old, said Eastvold, who has been conducting a photographic inventory of the desert "petroglyphs" - or stone carvings - for the U. S. Bureau of Land Management.

During the 13 months he has been working on the survey, about one-fourth of the carvings he has photographed already have disappeared, Eastvold said in an interview Tuesday.

"American tourists spend thousands of dollars to see the prehistoric art in the caves of France and Spain when they have the greatest display in their own backyard," Eastvold said. "The Mohave Desert alone has more prehistoric art than any other place in the entire world."

"At the present rate of destruction, 80 per cent will be gone in 15 years. The ones left will be so badly mutilated we won't have to worry about interpretive or protec-

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VANDALS DESTROYING (continued)

tive programs," he said. He said museums, universities and public agencies contribute to the vandalism problem by publishing the locations of the Indian rock carvings. There are more than 1,000 sites in the Mojave alone, he said.

BLM spokesman Jerry Harrell said that while it is against federal law to damage or remove the petroglyphs he cannot remember the last case to be prosecuted.

Harrell said the BLM BELIVES most of the stolen artifacts end up in the private collections of those who take them, "but there definitely is some commercial traffic in them." "They use everything from dynamite to jack hammers to chisels" to remove the carvings, Harrell said. There also is evidence that high-speed drills and bulldozers have been used to break loose carvings, he added.

COLLECTORS BEWARE!

Considering the many articles in hobby magazines about increasing legislation against collection, it seems a good time to review existing laws. If you are a field tripper read on - ignorance of the law is no excuse and you may save hundreds of dollars and/or an extension of your vacation for a stay in some jail.

Since 1906 it has been illegal to collect 'any object of antiquity' found on public domain. This act not only prohibits collecting but excavations, damages or destruction of Indian ruins, heiroglyphs, pottery, human remains and artifacts. The penalty for such acts is up to \$500 fine and jail for up to 90 days or both.

Vertebrate fossils are also protected by the Antiquities Act which is being more thoroughly enforced than ever before in the Western states. Vertebrate fossils are rare and the removal of any piece may be a great loss to science. South Dakota is prosecuting violators of the Antiquities laws. It should be noted that invertebrate fossils are not covered by the act; but should you find remains of vertebrates you are expected to notify the nearest BLM and a university.

As you know, there is a 'bag limit' on petrified wood of 25 pounds and one piece a day but not more than 250 pounds a year. This, of course, means wood collected on unrestricted lands of public domain. There is no limit except your purse for collecting on commercial lands. Collecting wood in public domain for commercial purposes requires a permit from the governing agency.

Generally, collecting rocks and gemstones for recreational purposes is permitted on public lands but ever increasing numbers of restricted areas make it necessary for an individual to inquire about restrictions BEFORE collecting. A site you may have read about in a hobby magazine or guidebook may now be 'out of bounds'. It has always been against the law to collect rocks, minerals or vegetation in National Parks and Monuments or Historical Sites. Now you are forbidden to do so on lands surrounding lakes, reservoirs and dams managed by the Army Corps of Engineers, expanded wilderness areas, along streams and rivers protected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Program, some lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, National Forest lands, and some States Parks and beaches. In all of these areas collecting is unlawful whether or not the surface is disturbed.

Gems and Minerals, May 1971, p. 41 cautions reader to have an owner's written permission to enter on private land. In the Crystal Peak area near Florissant, Colo., a property owner cut across private lands to get to his land and was arrested and fined \$100. The D. A. stipulated that land does not have to be posted and that you

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COLLECTORS BEWARE! (Continued)

are guilty of trespass whenever you leave the road and enter property not your own!

Know and respect existing laws. Protect the reputation that rockhounds have for being ecology-minded conservationists and responsible citizens who appreciate the Creator's treasures. Help preserve this hobby for future generations and help yourself to enjoy it without penalty. **KNOW THE LAW!**

Reprinted in part from Rock Ramblings - by Joanne Cline, via The Rock Box

SAFETY GEMS via ROCK DUST

Articles on the use of 'R.V.'s' indicates the prevalence of battery failure. A major problem when in a remote area. Here are some hints on jumper cable use, some commonly known some I hadn't thought of but make good sense.

1. A cheap set of jumper cables may not have adequate sized conductors to carry the starter load which is 200 to 250 amperes normal, plus the drag of cold stiff transmission. Use at least #4 copper leads and one size heavier for aluminum. Longer cables need larger wire. The plastic insulation on light weight conductors has been known to melt during a long heavy pull and a nasty burn result should you grab one to quickly pull it from the battery when smoking.

2. Count the cell caps on both batteries to verify they are of the same voltage. 6 caps = 12 volts, 3 caps = 6 volts for older cars.

3. Remember, battery use, charge and discharge releases explosive hydrogen gas. A loose clamp sparking can touch off an explosion that frequently even enters the filler holes and may blow the battery to pieces scattering sulphuric acid everywhere. Water is needed to flush acid from the skin immediately especially the eyes. An old battery under heavy load or discharge has even been known to short and spark inside causing a serious blow up. I doubt though that any of us would trust old equipment out into a remote area and have a thorough check made on such an important item for a field trip.

4. Cars start easier in 'neutral' than in 'park'.

5. Turn off all accessories in both cars to avoid damage.

6. A Very good idea, usually not followed,

is to run the helping car for 15 minutes or so connected to the low battery to re-charge it. Then turn off the helping car using just the 2 batteries. It could save a regulator or the alternator diodes in the helping car in the right situation.

7. Toy electric trains and accessories operate on 12 to 20 volts and no one gets shocks, so you can feel safe from shocks on a 12 volt battery but again the sparks from connecting or disconnecting or a loose cable clamp can be far more dangerous. Have baking soda and water at hand to neutralize the acid should it contact your skin. A battery with clean contacts and top holds a charge much longer than one with a lot of corrosion build up.

-Harry Domke, Safety Chairman.

via the Jaspilite...to keep bugs away, wear bright colors; go to the grocery and buy oranges, not bananas. Bananas are sweet and attract bugs; mosquitos are attracted to chemicals in the fruit. Oranges are fine - eat the orange, rub the peel on the skin. The oil acts like oil of citronella and repels mosquitos, blackflies, bees and wasps.

via AFMS NEWSLETTER...after digging for specimens, carefully refill the holes. Take care if hunting under ledges that no one is above you or that there is even the remotest danger of a cavein. On top of ledges, be alert for anyone below. Never reach or step where you cannot see. Take care when walking in a grassy or weeded area. A rock scoop, a ski pole converted to a scoop, or any similar tool should be used to move, turn over and pick up stones. This will save your back and protect your hands.

More next month...maybe.

1974 SHOW COMMITTEE AND STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Show Director Irl Everett called a special meeting of the entire group of Division Directors and the Steering Committee, which was held at his home on August 9, 1973, at 7:30 P. M. Present were Steering Committee Ralph Ulrich, Irl Everett, Bruce Simon and Howard Taylor; Division Directors Marie Wells-Publicity, Roger Pabian-Displays, Norma Miller-Reservations, Jim Parks-Recognitions, Marie Taylor-Features, Howard Taylor-Dealers, George Balke-Security, Ralph Ulrich-Administrative Assistant, Phyllis Parks-Secretary, and John Harrison-Building and Site-replacing Don Lawson who has submitted his resignation.

Each Division was discussed and reports were called for by Irl as almost everything was reviewed. It was stressed that each director must of necessity cooperate with the rest in order that all of the divisions could be effective. Some jobs hinge directly on the complete reports of the other divisions-for example- recognitions. The program and ribbons, etc. can not be completed until the lists are presented.

John Harrison had several questions regarding the job he is to do and space requirements. A special meeting was planned so that he could go into it more thoroughly.

From now on each Division is to carry on with their individual meetings and proceed with the necessary work.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Parks

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Once again I should like to call for special attention by all club members in the matter of stories, news releases, clippings, pictures or any other interesting information which pertains to the 1974 National Gem and Mineral Show. Please bring to the attention of the Secretary and her committee, consisting of Evelyn Ulrich in care of History and Thomas Rule in charge of Photography. Also working with this committee will be Marita Bigley. We don't want to miss anything which should go in this volume so this note is especially aimed at all division chairmen with regards to their correspondence and paperwork. Lets make this the most complete work of its kind--just as we hope this will be the best show to date.

from Phyllis Parks

BOARD MINUTES-----

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club board meeting was held August 30, 1973 in room 122 at Nebraska Hall.

Board members present: Roger Pabian, Nelda Oliver, Howard Taylor, Ralph Ulrich and John Harrison, Jr.. Committee members: Evelyn Ulrich, Art Howlett, Phyllis Parks, Norma Miller and Marie Wells.

The Minutes of the June and July meetings were read. Motion by Howard Taylor to approve as read, seconded by Ralph Ulrich.

The Treasurers report was sent in and read by the President. Bills were presented. Motion by Ralph Ulrich to pay bills as read, seconded by Howard Taylor. Don Carter sent in bill for \$41.61 for rock swap expenses. Motion by Ralph Ulrich to approve, seconded by John Harrison. To date Rock Swap shows profit of \$30.85, unless other expenses come in.

President, Roger Pabian read a letter received from the Gateway Merchants Association thanking the club for showing at the sidewalk hobby show at Gateway. A donation in form of check for \$25.00 was sent also as a thank you. After discussion, Ralph Ulrich made motion we accept the check for \$25.00 from the Gateway Merchants Association and earmark it for advertising for the 1974 show budget, seconded by John Harrison.

The President read financial reports on 1973 show, it appears the show was a very good one. Tentative profit from the show to date \$695.00.

President, Roger Pabian showed an award the LGMCM won for the State display at Cincinnati Nat'l show for the Nebr. exhibit. Howard Taylor won an All American Honorable mention award and Norma Miller won second place in the editors bulletin award. Certificate to be filed with club history.

Roger Pabian read articles in the August Lapidary Journal, Sept. Gems & Minerals and the Midwest Newsletter in this P & S, about the joint effort of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club and the Geological Survey financing the Field Trip Guides published by the University of Nebraska.

Old Business: Art Howlett still needs a typist for the Pick & Shovel.

Marie Wells reported nine children in 4-H displayed at County Fairs. Six of these cases were chosen for the State Fair. No Trophy awarded, because the premium list was printed before this project got under way. They were displayed at the State Fair for publicity.

New Business: The President discussed with the Board about 'Commerical Shows! After an explanation, Ralph Ulrich made motion that Roger Pabian as President, compose a letter to circulate to each member to outline the evils & Pitfalls of the commerical type Gem Show and asking members to protect the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club by not displaying in the name of Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. Seconded by John Harrison. Marie Wells, Howard Taylor and Ralph Ulrich will help Roger Pabian to compose the first letter. They will be a committee against commerical shows.

Marie Wells read her delegates report. Motion by Ralph Ulrich the report be accepted, seconded by Howard Taylor.

Roger Pabian will direct the treasurer to put \$2000.00 in term certificates and \$2000.00 in transmatic.

Motion to adjourn by John Harrison.

Nelda Oliver, Secretary

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Cincinnati report

The 1973 MWF Convention/Show hosted by the Cincinnati Mineral Society is now a part of history, not soon to be forgotten. This event should be entered in the annals of the Cincinnati Mineral Soc. as their finest hour. The excellent facilities, superb quality of exhibits, lectures, and demonstrations along with the gracious hospitality of the members of the Cincinnati Mineral Soc. will place this event well up in the list of outstanding Convention/Shows held through-out the country. All the members of the host Society should be very proud of their achievements.

At the MWF Council Meeting on Saturday July, 28, the following items were acted upon:

The proposed By-Laws changes were voted upon and accepted.

The MWF added two more dedicated persons to its list of Honorary Members, they are Dr. Kiril Spiroff, Houghton, MI and Russell Greer, Muskegon, MI. Both of these men are extremely deserving of such recognition.

Dr. Dwayne D. Stone, Marietta, Ohio was introduced as presidential appointee to the Board of Electors of the Scholarship Foundation for the MWF.

The Nominating Committee slate for the offices of the Federation was elected to office for the year 1973-74, they are: President, Mark Harris; 1st V.P. Terry Huizing; 2nd V.P. Howard Taylor; Secretary, Miss Jean Reynolds; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph McCloskey.

On the Nominating Committee Ballot, slate "A" was elected to serve for a three year term, they are: Dorothy Gleiser and Dean Anderson.

Two resolutions were presented to and acted upon by the Council, the accepted resolutions will be published in the Newsletter.

Last but not least, the "Place To Go In '74" Lincoln, Nebraska, this is only a year away so it is not too soon to start planning for the NATIONAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, June 13-16, 1974, hosted by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Midwest Federation was royally represented at the National Show/Convention at Charlotte, N.C. by the attendance of many Past Presidents and both current Directors. We were justly proud of the MWF in the National competition

State of Nebraska publishes field guides

The state of Nebraska, where the 1974 Midwest-American Federation national show and convention will be held in Lincoln, has just published the first five field guides to its collecting sites. When complete, the series will include 25 such guides. Each guide consists of a bedrock map and cross section across the rocks of southern Nebraska, in color, with several pages folded inside which map and describe each location and illustrate fossils to be found there. Nebraska had previously been mindful of the needs of collectors with its two excellent educational Circulars, "Record in Rock," a handbook of Nebraska's invertebrate fossils, and "Minerals and Gemstones of Nebraska," both by Roger Pabian of the Conservation and Survey division of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln 68508. Price of the guides is 10 cents each.

Of particular interest is the fact that the guides have been financed in large part by the Nebraska Geological Society and the Lincoln Gem and Mineral club. "To the best of our knowledge," Pabian writes, "this is the first time we know of professional and amateur earth science organizations cooperating to help put out a series of publications."

when the MWF Clubs received 18 awards in the All American Club Contest along with three of the four top awards in the National Bulletin Contest. Along with this, three of the MWF Clubs have received 2,000% Placques from the Scholarship Foundation, they are: Richland Lithic and Lapidary Soc., Ohio, 2,000%; West Suburban Lapidary Club, IL, 2,000%; Peru Y.M.C.A. Rock and Mineral Club, Ind., 2,200%. We are also very proud of the MWF Society Members who participated in the AFMS Uniform Rules Trophy Competition with their excellent exhibits.



Johnny Horizon says

**THIS IS YOUR LAND
KEEP IT CLEAN**

Glenn Lee is elected by scholarship fund

Glenn Lee, of Pendleton, Ore., retiring president of the Northwest Federation, was elected president of the Scholarship Foundation Inc., at the AFMS-Eastern Federation convention in Charlotte, NC. He succeeds Paul Seel. Mignon Wagner of the South Central Federation was elected secretary. She has been acting secretary since the resignation of Miss June Lang.

Ellis Courter, treasurer, reported that the Scholarship Fund of the Foundation now is nearly \$150,000, of which more than \$16,000 has come from redemption of Betty Crocker coupons collected by the individual clubs. Income from investment of the Fund is more than adequate, Courter reported, to provide the present scholarships of \$750 a year for two years for six graduate students. One scholar is selected by each of the six regional federations annually. The Foundation may be able to raise the stipend of each scholar, Seel said, by \$50.

Directors elected for 1974 are: Alberta Best, California; David Jensen, Eastern; Russell MacFall, Midwest; Joe Bybee, Northwest; Louis Reeves, Rocky Mountain, and Lester Sunvision, South Central. Directors are the governing body of the Foundation, are the liaison between the AFMS and regional federation, and participate in selection of the Award winners who choose the scholars.

All-American club awards are announced

The winner of the national award in the All American Federation Club competition for public service was the Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley, Calif. Awards were announced by Col. Bertram H. Johnson, chairman of the AFMS Education committee, at the Eastern-AFMS convention in Charlotte, NC

MIDWEST FEDERATION:

TROPHY WINNER: Dallas County Rock Club, Lake County Gem and Mineral Society, Evansville Lapidary Society, and McDonnell Douglas Gem and Mineral Society.

HONORABLE MENTION: Old Capitol Geological Club, Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, Calumet Gem and Mineral Society, Bloomington Mineral Club, Duneland Rock Club, Inc., Flint Rock and Gem Club, and Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society of Dearborn.

PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES: State Line Gem and Mineral Society, The Roamin Club, Gem City Rock Club, Pike County Mineral and Gem Society, Chicago Rocks and Mineral Society, and Michigan Gem and Mineral Society.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW CLUBS

Dry Dredgers (fossil club)
Mr. Roger D. Laib, President
1444 Hill Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

Lewis and Clark Gem and Mineral Society
Russell Harper, President
1809 Whiting Drive
Yankton, South Dakota 57078

Prize winning bulletins receive AFMS awards

Editors from the Midwest Federation made the strongest showing in the AFMS Bulletin Awards given at the AFMS-Eastern Federation show at Charlotte, NC. Otherwise, honors were well divided among the other federations. The contest was directed by Mrs. June Culp Zeitner, AFMS Club Publications committee chairman.

First prize for standard-size bulletins went to the Pyriter of the Dallas County Rock Club, Adel, IA, Willard Lamb editor. Second was The Pegmatite of the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society, San Diego, CA, Ruth Watson editor. Third was The East Bay Nodule, of the East Bay Mineral Society, Oakland, CA, Agnes Hall editor.

Those receiving honorable mention were the Rockpile, the Mineralogical and Lapidary Society of Dearborn, Mich., Joyce Hanschu editor; The Stone Chipper, Austin Gem and Mineral Society, Austin, Texas, Mignon Wagner, editor; The Digger Gold Hill Digger Rock Club, Potlatch, Idaho, Florence Anderson, editor; and The T-Town Rockhound, Tulsa Rock and

Bernard Parr former president of the Midwest Federation, was judge in a new category, that for special publications by a club or federation. His first award was to a special issue of Flint Flashes, bulletin of the Licking County Rock and Mineral Society, Newark, OH, called Safety Tips. The issue was compiled by Howard and Helen Smith. Second place was awarded to the quarterly Bulletin Editors News issued to club editors in the Midwest Federation by Paul Good, of Griffith, Ind.

Mrs. Zeitner placed 612 club bulletins on display in the bulletin booth at the Charlotte show, where more than 80 editors registered. More than 100 persons attended the editors' breakfast, which was in the charge of Bert Kennedy of the Charlotte host club.



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