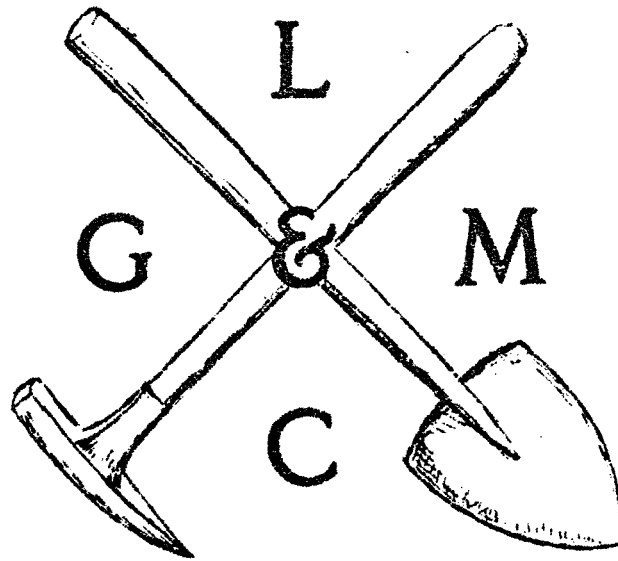


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LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB

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AND NEBRASKA STATE SHOW

JUNE 13-16, 1974

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Over the river and through the woods,
 Now grandmother's cap I spy!
 Hurrah for the fun!
 Is the pudding done?
 Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!



CALENDAR

REGULAR MEETING: Saturday, November 24, 1973, 7:30 p.m.
 W.O.W. Bldg., 734 So. 27th St.

PROGRAM: Frank and Tom Rule will show slides of shows they have attended.

ROCK FEATURE: Open Displays with a fall or winter theme.

BUSINESS: Election of Officers.

REFRESHMENTS: Served by Committee.

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS: Friday evenings, 7:30 p.m., Nebraska Hall - Enter west door, take elevator to 4th floor.

LGMC BOARD MEETING: November 26, 7:30 p.m., Nebraska Hall

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 18th, 3:00 p.m.
 MEMORIAL SERVICE
 Dr. John G. Neihardt
 St. Paul's Methodist Church
 12th and M Streets
 Lincoln, Nebraska

Dec. 8, 1973. Christmas meeting and party.
 Febr. 7-11, 1974 Quartzsite, Arizona - 8th Annual Quartzsite PowWow
 June 13-16, 1974 Lincoln, Nebraska - AFMS-MWF and NAOESCI Show, hosted by Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, State Fair Grounds

Deadline for December Bulletin- ~~DECEMBER 1~~. The December Pick and Shovel will be issued after December 8th. Since it is usually the policy to have the bulletin in your hands 10 days before the meeting, the Christmas Party information follows.

 CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 8, 1973

We will meet at 6:30 PM on December 8, 1973, W.O.W. meeting hall, 734 So. 27th St. Potluck dinner with ham and turkey furnished by the club. Bring your own table service. There will be a gift exchange. Bring a gift if you wish to receive one, value of at least \$1.00 and not to exceed \$2.00. Gift should be marked mens or ladies, adults or juniors. 1974 officers will be installed during the evening.

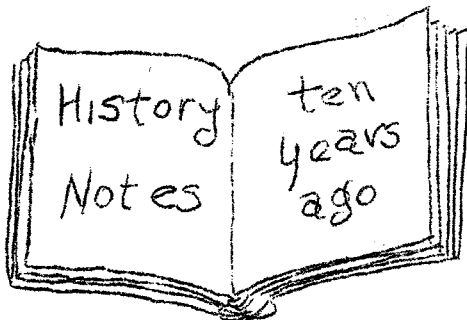
 Don't forget Betty Crocker Coupons for Scholarship

GIVE A HOOT
 DON'T POLLUTE

Last Month

Six guests were present - they were Sarah Capek, Burton Barnes, Ken Wrightsman, Dan Waddle, Kenneth Olson, and Ruth Coleman. The business of the meeting was carried on and the nominating committee report was given. It was recommended by the Nominating Committee that the voting procedure be changed to better utilize our talented members. That is - to go to a vote by elimination rather than the full slate. This procedure has worked well in the State organization. It may be more time-consuming but it gives the candidate the opportunity to allow his name to be placed in nomination in one of the subsequent positions. It was decided, after discussion, to suspend the By-laws for one year to give this procedure a try and that this procedure should take place in the next election of officers (in November, 1974.) A short report was made on the '74 Show progress. Also a request was made for John Lewis for anything that makes a loud bang or noise to be added to his 'noise making' machine which will be a fun feature of the '74 Show. Announcement was made of an open house to be given by Judy (Weber) Louthan in honor of Everett and Ruth Weber, from 1 to 5 PM on Nov. 18th at 7920 Steinway Road.

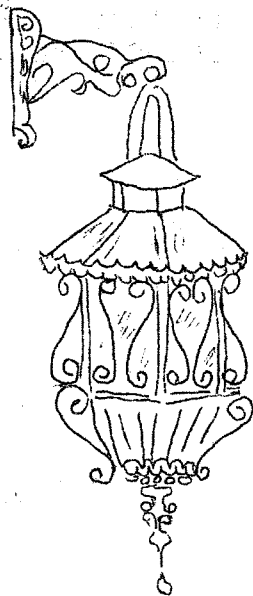
Roger Pabian provided the slide program consisting of pictures of agate slabs. Some agates formed in the Tertiary Age in volcanic ash flow. This silica comes from devitrification of the ash flow - it behaves and acts like liquid - the silica is released to form agate. Some agates are formed by soil erosion. This was a very good rockhound program and really compliments Roger for his photographic ability and his background knowledge. Refreshments provided by Carol and Bob Anderson were enjoyed while everyone caught up on news and events.



Fifty-four members answered roll call at our November meeting. The club voted to donate two picnic tables to the State for use at Fort Robinson.

Mr. Walter Munn presented a lecture and showed slides on the Andamooka Opal area in Australia. We were also given the opportunity of seeing many of Mr. Munn's own opals from this area.

-from the notebooks of historian, Frances Tracy



VAJA CON DIOS - May God Be With You

Cards were sent in the past month to:

Tam Dutcher (get well)
 Rosa Lee Wright (sympathy)
 Marie Wells (get well)
 Dr. Neihardt's family (sympathy)
 Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Young (a book)

A floral spray of bronze mums was F.T.D. to Dr. Neihardt at Columbia, Missouri. The spray consisted of bronze and red mums in the fall colors.

- Marie J. Carveth

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

While I was in graduate college, I served for one year as president of our local chapter of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, a geological honorary. Attendance at the regular meetings was very poor for the first few months that I served in this capacity, until I fell upon a rather novel idea to help increase attendance. With the notice of the regular meeting a small notice was attached. This notice read: "Those not attending may expect to be either elected to an office or appointed to a committee. The following meeting was filled to capacity. I would like to establish this rule especially for the November meeting. Of course, such a ruling would be not in accord with club articles or by-laws. Even if such a rule could be implemented, it would likely fail to serve its purpose because all of those non-regulars showing up would be doing so more to defend themselves than to participate in the meeting and regular club business. We have a very important meeting coming up in November--this is when we elect our officers to serve the club for 1974. Your membership carries with it a duty to participate in election of club officials and our best boards have usually been those selected by the largest portion of the membership. Don't forget the November meeting.

I have urged the 1974 Show Director, Irl Everett to begin holding monthly meetings of the various directors and other interested parties. Such massive committee meetings would not serve to transact or conduct show business but would serve as a forum for each committee to give a report as to where its work had progressed, where it was excelling, and where it was falling down. In other words, the purpose of such meetings would be to inform rather than accomplish.

Our club case won the Sioux Land traveling trophy again. My thanks to Jim and Phyllis Parks, Lynn and Marie Wells, George and Glenna McGinnis, Frank and Ruth Krejci, Don Carter, and Norma Miller, and Herm Spomer. We won by a very slim point margin this year, which shows that the other clubs are having a great deal of success with their own educational and informational programs. Let us not forget that our club is now eighteen years old, whereas some of the other clubs we contended with have yet to celebrate their 5th anniversary. In other words, if we hope to win the trophy again next year, we have a lot of work to do. To quote Coach Osborne, "The big point margins are a thing of the past.

At the January meeting the directors approved to finance the cost of field guides to be published by the Conservation and Survey Division. The first five of these guides are now available and have been since about May. Those members who have not yet picked up their guides may do so at the regular meetings.

We were all saddened by the passing of Dr. Neihardt. A Memorial will be held at St. Pauls Methodist Church, Sunday, November 18, 1973, at 3:00 P.M. The Board has voted to recommend to the membership that the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club donate \$100.00 to the Neihardt Foundation in memory of Dr. Neihardt. Since many of our members were close to Dr. Neihardt, the directors wish for the members to all take part in selecting this memorial.

With distinct possibilities of a fuel shortage ahead in the ensuing months, I have instructed Larry Bigley, the field trip chairman, to investigate the avenue of using a chartered bus to transport members to and from field sites. Such a plan would not need to be implemented until gas rationing actually came about. In the meantime, we can probably make the probability of gas rationing smaller if we do all we can to conserve gas and other petroleum related resources. I covered much of this in my June editorial, but it still holds.

I have begun planning a fossil study group to begin early next year. My year as an administrator is nearly up--it has been much fun, much work, and most educational, but I am not an administrator at heart, so I will be glad to get back into the educational end of club matters. I have explored a whole new avenue of approach to conducting a study group. It will start in January.

See you all at the November meeting.

Roger K. Pabian,
President

EDITORIAL

The subject of my editorial this month is the Club Bulletin. Is a bulletin an important part of the Club's program? I believe that it is, and here are some of my reasons: It's primary function is to bind all important activities of the Club into an easily consulted reminder for all members; it gives the reader information on programs, shows, club projects, field trips, a Newsletter that provides items of interest concerning the Club and its members, and articles related to the hobby. Its primary aim, then, is to keep the membership informed.

There is a lot of time and effort on the part of many people involved in getting the bulletin published and mailed. It is the hope of the editor that each issue will contain items of interest to all readers. One of the best sources of such material is the contribution made by the Club member. There are very many people in our Club who could share very worthwhile information with us via the bulletin. It is your lapidary tip, your rockhounding experience, or your knowledge concerning the hobby that makes interesting reading.

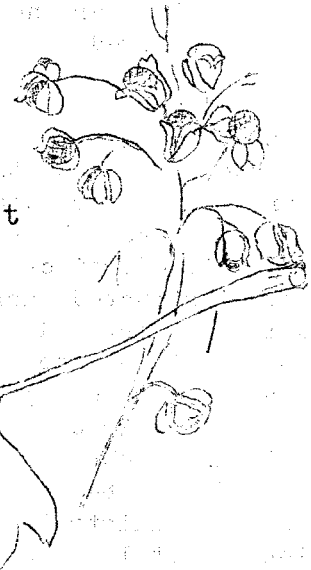
We exchange bulletins with many Clubs throughout the state and nation. They range from Florida to Washington, Texas to Canada, and even Australia. I'm sure the people in those areas are as interested in our contributions as we are in theirs. I find many interesting articles in exchange bulletins which I share with you.

Let's have more articles written by our Club members. This is your bulletin. Feel free to contribute.

--Evelyn

Nebraska State Association Officers

President - Howard Taylor
 Vice-President - Salma Hammond
 Sec'y-Treas. - Mary Wareham
 Board of Directors - Ruby Price,
 Elbert Nuirt



Harvest days are over,
 Nights are growing cold,
 There's a threat of winter
 As the year grows old.

Leaves are gently falling,
 Birds have ceased their song
 Only crows are calling
 Hurrying along.

Far to northward, gleaming
 Northern lights appear;
 Everything is telling
 That windertime is near.

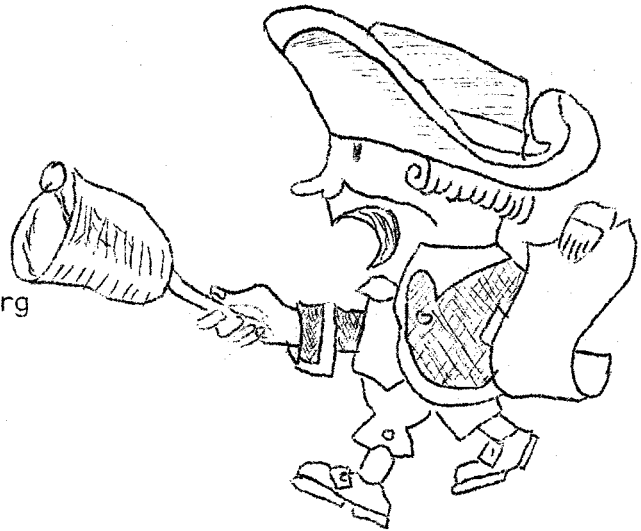
--Ideals



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee, consisting of Norma Miller, Howard Taylor, Frank Rule and Don Carter, has, according to the By-Laws and Constitution of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, prepared the following slate of officer candidates for the year 1974:

President.....Ralph Ulrich
 1st Vice-Pres....Frank Rule
 2nd Vice-Pres....Larry Bigley
 (vote for one) Don Eckel
 Rec. Secretary...Nelda Oliver
 (vote for one) Rosa Lee Wright
 Treasurer.....Hazel Greenwade
 (vote for one) John Harrison
 Flossie Litzenberg
 Board Members... Don Lawson
 (vote for four) Norma Miller
 Tom Simmons
 Herman Spomer
 Howard Taylor
 Marie Wells



The nominating committee has been requested to give a short resume of the background of each of these candidates so everyone will be better acquainted with their involvement in L.G.M.C.

RALPH ULRICH - -has been a member of LGMC for 10 years, plus. Has served as treasurer four years (1968 through 1971). Served as 2nd vice-president the year of 1972. Is currently serving as 1st vice-president. Was chairman of the Float Committee when the Nebraska Centennial Celebration was held. Was LGMC Show Chairman in 1973. Has been a delegate to the MWF conventions two different years. Has been on the MWF Executive Committee as '74 Show Committeeman for 3 years. Is chairman of the 1974 National Show Steering Committee. Has attended MWF shows since 1968 in addition to attending 3 national AFMS shows. Was chairman of the NAOESCI committee to revise its By-Laws to their current wording. Has been delegate to NAOESCI (state organization) meetings three times. Is currently on the committee to investigate the tax status of the state organization.

FRANK RULE - - has been a member of LGMC 10 years, plus. Has served three different years on the Board. Was 2nd-vice-president in 1969 but was forced to resign due to the ill health of his wife, and was absent from Lincoln for a time. He is now back and active. Has worked in three LGMC shows while still held at the Guard Armory, and has worked every show in some capacity except 1972. He has twice been assistant Show Chairman (under Howard Taylor and under Lloyd Lederer). Has helped with the '74 Show promotion with displays at Hickman, Tabitha Home and Gateway Auditorium, in addition to 'showing' at six different shows out of Lincoln this year. Is currently working on the security and building and site committees for the '74 Show.

LARRY BIGLEY - -has been a member two years. Is current Field Trip chairman. Compiled the L.G.M.C. Field Trip Guide. Served as Rock Pile Chairman in '73 Show and has helped with previous shows. Is currently Building and Site Chairman for the 1974 National Show. Participated in '74 Show promotion at Gateway Auditorium.

DON ECKEL - - has been L.G.M.C. member 2 years. Is currently a board member. Has been active on field trips in the past. Served the club Christmas Dinner in 1972. Made the Blacklight Display for the '73 Show. (Don wants the club members to know

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1974 LGMC OFFICER CANDIDATES RESUME (continued)

that due to partial sale of his business and job change his plans are indefinite regarding his stability in the next year or so.

NELDA OLIVER -- has been an LGMC member 5 years. Has served on the Calling Committee 3 years. Is current secretary. Has been active in field trip participation. Has compiled and printed the LGMC Who's Who for three years, and helps with P & S typing.

ROSA LEE WRIGHT-- has been a member of L.G.M.C. 2 years. Has assisted with the 4-H Pebble Pups group. Is currently helping with the typing of stencils for the Pick and Shovel.

HAZEL GREENWADE -- has been LGMC member 5 years. Assisted the Membership Chairman 1 year. Has served 1 year on the Calling Committee. Actively participates in field trips. Has served as treasurer of a woman's club. Helps with bulletin circulation.

JOHN HARRISON -- Has been LGMC member 3 years. Was appointed to the board and served there this past year. Was Information and Registration Chairman for the '73 LGMC Show. Participates in field trips and swaps when he can. Is presently treasurer of the Boy Scout group in his area. Is currently Building & Site director for the '74 National Show.

FLOSSIE LITZENBERG -- has been LGMC member 2 years, plus. Served on LGMC calling committee 1 year. Has been treasurer of Flower Arrangers Guild 4 years. Is currently on Registrations committee for the '74 Show.

DON LAWSON -- has been LGMC member 4 years, plus. Has worked on the show committees in some capacity for 4 years. Was elected to and served 1 year on the board. Was appointed to and served as 2nd Vice-president currently to fill vacancy. Has been active on field trips, swaps and regular meetings when possible.

NORMA MILLER -- has been LGMC member 11 years, plus. Has served as chairman of the nominating committee the past four years. Served as assistant to the bulletin editor 3 years. Served as Bulletin Editor four years, in this time was recognized twice by MWF, the first time placed 7th in bulletin contest in 1970 and was 2nd Place Winner in 1973. Was refreshment committee chairman 1 year. Served as delegate to MWF Conventions at Murdo, Minneapolis, Mansfield, and attended the Ishpeming, Charlotte and Cincinnati conventions free-lance. At present time is serving as Registrations Director for the '74 National Show. Is currently the news reporter for NAOESCI for the club. Was Recognitions and Courtesy chairman for the '73 Show, and has been active in LGMC shows, swaps and field trips.

TOM SIMMONS -- (with Tom out of town these are statistics we have come up with) has been a member 12 years, plus. Was club president in 1964. Served as Field Trip Chairman many years. Worked on set-up committee for several LGMC shows. Was chairman of Working Shop for several years. Has served several terms on the Board. Directed lapidary classes at the Regional Center several years. Has promoted the hobby at Veterans Hospital also. Is counsellor for the Rock & Minerals Merit Badge for the Boy Scouts and his shop has been open many times for tours of school children, scouts, etc. Has helped with Christmas dinners. Was chairman of the Kitchen at several LGMC shows at the Armory. Served as Hospitality chairman. Is currently a board member.

HERMAN SPOMER -- has been LGMC member 3 years. Has assisted with the Working Shop Committee in 1972 and '73. Has contributed to the club case winning the Siouland Travel Trophy. Attends regular meetings when possible.

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1974 L.G.M.C. OFFICER CANDIDATES RESUME (Continued)

HOWARD TAYLOR - - has been LGMC member 12 years. Served as LGMC Show Chairman in 1963 and 1965, and for the Rockrama in 1967. Has served as 1st vice-president in 1967 and as LGMC President in 1968. Has served as board member many terms. Was chairman of the Rock Swap one year, and chaired the State Swap one year. He has served 2 years as second-vice-president of NAOESCI and currently is president-elect of that organization. He has served 2 years as State Director of Nebraska for the MWF. Is currently serving as 2nd vice-president of MWF. He is also a member of the 1974 National Show Steering Committee and is Dealer Director for the '74 Show.

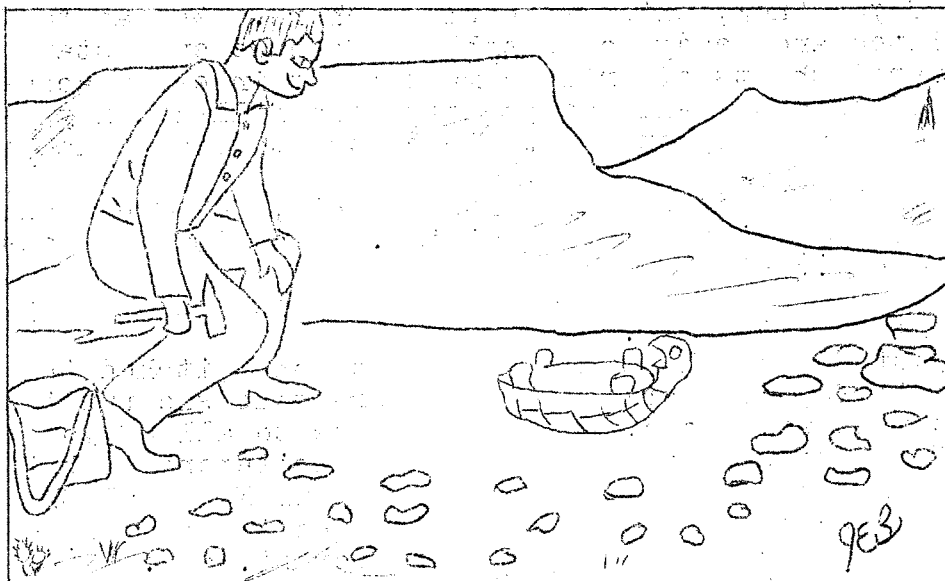
MARIE WELLS - - has been LGMC member 6 years. Served as Refreshment Committee Chairman one year; Also Membership Chairman one year. Was LGMC 1st vice-president in 1971 and served as President in 1972. She was LGMC Show Chairman in 1971. Has served 2 years as 4-H leader of Geology Club (Pebble Pups). Was delegate to the State Assn. (NAOESCI) meeting 2 years and delegate to MWF Convention at Charlotte, N.C. in 1973. Is currently LGMC Program Chairman and Publicity Director for the 1974 National Show.

(You will note, upon consideration, John Harrison withdrew his name from nomination for 1st vice-president inasmuch as he hopes to take more time with family and hobbies after the '74 Show and not move up to the office of president, therefore he allowed his name to be placed as a nominee for treasurer.)

The Nominating Committee thanks all members for your consideration and appreciates your cooperation. It makes for a good feeling when we all work together for our common good.

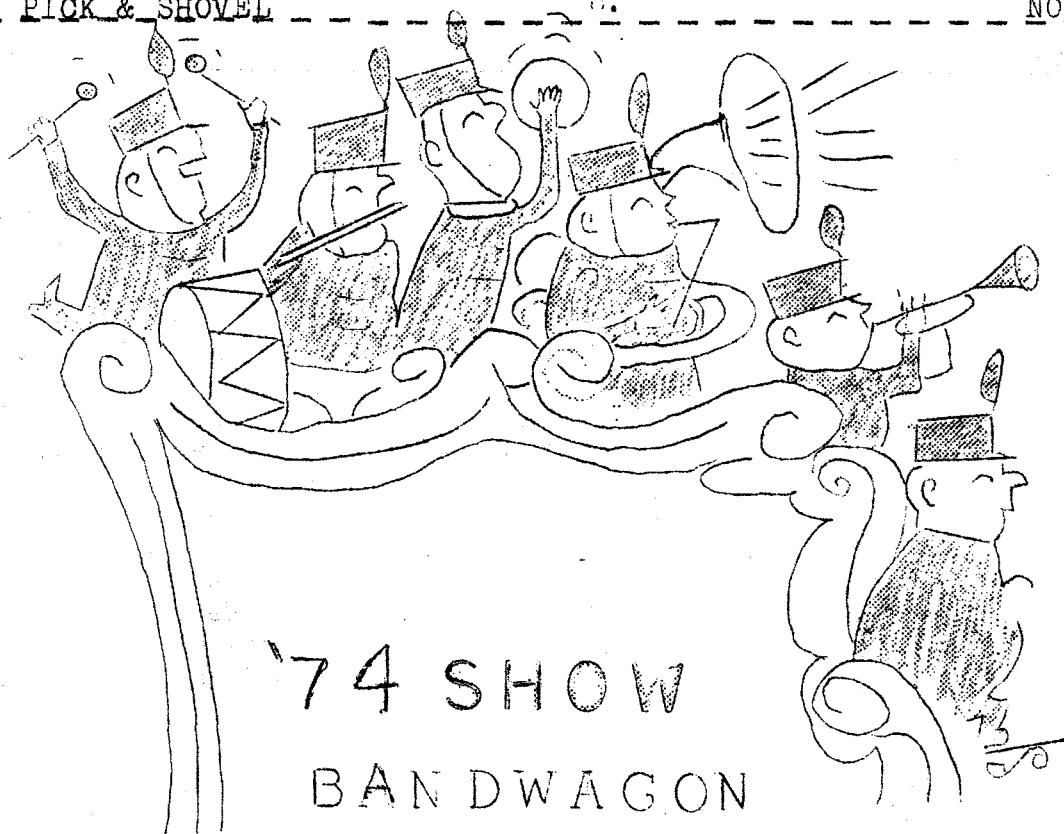
-Norma Miller, Chmn. LGMC '73 Nominating Committee

Repeat:



MAN, YOU WOULDN'T HESITATE TO TURN ME OVER IF I
 WAS A FAIRBURN AGATE !!!
 via The Black Hills Prospector

Sorry we left off the caption in last month's bulletin. Publisher pnp



Over 1500 packets, weighing over 450 pounds, are on their way. This is our first big mailing for the 1974 National Show, and what an undertaking!

I have to say a special thanks to Norma Miller and her family for putting up with all the extra activities which took place in their home. Also, I want to thank all the others who were involved in this. I don't know who all that is, but "Thanks"!

As many of you know, this is no small chore. We had to have everything printed and ready to assemble before we even started. There were several sheets of printed matter put in each packet that was sent out. Then after all the packets were filled, they were labeled and sorted as to states and zip codes; they also had to all be bundled the same way.

After a few hectic days and nights of this, they were all ready to take to the Post Office for the mailing. Over 1500 packets weighing over 450 pounds!!

Now I'm sure that you can see we are planning on a truly "Big Show" here in Lincoln in June.

This is just one of the things that everyone pitched in and did. Oh yes, thanks to Phyllis Parks for the extra time she put in on printing the things we needed. Anyway, thanks to all of you again!

Well, things are progressing along and excitement is building as we approach that day in June when we open our National Show.

My mail has increased with letters wanting information on competitive displays, trailer spaces, items of interest, etc. I'm sure as we get closer to the time that the mail will increase more--I feel that we are offering more to the everyday Rockhound than they have ever been offered before. As we have said from the start, this is a Rockhound's Show, and we want to keep it that way.

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74 SHOW BANDWAGON continued

There are many features and other things we are working on that are really exciting to hear about. Not all are firm yet, but when we know, you will know.

Displays once again--we want everyone to display at this show. In other notes I've stated that we will have around 5 miles of display tables, so you will have to help us fill these spaces. If you have not contacted Roger Pabian yet as to your needs in space for your display--please do so as soon as you can. He needs to know what your needs are.

Also, as we get closer to the date, we will need more help in many different things, and I want each one of you to get in and help us. I'm sorry I cannot contact each one of you as we need help, but you can volunteer your services to us.

Any questions, ideas, or gripes, please contact me.

--1974 Show Director
Irl Everett

A TRIBUTE TO DR. NEIHARDT

Each morning God blesses the World--A Sioux proverb.

And he truly blessed the world, our world, when He gave us John G. Neihardt. Like the steady flame of a candle glowing, each one of us that knew him felt that glow of wonderment, of love, of respect, and friendship for our dear Dr. Neihardt. A privilege, to enjoy the pleasure of knowing him; to hear him speak of his belief in our nature, our Great Spirit, and the Mother Earth. Many things will be said of the sweetness of his soul and his humble viewpoint--in his greatness he was truly humble.

He knew he was "going home" to his other "home", to be with his beloved Mona, and son, Sigurd, too. And so he left us here, his faithful friends, grieving only that he is gone from here; but happy for him, in that he looked forward to that "other adventure"!

There is an Indian Prayer,
The prayer he loved--
We breathe it softly
In his memory.

Vaja Con Dios!

-by Marie Carveth

MIDWEST FEDERATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING--Hammond, Indiana
November 3, 1973

I was pleased to notice six members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club were present at this fall meeting. Howard Taylor is 2nd Vice-President, Marie Taylor is State Director for Nebraska, Harold Janzen is Chairman of the Environment Committee, and his wife, Darline, is Assistant State Director for Nebraska. Roger Pabian and I were there transacting business for the 1974 National Show. Roger has quite a few details to work out as Director of displays. He must coordinate his plans with the AFMS and the MWF Uniform Rules Committee. I acted as Federation Liaison and as administrative assistant coordinating the details of the up-coming convention which usually is a part of any Federation show. We answered many, many questions about the big event.

You may be interested to know that two clubs have bid for the 1977 regional show. Dayton, Ohio, has plans to host the show in a large air-conditioned convention center, camping would be at their fair grounds. Cleveland, Ohio, has offered to host it at their fair grounds in four buildings with no air conditioning. We will be interested to see which is chosen.

Diane Dare, Junior Activities Chairman, urged every club to have an adult act as junior member coordinator. In this way the juniors would be included in club plans.

Katie Steinbrenner has been having a problem with identifying the sender of coupons. As chairman of the scholarship committee she is asking that the name and complete address of the donating club be placed inside every package so proper credit may be given. She also suggested that the donor write down the number of points in the package rather than the number of coupons.

I had received a request for space at our 1974 show from the Secretary of the National Show to be held at Austin, Texas, in 1976. So I asked for a show of hands, and most agreed it was too early to advertise the 1976 event. Just a way of checking on the general thinking.

The representative from the Central Canadian Federation explained their ideas about their participation in competitive exhibits at regional shows. In substance, it seems that when they combine with any U.S. Federation Show they will have to have a separate judge and use their own rules. Our AFMS rules are written so that a person must be a member of one of the six federations in the U.S. if he is to be eligible for trophy competition.

Paul Good is busy compiling a "Guidelines for Bulletin Editors Workshops" publication. This is intended for a useful guide in conducting bulletin editor workshops and sounds very interesting, because the club bulletin is a very vital part of any club.

Yes, time was allotted for the 1974 Show information, and interest is very keen. We had about 15 minutes.

--Ralph Ulrich
Federation Liaison,
1974 Show.

PRESTONE anti-freeze can be used in your slab saw as a cooling agent, with no odor, and will not rust your saw or evaporate.
via Psephite

I want to take this space to tell you about one of our feature displays. I've known Mr. & Mrs. Painton for many years, and I'm sure some of you will remember them when they were in Lincoln.

So please read on about my very dear friends.

Ivan Emory Painton, internationally known artist: painter, poet and lapidary has been a dedicated artist the greater part of his life. Inclusive of his interest in the totality of the fine arts is his participation for four years in the theatre. Born on the Texas plains, and reared and educated in Oklahoma, he can well be called a native artist of the Southwest.

Through the years he has studied art with various instructors, including two years of private study under the personal tutelage of the late Albert E. von Strode. He is also self-taught to a great extent through his extensive research, experience and his discoveries in the fields of art.

Mr. Painton is the creator and originator of ROCK ART, portraits of the actual images found in the interior of stones; an innovation that has become world famous and has won for him international recognition in both painting and poetry. In the past few years his work has been shown in over forty invitational and special guest artist shows here and in Europe, and was televised in Washington, D.C., Oklahoma City, and Lincoln, Nebraska. His work has been the subject for numerous articles appearing in over one hundred publications throughout the world. His exhibits and appearances have all been by invitation only.

Following is a partial list of some of his most recent solo and guest artist shows: The National G & M Show, Washington, D.C., State Capitol Bldg. Oklahoma City, Broadview Hotel, Wichita, Kansas, Womens bldg., Oklahoma City Fair Grounds, Phoenix, Arizona, (three shows.) Pauhale State College, Goodwell, Oklahoma, Educational Bldg. Fair Grounds, Tulsa, Okla., The Pershing Auditorium, Lincoln, Nebr., Garfield Co. Library, Enid, Okla., Central Natl. Bank, Enid, Okla., and the exclusive International Art Show, Washington, D.C., sponsored by The International Platform Association.

Recently he was appointed to serve on the membership committee of C.S.S.I. (Centro Studi E Scambia Internazionali) a world cultural organization, Rome, Italy. He is a member of International Platform Association, International Academy Leonardo da Vinci, Rome, The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, John G. Neihardt Foundation, Oklahoma M & G Society, The National Federation of State Poetry Societies and Oklahoma State Poetry Society. His paintings are

istered in The Fine Arts Registry, Society of North American Artists.

In August Mr. Painton was featured in Dictionary Of International Biography Magazine, with seven of his poems and three paintings, which circulates in one hundred twenty-seven countries. He was also presented a Certificate of Merit for "Distinguished Service in The Fine Arts and Creative Painting". His poem "These Hills" was selected for publication in the latest edition of International Who's Who in Poetry Anthology. His highest honor came this year when he was named one of The Two Thousand Men of Achievement, with world coverage, and was honored with a half page biographical inclusion in the book of the same title.

The artist-author is listed in International Who's Who in Art, International Who's Who in Poetry, Dictionary of International Biography, Marquis Who's Who in the South & Southwest, National Social Directory, New York, Royal Blue Book, London, Personalities of The South, U.S.A., British & American Writers, London, and Community Leaders of America. The above volumes are on file as permanent records in The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., and in all major libraries throughout the world. Complete biographical data is archived in The Institute of Contemporary Arts Library, London, and in the famous Museum of Dartmouth, Dartmouth, England.

With his wife, the former Mildred Overstreet, the artist maintains his permanent residence and studio at Orion, in Northwestern Oklahoma, among the hills and trees that he loves. There he paints, writes and teaches art to a select group of students, some of whom drive over one hundred miles to attend classes.

Mr. Painton is the author of a recently published book of poems, an enlarged edition, titled "REFLECTIONS FROM THE INNER ROOM", 109 pages, hard bound with attractive dust jacket. At your local book store, or you may order direct from the author. Autographed and postpaid, Price \$3.95.

-submitted by Irl Everett

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Come over and chat with us.

SELENITE CRYSTAL AREA OF SALT PLAINS IN DOUBT Recently, Mrs. Elsie Matthews, Chairman of the Conservation of Public Lands Committee, RMFMS, received a "Wilderness Alert" regarding the disposition of the Wildlife Refuge in and on the Salt Plains. In that alert the statement was made that the Corps of Engineers planned to remove the wildlife refuge and inundate quite a bit of the area, constructing "brine pools" and impoundments. The area concerned included the selenite digging area. Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Jim Howell, Oklahoma Director and others attended the meeting at Cherokee, Okla., where they learned that the project had been OK'd but not funded.

Mrs. Matthews is urging that each and everyone of you write to your senators and urge them to vote "No" on funding Public Law 91-611, and that a new plan be drawn up which would save the selenite area from the flooding or impoundments. Also to write to Senator Henry Jackson and to your representatives. The address for the senators is Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510; for the representatives, House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515.

In a letter from Jim Howell, he says, "As I understand, in the Water Quality Program of the Arkansas River Basin the Corps of Engineers has authority to enlarge the dam for a salt water holding basin, this would inundate the crystal area. This project has been authorized, but has not been funded. From what we know at the present, the only way to preserve the crystal digging area would be to apply political pressure on our congressmen to not fund the bill. Truly, I feel that we need more information on just what the bill covers before we start requesting that it not be funded"

Many of us have enjoyed the privilege of digging for selenite crystals on the Salt Plains, either as individuals or on a club-sponsored field trip. As Mrs. Matthews says, "We are losing too much of the public land where we have formerly enjoyed rock hunting, not to take action when we can."

Now that we have been 'alerted', let us take some action to prevent losing the selenite crystal beds, not only for our own enjoyment but also for future generations of rockhounds. Write your senators and representatives, tell them of your concern, ask for more information about this proposal, but most of all, let them know you are concerned! -- Mrs. Louellen Montgomery - RMFMS Director

via The Glacial Drifter and Shawmish Rocktawk



GLENNA'S GLEANINGS

Tam Dutcher had major surgery on Oct. 19 but is home recuperating now.

Bob Bainbridge retired this past month, and he and Millie have left for Apache Junction, Ariz. to spend the winter.

A junior club member, Willie Lawson, spent the summer racing his minibike here and in Beatrice, winning fifteen trophies since June.

Our sincere sympathy to the J. D. Youngs on the passing of their dear friend and companion, Dr. John Neihardt. All who knew him share their sorrow.

John Lewis asks members who are possessors of any electronic "marvels" to lend them for his cab-cutting machine to be shown at the '74 show.

Roger Pabian brought home the traveling trophy from the October Sioux City Show for the second year in a row. Contributors to the winning display were Rober Pabian, Don Carter, Herman Spomer, Norma Miller, Frank Krejci, George McGinnis, Lynn and Marie Wells, and Jim and Phyllis Parks.

A vote taken at the October meeting ended with a majority for a Christmas potluck dinner to be held December 8th at the meeting hall. The club treasury will provide the meat dish. Details from Art Howlett, chairing the event.

A new method for electing officers and directors will be used in the 1974 elections. A one-year's suspension in by-laws pertaining to elections voted in at the last meeting made this possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Louthan (nee Judy Weber) invites club members to attend the Silver Anniversary open house for her parents, Ruth and Everett Weber at 7920 Steinway Rd., on November 18th from 1 to 5 p.m.

Marie Wells is under observation at the Bryan Memorial Hospital at this writing. Her room number is 180.

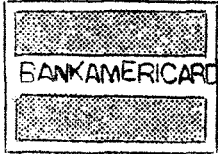
Yours truly and spouse report their daughter and family leaving on December 4th for a four-year tour in Hawaii. Hope to make a visit in 1975!

All for this time--Glenna

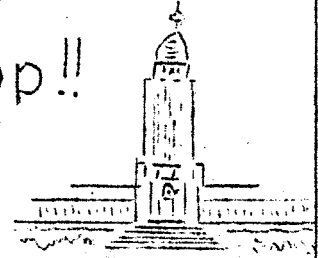
LATE NEWS ITEM: The Memorial Service for Dr. John G. Neihardt will be held at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 12th at M St., November 18th, at 3:00 p.m.

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LET'S ALL TAKE TIME

TO BE THANKFUL

FOR WHAT HAS BEEN SENT OUR WAY THIS YEAR.

"SATISFIED CUSTOMERS ARE OUR BEST ADVERTISEMENT"

"I've been countin' up my blessin's,
 I've been summin' up my woes,
 But I ain't got the conclusion
 some would naturally suppose:
 Why, I quit a-countin' troubles
 'fore I had a half a score,
 While the more I count my blessin's,
 I keep a findin' more and more.
 There's been things that wan't
 exactly as
 I thought they'd ought to be,
 An' I've often growled at Providence
 for not a-pettin' me!
 But I hadn't stopped to reckon what
 the other side had been --
 How much o' good an' blessin' had
 been thickly crowded in.
 Fer there's been a rift o'
 sunshine after
 every shower o' tears,
 An' I found a load o' laughter
 scattered
 all along the years.
 If the thorns have pricked me
 sometimes,
 I've good reason to suppose
 Love has hid 'em often from me,
 'neath the rapture of th' rose!"

"THE PRAYING HANDS"



So I'm goin' to still be thankful
 fer the
 sunshine an' the rain,
 Fer the joy that's made me happy;
 fer the
 purgin' done by pain;
 Fer the love o' little children;
 fer the
 friends that have been true;
 Fer the guidin' hand that's
 led me every
 threatenin' danger through!"

--via The Quiet Hour Echoes

TIE A PIECE of cotton clothesline around each rock on the vibrating lap to keep them from banging together and chipping.

--Breccia

via AFMS Newsletter

NOVEMBER

The ninth month of the old Roman year. November 11th was held to mark the beginning of Winter. The Anglo-Saxon name for November was Windmonath, "wind month".

The natal stone is the topaz, the zodiacal sign is Sagittarius, and the flower is the Chrysanthemum.

Who first comes to this world below
With drear November's fog and snow
Should prize the topaz's amber hue--
Emblem of friends and lovers true.



The "Serpent Isle" in the Red Sea was stated by Agatharcids to be the source of topaz.

By mandate of the Egyptian kings the inhabitants collected specimens and delivered them to gem-cutters for polishing. They could not see the gem in the day time; only after nightfall was it revealed by its radiance. The seekers marked the spot and were able to find the stone the next day.

Pliny quotes from Juba the tradition that the topaz derived its name from the Island of Topazas, in the Red Sea. The first specimen was brought by the procurator Philemon, to Berenice, mother of Ptolemy II, Philadelphias. This monarch is said to have had a statue of his wife made from this stone.

To exert its power, the topaz must be set in gold. It was believed to expel vauge terrors of the night.

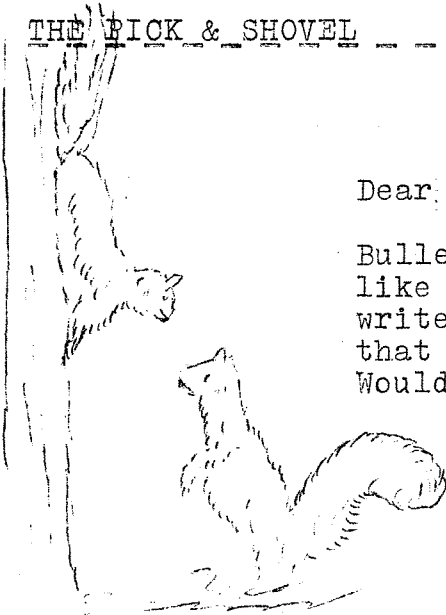
--From the "Curious Lore of Precious Stones, by George Frederick Kunz, Copyright 1913 by J. P. Lippincott Co. Renewal 1941 by Mrs. Ruby Kunz Zinsser. Used by permission of J. P. Lippincott Co.

WHEN THE FROST IS ON THE PUNKIN

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;
Oh, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,
As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

There's something kind o'harty-like about the atmusfere
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here.--
Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossums on the trees,
And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;
But the air's so appetizin', and the landscape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airily autumn days
Is a pictur' that no painter has the colcrin' to mock--
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.
--James Whitcomb Riley

PEBBLE PUPS PAGE



Dear Pebble Pups:

It is my great desire to have a page in the Bulletin devoted to you and your interests. Would you like to have such a page? If so, will you please write some articles about your experiences? I know that some of you have found some lovely specimens. Wouldn't you like to tell us about your "find"?

Perhaps you've learned something interesting in your Earth Science class that you'd like to share, or maybe you have some questions you'd like to have answered.

Are any of you cartoonists? Perhaps we could have a rockhound cartoon.

Let's get this thing going. I'll be hoping to receive some mail from my Pebble Pup friends. --Mrs. Ulrich

PUZZLES FOR JUNIORS-via The Beachcomber

Put down synonyms for the following phrases. Then put the letters of the words in the "saying" blanks according to the numbers. You can work back and forth from the "saying" to get extra help.

| <u>Phrase</u> | <u>Synonym</u> | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| A female parent | 23 | 24 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| By yourself | 1 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | |
| Jewelry for finger | 2 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
| Opposite of found | 4 | 3 | 9 | 10 | | |
| Male children | 25 | 22 | 21 | 20 | | |
| A state of matter | | 14 | 15 | 26 | | |

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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

A young man drew aside his girl's little brother. You know, I'm stuck on your sister, he said. I'd like very much to have a lock of her hair; I'll give you a quarter if you get it for me.

There was a moment's silence, then the boy replied: Tell you what, for a dollar, I'll get you the whole wig...

--From "The Pyriter", via The Prospector

The Rock Dobber sez: The person who thinketh by the inch but talketh by the yard, deserveth to be kicketh by the foot.

A NEW MURFREESBORO, ARKANSAS DIAMOND MINE DISCOVERY

A two-carat diamond described by Crater of Diamonds State Park supervisor Jim Cannon as "the prettiest diamond I've seen since I've been here" was found last month by Clay Smith of Tulsa.

The 50-point stone was classified according to its color as a silver cape diamond. "I would say it's definitely a gem quality stone. It didn't look like it had flaws in it," Cannon said.

He estimated the value of the uncut stone to be "at least \$5,000" and said a similar stone found at the Crater in July had been appraised by a New York jeweler at \$12,000-\$14,000 after cutting. He emphasized that the important thing about the diamond was its high quality rather than its size.

Smith found the diamond during a rain shower, which according to Mr. Cannon, is one of the best times to search for diamonds at the Crater because heavy rainfall like that which most of the state has had lately tends to turn up the buried stones.

Smith, who has visited the park several times before and has found other diamonds, did not say whether he planned to keep the diamond or sell it.--Arkansas Gazette, via Spring River Gem & Min. club news.

The following article, submitted by Marie Carveth, was printed in a 1970 edition of the Pick and Shovel. It is so fitting at this time of political confusion that we decided to print it again.

In May, 1919, at Dusseldorf, Germany, Allied forces captured a very significant document: "Communist Rules for Revolution"! As you read these "rules" now, 54 years later, keep in mind what you are reading and hearing every day via the news media:

- A. Corrupt the young; get them away from religion-get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.
- B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:
 1. Get people's minds off of their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.
 2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.
 3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule, and obloquy.
 4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and ruthlessly as possible.
 5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.
 6. Promote unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of the government toward such disorders.
 7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues, honesty and sobriety.
- C. Cause the registration of all fire arms on some pretense with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

Submitted by Marie J. Carveth

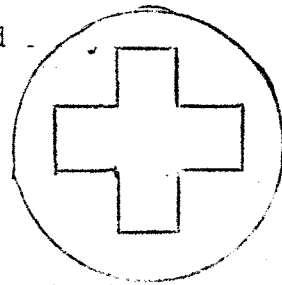
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which station this was heard.

FOR SAFETY S SAKE, read this article! BEWARE!!!

Many rockhounds use acid in cleaning specimens and many do this in or around laundry tubs where bleach is used. The Illinois Bell Telephone Company gives this important warning:

Household bleach, sold under various names, is a solution of hypochlorite and if any substance of acid content is added, it will release poisonous chlorine gas. Death came within a few minutes to a woman who had been using a well known toilet bowl cleaner. Not satisfied with the results, she added some household bleach and stirred the mixture with a bowl brush. The poisonous gas released caused the woman's death in a few minutes. Keep these items stored in a separate place. Vinegar or other acids will also liberate chlorine gas from bleach.

Warn your children who are old enough to be of help with household work of this great danger. Oxalic acid, hydrochloric and muriatic acids are often used to clean crystals and mineral specimens. Do not be tempted to help the bleaching process along by adding chlorine bleach.--Enid Gem & Min. Bulletin, via Spring River Gem & Min. Club News



EPOXY RESIN WARNING

Since epoxy is used in our hobby for many different purposes the following should be read by everyone.

An epidemic of lung disorders from new types of plastics has become a widespread problem in industry and now becoming a serious threat in many homes, a University of Wisconsin researcher reported.

The main offenders are polyurethane plastics, epoxy resins and phenolic resins. They can cause anything from asthma-like symptoms to permanent lung damage according to Dr. J. Rankin, Chairman of preventive medicine at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

The potentially hazardous plastic compounds are coming into wider use in homes for repairs and hobbies. He called for government action to require warning labels on containers with these substances because the user now has no way of knowing the danger'. (Chicago Tribune)

The National Safety Council has issued a warning on the Epoxy Resin Systems and hazards encountered during their use. It is possible to develop a contact dermatitis from contamination of the skin with these materials, so it is important that you know of this warning and heed it.

Some liquid Epoxy Resins contain active skin and eye irritants. When the skin is contaminated with these materials, Contact Dermatitis may result. Eye contact may cause severe eye damage. Vapors from materials which have hardened for several days can still cause sensitization of persons who have become sensitized previously, if special care during grinding, sawing, drilling and polishing is not taken. Dust from these operations should be avoided, and breathing filters worn. Bench tops, floor surfaces, and all work areas should be covered with disposable materials. An adequate supply of paper towels should be available to wipe spills and splashes. Tools and other equipment which has been in contact with Epoxy should be cleaned, and equipment and materials of disposable nature must be discarded as soon as possible.

The reaction to the Epoxy may be delayed for several days or even months. Any person suffering from respiratory symptoms, headache, skin reactions, or other complaints after working with the resins should seek medical aid. Anyone working extensively with these materials should seek and read all available literature. Remember to read carefully all directions which come with such materials before beginning to use them.--by Otto Ensminger vis The Template; Earth Science News, The Jaspilite, Shawmish Rocktawk.

CLEANING YOUR SPECIMENS-----Roy Horsman

Wash carefully to remove dirt. If soaking in acids or other solutions, try an inferior specimen first. When working with acids, remember the three A's--ALWAYS ADD the ACID to the water. Keep your solution fairly clean for best results. OXALIC acid is useful for rust stains, muriatic acid for removing hematite stains, and HYDROCHLORIC acid is the best for removing black manganese stains.

When using ANY of these solutions: WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, GOGGLES AND RUBBER GLOVES.

HOUSEHOLD BLEACH is fine for removing many stains, but please DO NOT MIX HOUSEHOLD BLEACH AND ACID. The results could be tragic.

| | |
|---|--|
| Barite | - 30% hydrochloric acid solution |
| Beryl | - Any acid solution may be used |
| Petrified wood | - Household bleach OR oxalic acid |
| Bornite | - Overnight in oxalic, or under constant watch in HCl |
| Carbonated minerals | - If your specimen will not come clean in bleach, use a very weak solution of oxalic acid |
| Chalcopyrite | - Soak overnight in a solution of oxalic acid, 2 ounces to a quart of water, or under close watch in HCl |
| Copper | - Nitric or HCl. You may also use a solution of 20 parts water, 3 parts Rochelle salts and 1 part household lye. |
| Epidote | - Quick dip in aqua regia, nitric or sulphuric acid |
| Fluorite | - HCl or muriatic, 1% acid to 10% water |
| Galena | - Soak overnight in oxalic acid. Wash well |
| Gold | - Ammonium bifluoride |
| Graphite | - Try any acid |
| Hornblende, Microcline, Scapolite, Tourmaline | - Any acid except hydrofluoric |
| Iron, Labradorite | - Concentrated sulphuric acid |
| Marcasite | - Soak overnight in oxalic acid solution, or very quick dip in hydrochloric acid. OR it may be washed in ammonia water |
| Millerite | - Hydrofluoric or sulphuric acid solution |
| Orthoclase | - Most acids except aqua regia |
| Pyrite | - Overnight in oxalic acid solution or a quick dip in hydrochloric. Rinse in ammonia water solution |
| Quartz | - Insoluble. Use any acid |
| Silver | - 1 ounce baking soda, 1 ounce salt, dissolved in 2 quartswarm water in an aluminum container. Rinse in warm water. |
| Sulphide minerals | - Acetic acid solution. If this doesn't work, try hydrochloric acid solution, watching specimen carefully. |
| Tremolite | - Any acid except hydrofluoric |
| Zircon | - Any acid |

- from THE ROCK VEIN, As printed in The Geode, bulletin of McDonnell Douglas Gem & Mineral Society, St. Louis, Mo. via Rollin'Rock Club News Letter

DRIFTWOOD FINISHING....Did some of you bring home driftwood from your vacation this summer? Here is an article from the Sooner Rockologist you might put to use:

Clean the wood in its dry form. A scrubbing brush or whiskbroom will do. A wire brush should be used only on very hard, rough pieces.

Let dry well. Bleach in straight liquid laundry bleach, without dilutions, dipping the small pieces and pouring bleach over larger ones. Better use rubber gloves and old clothes and work in the open air. Let dry some, but while still damp wash it again in cold water. This removes the pigment the bleach has brought to the surface. Let dry for several days.

Polish with a hard wax, using lamb's wool buff on power drill. Simoniz automobile wax is used. This does not darken the wood.

--via Slab & Gab

OLD ELEPHANT TEETH.....The pump at the gravel pit in Central City, Nebraska, recently brought up five large elephant teeth. They were found by Shorty Walgren who noticed a large clay ball that had been filtered out of the pump. The teeth vary in size, some as large as 8 inches long and 5 inches wide. Pachyderms of all kinds once roamed the North American plains. The originals were mastodons which are believed to have come from Africa, across Asia and the Bering Strait and into North America during the Miocene epoch. An archeologist from the University of Nebraska identified the teeth as coming from a descendant of these early mammoths.--Fossils For Fun.

INDIAN ARTIFACTS IN LAKE..Archeologists now believe that the sites of Indian villages are to be found under the water of the Great Lakes. Divers have found caves and shelters under the surface and have brought up many artifacts. The land, once dry, was covered by the water of melting glaciers centuries ago.--Hoof Prints.

THE STRATIGRAPHIC OCCURRENCE OF PENNSYLVANIAN CRINOIDS IN NEBRASKA

Roger I. Pabian, Conservation and Survey Division, University of Nebraska--Harrell L. Strimple, Department of Geology, University of Iowa

The known stratigraphic distribution of Pennsylvanian Crinoids in Nebraska ranges from the Winterset Limestone (Lower Missouri Series) to at least as high as the Wakarusa Limestone (Middle Virgil Series). Species representing the inadunate families Pirasocrinidae, Cromyocrinidae, Ethelocrinidae, Ampelocrinidae, Erisocrinidae, and Scytalocrinidae, and the flexible families Leacanocrinidae and Sagenocrinidae, have been collected and identified. Several hitherto undescribed species of inadunate crinoids have also been collected. The stratigraphic distribution of the several crinoid species occurring in Nebraska is treated in detail and previous work is discussed.--Reprinted for private circulation from the Proceedings of The Nebraska Academy of Sciences and Affiliated Societies. Vol 79, April, 1969

NEUTRONS ANALYZE OCEAN MINERALS SEATTLE (UPI)....A nuclear probe that can analyze specific concentrations of mineral deposits on the ocean floor has been developed in the Battelle-Northwest laboratories, a non-profit research organization.

The probe can check out thirty different elements and deliver a complete report on the quantities of valuable metals in only a matter of minutes.

The device also has been used to help recover valuable historical artifacts from a site off the Florida Keys where a Spanish galleon went down 250 years ago.

A technique called "In-Situ Seabed Neutron Activation Analysis" is used for the probes. It was developed by Batelle under the sponsorship of the Atomic Energy Commission's division of applied technology.

A seagoing prototype is being tested on natural and simulated minerals in Florida waters, according to R. W. Perkins, leader of the Battelle-Northwest Project.

Perkins explained that the detector-analyzer probe is the result of two and a half years of research and development work.

It is expected to be used in geophysical mapping of the ocean floor, but scientists point out it will be of great use in finding vast fields of mineral deposits known to exist at great depths.

The technique utilizes Californium-252, a manmade element, which emits a direct beam of low energy neutrons. The operation of the probe is a two-phase procedure. First there is a short exposure of a small area of the seabed, followed by detection of the "delayed gamma rays" which result from the induced radiation.

Different elements give off distinctly different energy patterns after exposure to an isotopic source," Perkins said. "The amount of the elements present can be determined by analyzing the spectrum of the short-lived gamma radiation."

A shipboard computer produces a complete printed report on the concentration of minerals present. The entire procedure takes from three to five minutes.

"This kind of induced radioactivity poses no environmental problems," Perkins said. "In fact, we have found the induced radiation is less than one-tenth to the natural radioactivity on the ocean floor only a few hours after exposure."

Californium-252, one of the new products of nuclear technology, recently was made available to researchers by the Atomic Energy Commission. The Battelle probe unit contains 0.2 milligrams which is about one-millionth of an ounce. The probe is mounted on a heavy A-frame which can be lowered from a ship.

"The only limitation," explained Perkins, "is the length of the cable."

Scientists say the greatest treasures of the sea lie in deep water beyond the continental shelf. These are natural formations called "manganese nodules."

"These nodules represent the world's largest known natural deposits of many valuable minerals," Perkins said. "Certain parts of the Pacific Ocean bottom are literally covered with them--but usually at depths of three to four miles."

He said the size of these manganese deposits, which can be high in copper, nickel, cobalt, and other minerals as well as the manganese "is enough to satisfy world-wide needs for decades."...Detroit News, via The Conglomerate

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Council resolutions

The two following resolutions were adopted by the M.W.F. Council at its annual meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio on July 28, 1973.

Resolved that:

The Board of Directors of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies, as defined in said Federation's By-Laws, be granted, as of this date, the authority to censure those Member Societies that knowingly and willfully violate the terms of a collection permit granted to a Member Society by a property owner, by the following method.

Upon receipt of a formal, signed complaint of permit violation from a property owner, the Board of Directors of the Midwest Federation shall instruct the President of this Federation to officially inform such offending Society by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, of the receipt of such complaint and request that the Society take such action as necessary to censure the offender or offenders, and request that the resultant action be recorded and that a copy of such action be supplied to the President of this Federation.

Should no action occur at the local level, the Board of Directors shall present the name of such offending Society to the Delegates at the next Annual Council Meeting with the recommendation that named Society be placed on probation for one year and if satisfactory local action has not taken place within that period, appropriate action would be taken at the next Delegate Council Meeting.

Resolved that:

The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies will not support, either directly or indirectly, commercially sponsored private gem and mineral shows which are for private gain.

Welcome new members

RANDALL ROCKHOUNDS

Pres. Mr. Albert Adam
Bristow, Nebraska 68719

ROCK HOBBY CLUB (Dealers Association)

Pres. Mr. Charles M. Ozment
2441 Ackerman Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63114

Junior activities

As the time approaches to elect new club officers and appoint new department chairmen, the Junior Activities Committee would like to ask all clubs that have young people among their membership to appoint a Junior Advisor, Director, Co-ordinator, or representative, (an adult member of your group interested in the youth) for the coming year. Please send the name of this person to Mrs. Jack Dare, 335 Porter Street, Salem, Ill. 62881.

Most clubs support the Scholarship Fund to aid young people unknown to them. Our committee needs your help to encourage the youngsters in your own club.

AFMS NEWSLETTER HAS NEW EDITOR

Wilma Bonar of Route 1, Box 331, Odessa, Florida 33556 has been appointed editor of the American Federation Newsletter by AFMS President Mrs. Dorothy Lee. Mrs. Bonar will replace Russell MacFall of Evanston, Ill. who has retired.

Attention... New Program Chairman

The MWF has a new Program Chairman... All requests for programs should be sent directly to him. Please be sure to include the program fee and the exact and complete address to which you want the program shipped. Also, give a choice of programs and alternate dates so that you will be sure to have a program for your meeting. Order at least 30 days in advance as programs are popular and are booked well advance. Send your requests to...

DONALD STINNETT, 29462 Aspen Drive, Flat Rock, Mich. 48134
Telephone 313/782-3293

More about mine closings

by Leon Maxwell

We have read several bulletins who repeat reports of closing of collecting areas. When you see six reports of the closing of one site, you are inclined to think of it as more than one. Do not be misled. There have been closings, but not as many as you have heard, because of duplication.

One of the closings which has occurred was related to us by the Club in Ishpeming, by Frazier and Dorothy Tubbs, telling of closing of mine dumps in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan's U.P. This was caused by a few students at MTU, and certainly was not by a Rock Club - nor were they representing the MWF.

One of the finest articles we've seen is from the December '72 Kenosha, Wisc. Gem and Mineral Society bulletin, the "Blab & Slab". It is entitled "Let's Think About It", from The Rock Tablet.

It's not possible to reprint the article here, but may we quote - "We wonder if industry is aware that many of their employees are serious rockhounds. Some of these people act as guides to these locations, and are often as knowledgeable about that particular ore body as many geologists. It would seem good public relations to allow some former trusted employees to lead groups to the less hazardous portions of the inactive mines. Why couldn't Universal Oil permit groups to selected locations? A group of twenty rockhounds contributing a dollar per person would seem to be a fair daily fee for services of some of the unemployed miners in the UP.

Rockhounds and touring groups of students do have to eat and sleep. Certainly the economy of near-by communities is affected. Maybe the communities of Calumet, Houghton, Hancock and others could consider the impact of this notice.

It seems then from our analysis that this is not a matter of who is to blame, or who is right or wrong, but rather why can't we sit down together and discuss the situation. When dealing with reasonable people, there is a reasonable solution - and no one is asking for a Federal Grant or a local bond issue, just a few minutes time. We' have met very few industrialists, geologists, or rockhounds who would not listen to reason and abide by a reasonable decision. LET'S THINK ABOUT IT!"

Winifred Reutter of White River, S.D. writes in the December '72 - "Points of Interest": "It all adds up to the rule I have stated so many times before: as a common courtesy, everyone should ask the owner before hunting any place. The National Grasslands are still open to the public but not to litterbugs or careless firebugs. If we don't use our good manners we will lose our hunting privileges. If you hunt on private land, check in and out with your host and give them your thanks and perhaps a small gift of appreciation."

"We are known by our actions. If we are seen at some time by our own or other children taking risks, breaking laws and not being good citizens, they will follow our examples."

We need to cultivate our relationship with mine owners, get them to have releases from liability for us to sign, and not collect to sell! At least by the truck load! (If that turns them off).

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