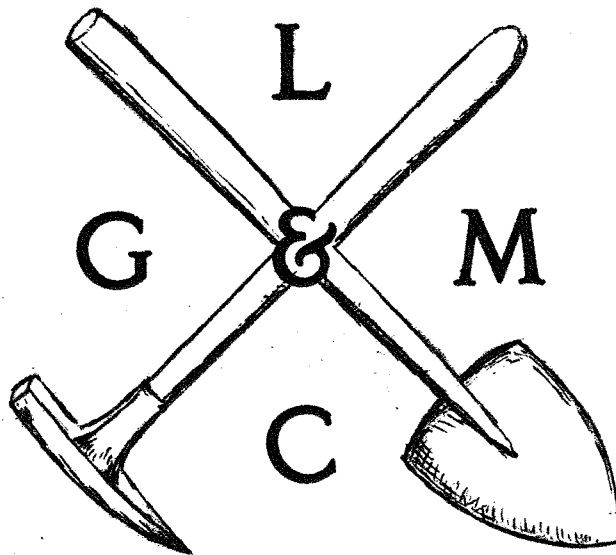


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LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB

HOST OF COMBINED

MWF-AFMS NATIONAL SHOW AND CONVENTION
AND NEBRASKA STATE SHOW

JUNE 13-16, 1974

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CALENDAR

Regular Meeting: A meeting will be held after the National Show. The date has not been scheduled. You will be notified prior to the meeting.



Museum Volunteers: There will be no meetings during the summer. Time and place of next meeting will be announced in the September issue of "The Pick & Shovel."

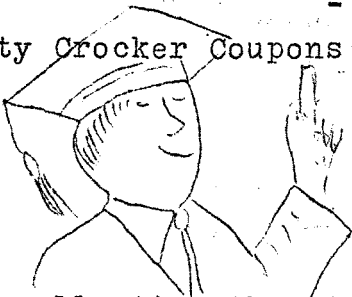
Welcome New Members: James Marburger--reinstatement
Bud and Helen Wasser--new members

Field Trip: The June 30th field trip has been rescheduled. You will be given details concerning it in the July Bulletin.

Dates to Remember

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| June 7- 9 | Cheyenne, WY | Rocky Mountain Fed. & Wyo. Fed. of Mineral Societies Combined Convention and Show |
| June 13-16 | Lincoln, NE | AFMS, MWF, and NAOBSCI Show, State Fair Grounds, Hosted by Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club |
| June 29-30 | Beatrice, NE | Nebraska State Rock Swap, Sponsored by Homestead Gem and Mineral Club, Chautauqua Park |
| July 26-28 | Hebron, NE | Fort Butler Rock and Gem Club Rock Swap, City Ball Park |
| Aug. 17-18 | Chadron, NE | N.W. Rock Club Show |
| Sept. 20-22 | Kimball, NE | Plains Rock and Mineral Show, 4-H Bldg. |
| Nov. 8-10 | St. Louis, Mo. | St. Louis Mineral and Gem Society Show, Electricians Hall |

Betty Crocker Coupons:

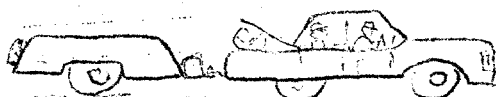


All efforts the past few months have focused on the National Gem and Mineral Show here in Nebraska.

After the big Show is over we will return to Normal Club routine. We have the privilege of aiding worthy students through the Betty Crocker scholarship plan. Our part is simply collecting the stamps. Please bring your hoard of the last few months to our next general meeting. Our Lincoln Club needs to increase its quota in contribution to this worthy endeavor.

--Myrtle Young, Scholarship Chairman

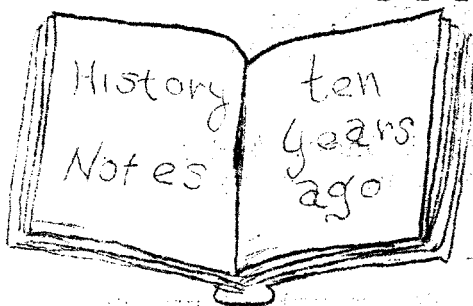
NEBRASKA ROCK HOUND WEEK -- JUNE 10-16 --BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA



LINCOLN

LAST MONTH.....There was no formal business meeting. A picnic supper in University Place park was enjoyed by all present. There was an abundance of good food, the weather was pleasant, and everyone seemed in good spirits. A very enjoyable program followed the supper. Sandra Wright and Mary Green, members of The Petrified Pebble Pups 4-H Club, gave a very informative illustrated talk on safety for Rockhounds while on field trips. They discussed the preparation for the trip which included having an adequate supply of water, foods that would be suitable, the needed tools, safety equipment such as hard hats and goggles, guides, maps, and the first aid kit. Not only was a chart used to emphasize the information, but they also made use of manipulative devices. Hazards that might be encountered on a field trip were discussed, and advice was given on how to deal with them should they occur. A hand-out sheet was given to everyone present having an illustration of poison ivy and poison oak. They ended their discussion with a demonstration on how to give first aid for a broken arm, and they gave advice on how to take care of equipment and personal hygiene after returning home. It is remarkable how much our Pebble Pups are learning in their 4-H Club work.

Everyone enjoyed the Oliver Polka Band. We can be proud of this group. There is no finer band anywhere. They play in a very professional manner. You just can't resist their rhythm. Tables were pushed back and those who wished to had a good time dancing to their lively tunes. The Polka Band will be appearing on an evening program at the National Show. They will be a great favorite with everyone



A special meeting was called by the Board of Directors for a second reading and vote on revisions to our By-Laws. The revisions were accepted as printed.

A field trip to Fremont was held in June, with Virgil Carveth in charge.



VAJA CON DIOS - May God be with You

A card was sent in the past month to the Walt Steinbrenner family-Des Moines (Sympathy)

ROCKHOUNDS ** THE REAL THING

The St. Joe Minerals Corporation is using "Jai", a German Shepherd specially trained to detect the scent of sulphide ore. The company is testing him to see if he can help define new zinc ore bodies at Balmat, N.Y. It is hoped that he will be as successful as another dog "Geologist" which helped find a copper ore body in Finland in 1965. Jai's nose-to-the-ground approach combines with highly sophisticated airborne electromagnetic systems and geochemical exploration in a world wide search for new resources.

--via The Crystal Gazette

Volume 1, Issue # 1, of The Pick & Shovel was assembled on June 3, 1960 (a very memorable time for Virg & Marie Carveth). Fourteen volumes have been printed and this Show Issue is the beginning of Vol. 15. - from the publishers poke-

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recall an article I had written for the "Pick & Shovel" in February 1971 concerning Show Promotion. I quote from that article: "The present plan is designed toward producing one of the most memorable, if not the most popular Show, ever to come to the Midwest. The reward will be widespread recognition; the price we will pay will be that we must live in the white light of publicity, being a target for the shafts of the envious few. If our work should be merely mediocre, we will be left severely alone; the punishment--denial and detraction."

Today I renew that concern for the public's opinion of our 1974 National Show project. We, as members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, and the many others, including members of other Clubs, who are involved with the project, may well be instrumental in moulding the public's image of the host Club as a local civic and fraternal organization, Lincoln as a culturally oriented, thriving, midwestern city, the State of Nebraska as the good place to live, and of no less importance, the public image of Rockhounds in general.

If our guests who attend the Show can say afterward that they learned something new, that their concepts of the hobby were expanded, that they experienced a renewal of their enthusiasm for the earth sciences and that they were aware of our midwestern hospitality and down-to-earth sincere friendliness, then our goal will have been accomplished and the project will be considered a success. To those of you who feel a sense of personal satisfaction and pride for having been active in the preparations for the event, I say "Enjoy the feeling. You are certainly entitled to that."

The National Gem and Mineral Show was designed around the setting at the State Fairgrounds. We believe the more relaxed and less formal nature of this is appropriate to the Midwest where population density is lower than on the east and west coasts and agriculture is an important part of our daily business.

The original concept of this event as a National Gem and Mineral Show and Convention has largely been retained. Some features and a few activities have been altered by circumstances, but my personal evaluation is that in the final analysis this will be remembered as one of the greatest National Shows.

--Ralph Ulrich, President
Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club

Nebraska Rockhound Week

On May 24, 1974 officials of the Nebraska Association of Earth Science Club and members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club witnessed the signing by Governor J. J. Exon of an official document proclaiming June 10-16 Nebraska Rockhound Week.

The document was given to Governor Exon for signing by State Director, Marie Taylor. Governor Exon handed the signed proclamation to Howard Taylor, president of the Nebraska Association of Earth Science Club.

Irl Everett, National Gem and Mineral Show Director, presented Governor Exon with a desk set decorated with polished Nebraska wood. This serves as a memento of the occasion.

During Nebraska Rockhound Week the combined Show and Convention of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, the Midwest Federation, the Nebraska Association of Earth Science Club, hosted by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, will be held at the Nebraska State Fair Grounds and the Nebraska Center June 13-16.

Up-grade the Rockhound - Marie J. Carveth

It's great to be a Rockhound! It's great to go out in the field! And search for some rare specimen! That time of the year is upon us again--Spring...Summer.... And may I repeat some of my sentiments upon this subject.....

We are Rockhounds! However, the term covers a very small segment of the field. Sometimes, in discussing our rock-hunting, our activities, I say to "non"-Rock friends, "We are Rockhounds!" and I have experienced the feeling (as I know others of you have) that my friends think we are a "peculiar breed", an "odd-character", and an individual that is different! One who will expound about his find, and waste his time on rock trips!

We all know the vast majority of Rockhounds are well-adjusted, intelligent people from all walks of life. He may be a surgeon, producing beautiful gems from a rough piece of jade, but we call him a Rockhound! He may be a silversmith, and a teacher, and he may be a lapidarist as well! He may hold several college degrees, and own a fabulous collection of fossils. And we may call him a Rockhound! He may be a mechanic, with a fine touch for the art of faceting, and him, too, we call a Rockhound!

This is a family hobby, with a variety of activities suitable for all ages, and ability. It is a year-round activity for any family regardless of wealth, social position, or mode of living. Regardless of how tense or disgruntled one may become with the pressures of everyday living, a study and interest in Mother Nature's wonderful way of combining, over the ages, the minerals and chemicals to produce the "rocks" we so eagerly seek, it makes us feel the strife of everyday problems are indeed small.

Can one observe a beautiful gem, and knowing its origin, not be impressed with the comforting thought that this old world must have some kind of superintelligence looking after it? How much more pleasure in the skill and artistry that produced the beautiful polished gem from nothing more than a drab piece of rock--so many do say, "I didn't know it could be something so beautiful!"

So let us "high-grade" our wonderful hobby! Let us take every opportunity to show the skill, technical knowledge, artistry and creative possibilities with our "rocks." Let us truly appreciate the "Gems of Mother Earth." So when our friends think "we've got rocks", We have! Let's "up-grade" the Rockhound.

DID YOU KNOW? Hippocrates collected and wrote about fossils 3,000 years ago - so did Leonardo Da Vinci, the painter - likewise, Thomas Jefferson, who cluttered up the White House with fossils while serving as President of the United States. --Via Tule Smoke Signals

"Friendship on the Rocks" Thoughtful rockhounds who have been in the hobby for some time begin to realize that the most precious gems they have found are the friends they have made along the way. Some are still in the rough; some are highly polished; some seem dull and colorless unless they are viewed in the right light; but they all have one thing in common. Like everything else on this mundane sphere, they are imperfect and have flaws. If we are to enjoy them, we must accept them as they are, and realize that their beauty and warmth make up for their imperfections. If we concentrate our attention on their better aspects, the flaws become insignificant and only marks of their individuality.

Rocks and Minerals

Via Peru Y.M.C.A. Rocks and Minerals Newsletter

EDITORIAL....June---that fabulous month that we have all anticipated for so long is finally here!

"And what is so rare as a day in June?
 Then if ever come perfect days.
 Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
 And over it softly her warm ear lays.
 Whether we look, or whether we listen,
 We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
 Every clod feels a stir of might,
 An instinct within it that reaches and towers,
 And groping blindly above it for light
 Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers."



So James Russell Lowell describes June in his "The Vision of Sir Launfal." Not only is June the toast of poets, but it is a wonderful month for the Rockhound. Weather conditions are usually ideal for him to pursue his hobby. Public interest has greatly increased in recent years in the earth sciences. Rockhounding has rapidly become one of the most popular leisure-time activities. No longer do people look askance at us, and wonder if we have "rocks in our heads." They have come to recognize us as a people not only interested in our environment and mineral heritage, but also in the creating of things of enduring beauty.

Since we are rapidly approaching Rockhound Week, it is well to review some of the characteristics of the typical Rockhound. The "Palomar Gem" describes the Rockhound, thus:

"He is a special breed: he is a hunter, collector, and craftsman. He loves Nature's hills but is always trying to bring them home with him. He appreciates Nature's beauty, but is never satisfied until he has polished it. He is a safety-minded citizen, but is willing to scale a mile-high cliff for that "special" rock specimen. A Rockhound has the swapping instinct of a pack-rat, the agility of a mountain goat, the immunity-to-rain of a duck, and the perserverance of Job. He is a person who searches for, finds, and cherishes forever those bits of chemical beauty, Rocks and Minerals, and traces of former life, Fossils, which afford him a glimpse of Infinity on a shelf."

Nellie Morgan via "The Sooper Snooper" describes the Rockhound's home:

"Rocks on the lawn, rocks in the shed,
 Shovels an hammers under the bed.
 Boots and knapsacks beside the door,
 Clay and grit all over the floor.

Slabs and specimens on the chairs,
 Boxes of crystals on the stairs.
 A Rockhound's home is a disgrace--
 But, oh, it's such a happy place!!!!

Jack W. Dukes of the Bloomington Mineral Club furnishes us with this zesty Rockhound song to be sung to the tune of "On Top of Old Smokey."

Rockhound Song

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| Road cuts, fields, and mountains | For we are the Rockhounds, |
| Wherever there's rocks | A great hardy bunch, |
| We fight off mosquitoes | We eat sand for breakfast |
| And get burrs in our socks. | And lick rocks for lunch. |

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Rockhound Song, continued

It's easy to find us,
If ever you please
Our elbows and fannies
Are up in the breeze.

We're sharp-eyed and eager
And ready for fun,
From eleven to ninety
We stay on the run.

Of all the world's people,
Rockhounds are the best
And God will confirm it
When finally we rest!

If you are not already a Rockhound, I wish to give you this warning from the "Pick and Chisel":

WARNING! ROCK POX -- Very Contagious to Both Sexes

Symptoms--Continual complaint as to need for fresh air, sunshine, and relaxation. Patient has blank expression, sometimes inattentive to rest of family. Has no taste for work of any kind. Frequent checking of dealers' catalogs, and lapidary and mineral shops longer than usual. Secret phone calls to rock pals. Mumbles to self. Lies to rival collectors. Only one cure.

Treatment--Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal. Victim should go hunting as often as possible at beach, mountain, or desert hunting grounds.

There will be no formal bulletin during July and August. You will receive information concerning the Swap in July.

My special thanks to Rosa Lee Wright and Jim and Phyllis Parks for the excellent job they are doing in typing stencils, and printing the bulletin.

--Evelyn

ROCKHOUND is a popular name for the mineral hobbyist of any kind. This term originated in the central United States, where it was applied to the pioneer oil-field geologists.

By Val Cyzak, Blab & Slab
via S.I.E.S. Club News, via Magma

UNL BULLETIN BOARD - Among actions by the Board of Regents recently was the appointment of a new Director of the University Museum. He is NU Alumnus James H. Gunnerson, who has been at Northern Illinois University as professor of anthropology and, since 1972 as director of anthropology labs and museum.

Also mentioned as 'Adjustments in Work; C. Bertrand Schultz (who retired as Museum Director several months ago) as research curator (half-time) for the University Museum.

If you are at fault, take the blame. Few will remember your wrong, but all will remember your courage.
from Gerber News

BOARD MINUTES-----

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Board Meeting was held May 2, 1974 at 6126 Hartley Street, at 7:30 P.M. Larry Bigleys home.

Board members present: Ralph Ulrich, Nelda Oliver, Larry Bigley, Howard Taylor, Tom Simmons, Norma Miller and Marie Wells.

Committee Members: Evelyn Ulrich, Marita Bigley, Don Carter and Edna Carter.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer not present for report.

Board action for 1974 show: Moved by Howard Taylor, seconded by Norma Miller to pay \$28.00 to Powell Sign Company.

President read bills. Motion by Howard Taylor to allow bills as read, seconded Marie Wells.

A discussion on the Who's Who, cost was misinturneted. Total cost \$97.50 tax included. Motion by Howard Taylor to pay balance of bill, seconded by Larry Bigley. Motion carried.

Larry Bigley made motion to hold 30 copies of the Who's Who for new members and balance to be held by Board of Directors for slective people at the '74 Show, seconded by Tom Simmons. Motion carried, one apposed.

Marita Biglev read reinstatement application for James Marburger and new member-application for Mr & Mrs Clayton Wasser. Moved by Tom Simmons that both appliation be approved, seconded by Larry Bigley.

Vaja Con Dios discussi on on \$10.00 memorial for people who are no longer members but helped build the club. Motion by Tom Simmons to clarify the policy we resrtict contributions to current members only upon death, seconded by Howard Taylor. Motion carried, one apposed.

There will be no free tickets to the 1974 Show.

Larry Bigley reports Field Trip Guides ready this weekend. Field Trip to Odell Sunday May 5, 1974. Follow last years Field Trip Guide, except for time. Meet at 9:30 A.M. On Sunday.

August 3, 4 & 5, 1974 NAOESCI field trip to Hibbing, Minnesota.

Don Duckett will be Rock Swap Chariman for 1974 Swap.

Several new exchange bulletins are coming in.

President, Ralph Ulrich read announcements.

A discussion on changing the fiscal year so the Who's Who and Field Trip Guides can get out earlier. Howard Taylor made motion to Board to change collection date of dues to January 31, seconded by Marie Wells.

Motion by Larry Bigley to amend the above motion to include doubling the re-instatement fee to inhance payment of dues, seconded by Marie Wells. Vote on ammendment lost. Question to original motion. Motion carried.

To be brought up at the September meeting. Club will vote on deadline of January 31 at the September meeting.

Article 1 Section 2 Paragraph D to be printed in the Pick And Shovel.

Next Board Meeting June 6, 1974 at Frank Rules home.

NAOESCI Directory will be at the Hastins show May 5, 1974,

Motion to adjourn Tom Simmons

Nelda Oliver, Secretary

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Fellow Rockhounds:

Welcome to Nebraska and to our National Gem and Mineral show hosted by the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club of Lincoln, Nebraska.

In Nebraska we have our own state organization--Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc. Our organization is made up of 20 clubs throughout the state, and we have a membership of nearly 1,200 people.

Please feel free to do some rock hunting in our state while you are here. We have a variety of material that can be found. Our state rock is prairie agate and our state gem stone is blue agate. These are found in the northwest corner of our state. This is also the Fairburn agate area. Most of the rivers in this state produce fine specimens of petrified wood. Easy places to hunt ~~are~~ in gravel pits; however, these are all privately owned and you must get permission to hunt. East and southeast Nebraska are good for fossil hunting. The southeast area also produces some Lake Superior agates.

In the exhibits building, please take time to see the various cases of Nebraska materials which are on display. Nearly all the clubs in the state will have a sign designating their club and here you will see the different materials from each area.

Be sure to check the swap area for Nebraska material. We have instructed our people to bring material for swapping. I am sure you will find some nice material here.

I hope you have enjoyed your stay at the show. As you travel home, which ever way it may be, we hope you can find some interesting material to take home and work on.

I hope you all have a safe trip home and I am sure some of us will meet again at conventions, shows, swaps or in the fields hunting rocks.

Sincerely,

Howard J. Taylor
Howard J. Taylor, Sr.

President, Nebraska Association of
Earth Science Clubs, Inc.



74 SHOW BANDWAGON

This will be the last "Bandwagon" I'll write before the Show. It is with great satisfaction that the L.G.M.C. has come this far in hosting the National Show.

As your Show Director, I must say "Thanks" to many people who have helped and made my job easier. In Budget and Fiscal, I want to thank Ray Grabher for the job he has done and the work he has put forth.

To Phyllis Parks, my secretary, I must say a big thanks to her and her committee who have put forth such an effort.

The Administration Assistant and Liaison is Ralph Ulrich. He, too, has spent many hours working to tie up all the loose ends. Thanks, Ralph.

Marie Wells--Thanks, thanks! on your job in Publicity. You have excelled in your field.

Jim Parks has worked on Recognitions and this has been an endless job. Thanks, Jim.

Dealer Chairman, Howard Taylor, you have bested any other Dealer Chairman that we have ever had. You have booked an excellent group of dealers for our Show. A big pat on the back to you!

Special Features, Marie Taylor, what would I have done without you? Words are so inappropriate at this time to tell you how I have relied on you and the great programs that you have lined up for us. Thank You!!

Roger Pabian, to say you are the best Display Chairman is not exaggerating. It's the truth. You have set new goals for all others to break and "thanks to you" seems so inadequate--but that's what I want to say.

Registration Chairman, Norma Miller--How did you do all of the work you did? Your job seemed to keep us all busy, but I know that you worked harder than anyone. I'm so pleased that you planned and worked as you did.--Thank you again!

My old Guard Lieutenant, John Harrison,--It wasn't an easy job being Chairman of Building and Sites, but you came through with flying colors. I am sorry if I was a little rough on you at times, but thank you for the job you did!

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Bandwagon, continued

Hal and Barb Allen, Chairmen of Special Events, Thank you. I am sure all the outsiders will never know all the problems you had, but you did a wonderful job. Hal, thanks for the slides and tape program that was seen by thousands of others.

Security Chairmen, George Balke and his "ole sidekick", Sheriff Bob Bainbridge, I must say a big thanks to you! Your job will be over when the Show is all over. Thanks again.

I know there are many more who have worked on the Show and so I don't slight anyone, or hurt feelings, I must say "Thanks" to all who were involved--all the outstate Clubs, all Club presidents, and all Rockhounds who come to our Show.

We owe the success of this Show to many people, and we want to say "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

When the L.G.M.C. appointed me as Show Director, I knew it would be the greatest challenge I have ever faced--and through it all I have learned patience, long suffering, and kindness. My job was only made easy by all willing workers that helped ease the heavy burdens.

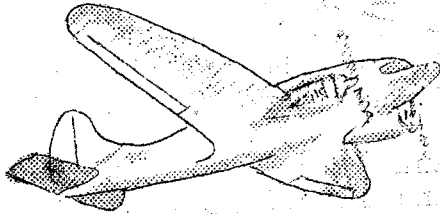
We can all be proud, and let's all thank each other.

Thank you, L.G.M.C., for your trust in me.

--Irl Everett,

1974 National Gem Show Director

P.S. Thank you Mrs. Everett, for being so patient.



It's not too late to make reservations to fly to the NATIONAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW at Nebraska State Fairgrounds, Lincoln, Nebraska on June 13th to 16th, 1974.

Come fly our direction.

June, 1974

Dear Friends.....

From Murdo, South Dakota, to Lincoln, Nebraska, in five short years.....that is what this Registrations Director has been thinking about in the last few days.....From that Federation Convention to the present Show here in Lincoln, details of highlights and events have become more significant. With these experiences in my mind in my memory bank, I marvel at the ability of the Steering Committee Chairman, Ralph Ulrich, and his Committee, to pull this big Show together. I feel we have worked hard; and the cooperation given by Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club members and the State Association member clubs has been great!! With these things in mind.....this has all become more meaningful--because each of you has come to share the hospitality and fun with us!!!
SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!

Norma Miller,

Registrations Director

1974 National Gem & Mineral Show



GLENN A ' S G L E A N I N G S

Congratulations are in order for Joella Olson on two counts. She graduated from the College of Pharmacy on May 26th and became a grandmother to the first male born in the family after seven daughters and two granddaughters.

Visited with Virgil Carveth who is home from the hospital and making progress toward recovery.

Please remember our V.A. hospital-bound member, Harry Gragg, on his birthday on June 6th.

John Dugan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Wells, remains in Bergquist Hospital at Offutt A.F.B. after his recent surgery. Hurry and get well, John, --that August wedding date is not far away. The prospective bride is Nancy Gerlach of this city.

Roger and Margaret Simmons are the proud new parents of a 6½ pound baby boy named Cory Jon. Mother and son doing well.

Marion Waddle assures me C. Ray is feeling much better. Back to his old onery self, she says. This is good news for their many friends.

The Topeka Stamp Club is chartering a bus to be available to the Topeka rock club members for a one-day trip to the National Show.

News was received of the death of Walter Steinbrenner of Des Moines, Iowa. Sympathy is extended to his widow, Katie, who many will remember as past president of the Midwest and American Federations.

Don and Mrs. Eckel took over the city's only campground, Camp Away, on May 1st. One week later, they became grandparents for the first time, to a baby girl born to their oldest daughter. Congratulations on both counts.

Members of the 4-H Pebble Pups gave a demonstration at the May meeting. Mary Green and Sandra Wright spoke on Field Trip Safety. Illness forced the cancellation of the planned demonstration by Lars and Andrew Olson on a geological time trip through canyon walls. Sorry about that, boys. It is planned that Lars and Andrew will give their demonstration at the National Show.

It is reported that Mr. & Mrs. Norman Balliet have a new baby boy named Jeffrey Norman. Best wishes.

The Gary Jones family, Lynn and Marie Wells, and George McGinnis and Yours truly spent Memorial weekend in Gove County, Ks., hunting marcasite pop rocks, dendritic opal and fossils.

--Glenna McGinnis

SEE YOU AT THE NATIONAL SHOW

WINTER IN THE SOUTHLAND

by Glenna McGinnis

Obeying our doctor's instructions for Mac to leave Nebraska's cold weather turned out to be the nicest prescription we ever took. Accordingly, we hooked onto our trailer and headed southwest to Quartzsite, Az., timing our arrival to coincide with that little hamlet's famous PowWow. This swap and show is nationally known and attended. The Quartzsite Improvement Association, sponsors of the event, estimated this year's attendance at 250,000. That, for a town with a summer population of 150, which swells to 2500 during the winters, mostly retirees like ourselves. The Q.I.A. has financed and built a huge civic center with funds from renting dealer space, and swap spaces are rented over the spacious grounds from \$10 up. It is primarily a rock swap, but everything from produce to antiques are sold, swapped and bought. Turquoise, fire agate and silver items are best sellers, especially since the fad for Indian jewelry began.

There are several trailer courts in town, at one of which we parked during our stay, but many camp on the desert on B.L.M. land. The air is warm and dry during the day but when the sun disappears behind the mountains, temperatures may drop to freezing, but always chilly during the winter.

We enjoyed visiting and swapping with people from as far away as Canada and Massachusetts, and as near as the Orval Tolles of Hastings, members of the Central Nebraska club. All were enthusiastic about their own particular phase of the hobby and about the coming National Show, for which many had already made plans to attend.

As March crept by, we began to think of leisurely drifting back toward home and family. On our way, we stopped at the mining area around Bisbee, Az. and were fortunate to arrive during a work stoppage that made it possible for us to visit the Lavendar Pit, billed as the largest open-pit copper mine. Unfortunately, they do not allow specimen collecting, but we bought some at a local shop later. We did, however, get to see first-hand the mining and smelting process, and were given some pyrite and slag from the smelter.

We kept moving eastward through New Mexico and into Texas, stopping to hunt any area that looked promising.

At Alpine, Tx., we stopped overnight--and stayed a month. The proprietors of the trailer court where we stopped introduced us to some local ranchers, who made us most welcome to hunt on their land. At last count, we had found eight different types of agate on their 10,000 acres. The ranchers, in turn, introduced us to others who gave us permission to hunt Terlinqua Ranch, an area of 392,000 acres. All that, plus an invitation to a ranch country barbeque and barn dance with Western band for around a hundred friends, made our stay in Texas memorable, to say the least.

We left there with an invitation to return next winter. You may be sure that "if the good Lord is willin' and the crick don't rise", the McGinnis' will be back in Texas to sample more of that southwestern hospitality and hunt for more agate on that serene Solitario north of the Rio Grande.

NEBRASKAMarie J. Carveth

When the covered wagon trains were moving west, during the 1840 to 1850 era, they came to the mid-central plains area of this great country of ours. Earlier the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1803 to 1806 opened the beautiful valley of the Platte.

The name Nebraska is derived from the Indian terminology for the Platte River. The Omahas called the Platte "Nibthaska", and the Otoes said "Nibrathka", both names meaning "flat water" or river; and refer to the wide, flat valley through which this shallow river flows. We give the credit to these Indian tribes for naming our state "Nebraska". The farming tribes of Nebraska were the Otoe, Omaha, Ponca, and the Pawnees. The nomadic tribes, the Sioux, Cheyenne, Arapaho, and the Pottawatomie. Approximately 40,000 Indians lived here when the first white man came. These tribes lived in either earthen or tepee style homes.

NEBRASKA: First organized as a territory in 1854, was a part of the Louisiana Purchase.

NEBRASKA: A century ago, plus seven, emerged into the 37th state of the Union with Mr. Francis Burt as its first governor; to become the land of plenty--grain, cattle, and growing industries are within its borders.

NEBRASKA: With the comment of Zebulon M. Pike as he crossed through the territory earlier--Pike reporting- this as "barren soil", "dried up" and "parched" for the most of the year, to his fellow explorers, namely Stephen Long and others. He should see it today!

NEBRASKA: The producer of great men, such as Creighton and Dodge, builders of the railroad, Wm. Jennings Bryan, George Norris, General John Pershing, General Alfred Guthrie, J. Sterling Morton. Our own late Poet Laureate, John G. Neihardt. The list is long and we are grateful!

NEBRASKA: The producer of great women. Marie Sandoz, true daughter of the western area of our state--author of many books--Willa Cather, Bess Streeter Aldrich, the Pound Family, V. Faulkner, B. Slote, Nellie S. Yost, M. Bennett, the long list of notables marches on.

NEBRASKA: Truly a state of progress and foresight. Charles Lindbergh trained at the Lincoln Flying School in 1922. Air mail service followed the historic Platte Valley route across Nebraska. Now ribbons of concrete known as Interstate 80 -take one going east and west! Jewel-like lakes, like a shining necklace, grace the highway on either side.

NEBRASKA: The Mormon Trail crossed your wide prairies, from the Bluffs near Omaha, to Fort Kearney, and on to Fort Laramie. Much hardship, and many brave people crossing our state. Chimney Rock, the guiding sign, and we have Mitchell Pass, and the Scottsbluff Monument. We remember the sadness of the Fort Robinson incident. We have Scouts' Rest at North Platte.

NEBRASKA: From the Southwest to the Northeast, and the Southeast to the Northwest, you offer the good life! From one of the world's great cattle ranges, the Sand Hills, the "Sea of Grass", comes the state's nickname, the "Beef State". We have the big cornfields - hence the "Cornhusker" title. Golden wheat fields in season, beautify the horizon.

NEBRASKA; You have your "Tornado Valley"; you have your cold winters and the memory of the "Blizzard of 1888". You have the great open spaces, white with the fresh fallen snows. You have your hot summer days, with gentle, warm rains. You have your bright blue skies, immense white clouds, like "graceful swans" and "sailing ships" crossing the blue skies, so clean and pure, the unpolluted sweetness of fresh air overhead!

NEBRASKA: You have the Capitol "Magnifico", the majestic tower, its dome of gold and a-top it all the "Sower", a noble figure of bronze. It stands proud! Ground continued next page

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was broken by Gov. Samuel McKelvie April 14, 1922. And it was a "pay-as-you-go" project! And it is one of the architectural wonders of the world. Read these words as you visit our Capitol - "The Salvation of the State is the Watchfulness in the Citizen"---

And ---"Honor to the Pioneers, who broke the sods
That men to come might love-
Honor to the Citizens,
Who build a house of State
When men live well.
The humblest Citizen in all the land;
When clad in the righteous, is
stronger than all the hosts of error!" - Wm. J. Bryan

NEBRASKA: You have a few remaining sod houses, true reminders of the Pioneer who braved this land. The Czechs, the Germans, the Irish, the Polish, and the many other nationalities-- They planted the trees, the grains; they built, and they dreamed, and hoped, and prayed. And they loved the land. And they survived! Surely this was the Pioneers' creed --

Be not ashamed of the home of sod;
Be honest, be loyal, always love God,
Be faithful, be truthful, be kind to all
Then you will be ready when life ends
To hear God's call--

NEBRASKA: Home of the S.A.C., the Strategic Air Command, a place of power, strength, and security! Home of the Great Silver Eagles, our own great Air Force! Air ports throughout the state offer service in just a few hours to any point in the nation. Our railroads exceed 5,500 miles, and we have National bus lines to all points in the nation. Water transportation is providing service on the Missouri River since 1971. Eastern Nebraska has become the western terminus by barge, to the sea board, as well as the Gulf of Mexico.

NEBRASKA: Home of the "City of Little Men" - He ain't heavy, Father. He's my brother - Boystown!

NEBRASKA: Home of the "Big Red"---The University of Nebraska-Established in 1871. Creighton College of Omaha- State Teacher's Colleges- There are 27 institutions of higher learning. There are the Joslyn and the Sheldon Art Galleries. There is Elephant Hall- home of the largest mammoth in the world.

NEBRASKA: With beautiful cathedrals to tiny wooden churches, most faiths are represented in the Church-going people of our state.

We welcome you to Nebraska-
We hope you like what you see!
We have bustling skyscrapers;
And we have the wide-open spaces!
Visit our smart shops, and
Dine in our fine restaurants, our
Cuisine is equal to any and all!
While you are here, enjoy the most beautiful sunsets in the world
Our own "Nebraskaland Sunset"!

Remember our proud heritage from the first white settlement at Bellevue, which served as an Indian Agency in 1823, through two territorial capitals in Omaha, to the first state capital in Lincoln - the year was 1869. Visit our capitol of today, and say hello to our present great governor, J. James Exon.

We salute you, our guests. We are a friendly people. We are happy to see you. We invite you to remember our state flower, which is the Goldenrod. The state gem is the Blue Agate. A Meadow Lark warbles a friendly song to remind us of his title of state bird. Our pioneers planted the cottonwood on the homesteads and farms and it

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has become the state tree. The Mammoth claims the state fossil title. The Great Seal on a field of blue represents our state flag and it waves proudly with the beautiful stars and stripes of our national banner.



Chadron Bison Kill Site Draws National Attention

This news item Courtesy of Lincoln Journal.

Chadron — The Hudson-Meng bison kill site has attracted more national attention — and money — for archeological digs coordinated by Chadron State College.

Reader's Digest has asked to reprint the Geographic article for its six million readers.

There are indications the Smithsonian Institution in Washington will help finance the project, Tangeman said, and negotiations are underway.

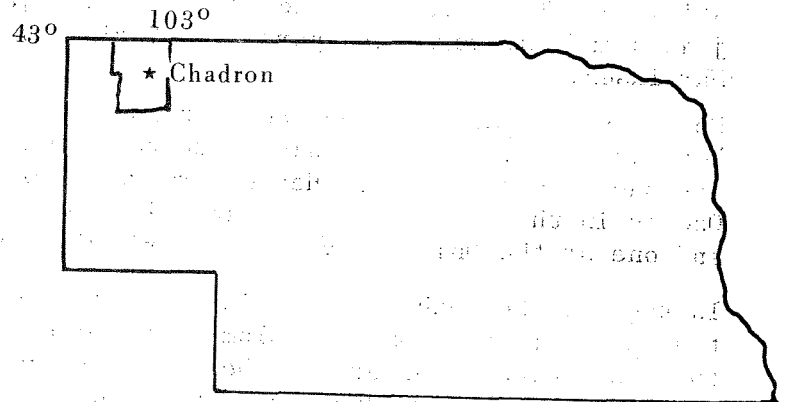
Nationally-known scientists have been drawn to the site where, as Dr. Angenbroad reconstructs it, Indians chased the bison from the west over a boggy creek that then flowed through a canyon. He believes the animals were killed or injured in the fall and then butchered.

Research at the site northwest of Crawford has been granted support in an undisclosed amount from Education Expeditions International for this summer. Chadron State President Larry Tangeman has learned.

Shell Oil has contacted the college by telephone and inquired about doing a film at the site.

The Chadron project will be one of only five in the United States funded by the agency in 1974. EEI coordinates and sponsors field research projects for scientists throughout the world, Tangeman said.

The international expeditions directory featuring the Chadron site calls it unique for two reasons. It contains remains of animal species from the Rocky Mountains, Great Plains, southeastern and southwestern United States. And it has been scientifically "dated" to establish its place in time, which scientists say is extremely rare for paleo-Indian sites.



In addition to being recognized by the expeditions group, the college has been notified that the National Science Foundation has awarded \$9,800 to finance summer work. NSF made a similar grant last summer.

Primary focus of this summer's digs will be to determine the species of animals by skull and core comparisons.

In three summers under Dr. Larry Angenbroad, professor of earth science, the prehistoric bison kill site now listed in EEI's latest international directory has yielded bones from about 200 bison, plus spearpoints and butchering tools.

Scientists also expect to unearth information about the environment, history of soil erosion, climatic changes over a 9,000 year span and geologic history.

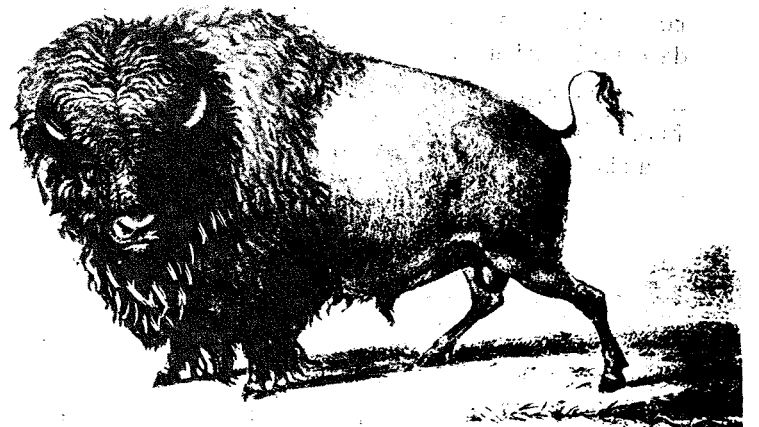
The site dates back an estimated 9,000 years.

Would-be participants in the digs are warned in the expedition catalog that "medical certification of fitness for excavation activities in temperatures as high as 100 degrees is required."

There is more interest in the project from other sources, Tangeman said.

The bone bed was originally discovered 35 years ago by rancher Albert Meng, joined by amateur geologist and former Crawford Mayor Bill Hudson.

It is featured in a story in Nebraska in the current National Geographic magazine.



A Cullin Painting

One of John Neihardt's Hobbies Was Lapidary - Julius D. Young

"I need to make with my hands when I am making with a pen. Overcoming difficulties in one field of effort releases power in the other---it is a trick worth learning." --Dr. John G. Neihardt, as quoted in "A Place of Light", by Dr. Recker, President of Fairleigh Dickenson University.

The truth of this quote from our late honorary member probably has been noted by many of us when, tired by the "rat-race", we have felt the aura of comfort and satisfaction from different facets of our hobby.

The poet was sincere when he said, "Writing poetry is like working with fine gemstones." His long, distinguished life of nearly 93 years proved his mastery of both the pen and the hand. The latter included skills in lapidary, leather, wood, knives and guns, many adorned with gems. He invented a unique gun sight, and his marksmanship was unexcelled. A boyhood ambition to become an inventor faded after his vision-dream at age 12 which guided him to be one of the world's greatest epic poets. The duration of his laureateship of the State of Nebraska since 1921 was the longest in the world's history, the first by act of a legislature.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club in the National Show here, June 13-16, 1974, will feature a special exhibit of some of Neihardt's equipment and his work. The tools are largely "homemade", revealing that he spent little money on such things. What they lacked was compensated by the poet's skill and ingenuity.

The unusual display includes a jade necklace, matching ear-pendants and hololith jade ring with inset gold band. Other jewelry includes a hololith quartz crystal ring set with a threaded-in Jellybean Mexican opal, a stone cameo, and the poet's favorite stickpin. The parallel gold chains of the jade necklace, held apart by a series of jade spindles, were once part of a family heirloom of his sculptress-wife, Mona Martinsen.

Mona was slender; and the jade set was made to fit her neck. She was an artist in her own right, having studied with the great Rodin in Paris, where some of her work was shown in the Salon. Her other creations include busts of her famous husband. One is in the Nebraska State Capitol Hall of Fame, another at Wayne State College, and one at the University of Missouri (Columbia) Library.

In the Gem Show exhibit of Neihardt memorabilia will be a close-up photo of the hands that have written some 25 volumes of poetry, prose, and philosophy. On the left is the ring Neihardt ordered to be made for Mona to glorify her old wedding band with 17 sapphires and two diamonds. She designed the settings to produce four interlocking conventional flowers representing their three daughters and one son. The two diamonds symbolize the parents. After Mona's death, in 1958, the poet wore the ring until his death November 3, 1973. It had been admired by thousands who saw it in real life and on television. The Burma Jade ring on his right hand was a gift from a devoted friend.

Another feature of this display will be the original apple-green nephrite jade block from which portions were cut to fashion the Neihardt jewelry. This, rather than the traditional gold watch, was given to him as a token of esteem by fellow-employees when he retired from the directorship of the Information Office of the U.S. Indian Bureau in the late 1940s. Those devoted people had ordered the jade through a Wyoming Indian girl, a competent jade authority. The remaining block weighs 5 3/4 lb. avoirdupois. Its weight is indicated on a handmade steelyard found near LaPorte, Colorado, many years ago. At this point, near the Cache La Poudre River, General Ashley and his mountain men camped in the bitter winter of 1824-25. The scale probably was made by Jim Bridger or Silas Gobel, as both were blacksmiths. The book, "The Splendid Wayfaring", p 180, shows Neihardt's reference to this encampment. "Jamie" in the Hugh Glass story was probably Jim Bridger. Who knows?

A DEPLORABLE PRACTICE—

Many people have begun practicing something I find most deplorable. This is to make an offer of cash for specimens that are housed in one's private collection. I have become hesitant to show many people material because they quickly ask to purchase specimens. Such a practice is little more than a rude insult to the host who is showing his collection, as it quickly puts him on the defensive and in a position where he must protect his collection against intruders.

Not long ago I was showing some of my agates to a visitor. He espied one of which I am particularly proud—one that I might term a 20 mile agate because one of such quality is found after walking over fields and gravel bars for about 20 miles. "You see that agate; I'll give you a ten dollar bill for it right now." The offer was a real insult because it made my time and effort worth a few cents an hour in the field, and a few cents an hour that I spent in cutting and polishing the agate.

Even if a person appears to have numerous specimens of a particular item, it is not really a sound practice to offer to buy one. The value of many collections lies in the fact that a large population of a particular item are gathered together in one spot. A large collection of, say, 400 brachiopods of a single species is of considerable value because such a collection shows the diversity and variance of a particular population.

The object of maintaining a collection is for the purpose of learning. Without any systematics, a seeming good collection can be little more than an accumulation, the latter having little value because of a dearth of corresponding data to accompany each specimen. To ask a collector to scatter a large collection of similar items, therefore, may not be a good practice.

Large collections of like items may be worth more to the owner if he never sells a specimen than if he parts with many, scattering the collection, for sums of cash. Large collections of the same thing, especially when they include great caches of data, become extremely valuable research material. Such collections are often donated to museums, the donors receiving good tax credits. Miscellaneous accumulations of various objects are rarely desirable for research material and rarely will a museum even accept these, let alone purchase them.

Collectors should be cautioned against inflating the value of some objects to obtain a tax break. Even if a collector donates a specimen to a museum, he should not expect the museum to report an inflated value to the internal revenue, as such a practice is both unethical and fraudulent. Most museums will not allow a donation to be accepted at an inflated value.

The object of collecting should not be merely to possess something. This seems to be the aim of many collectors. The object of collecting is still not reached if just tacking a name onto specimens of rocks and minerals is the final objective. The collector's goal is reached only when he becomes aware of the whys and wherefores there are associated with rocks. The geological time column was built up on the data accumulated by hundreds of skillful collectors over a hundred or so years. Utilizing evidence gleaned from fossil and mineral specimens helped build the time column as we know it. Further uses of evidence gathered from geological specimens has helped construct complex maps utilized for mineral and petroleum exploration. This is all possible because carefully collected specimens help the scientist to understand the sequence of events that formed a certain geological province, and, thus, help him understand its structure and stratigraphy.

It is not necessary to own a specimen to enjoy its beauty or to understand the history behind it. An amethyst crystal is no less purple because someone else owns it, or an agate is no less interesting because it is in a museum collection.

The above practices, I view as undesirable in a collecting hobby. We should all try to enjoy the other fellow's collections without trying to buy it at the same time.

Roger K. Pabian, Education Chairman



JUNIOR PAGE



Petrified Pebble Pups: A demonstration of rock hunting and safety was given by Sandra Wright and Mary Green at the regular meeting of the Petrified Pebble Pups 4-H Club meeting on May 13. Fourteen members were present. Members were given three rocks and were told what they were and where they were found. Birthstones were also discussed. The members were reminded of the June 24th field trip to Plattsmouth, Nebr. The meeting ended with the judging of the beginners' egg cartons. We have one new member, Mark Mercier.

--Paul Sailor, 4-h Club News Reporter

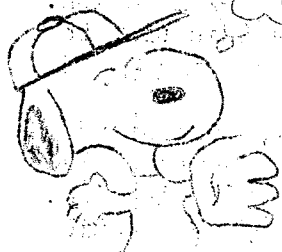
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Two little rocks were sitting along a stream. One was a little boy rock; one was a little girl rock. The little girl rock said to the little boy rock, "I wish you were a little boulder."

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ACROSS

- 1. Beautiful jewel; hardest mineral
- 6. Either
- 7. Limb
- 9. Trip, esp. one planned or guided
- 10. Part of the body.
- 11. Opposite of front
- 14. A pile
- 16. Years old.
- 18. Religious leader in the Vatican
- 20. Sticky black substance
- 21. Give me ___ eraser, please.
- 22. Precious gem, color--dark green

DOWN

- 1. Short for Dorothy.
- 2. Useful metal, used to make steel
- 3. A beautiful rock used for statues and fine buildings
- 4. Opposite of light
- 5. Yellowish-brown substance formed from sap of pine trees buried long ago. Necklaces are made from this
- 8. Rhode Island (Abbr.)
- 12. Red-yellow metal used for electric wires, ornamental dishes, coin, many things
- 13. Boy's marbles used to be made of this. It is streaked with many colors
- 14. At this place
- 15. This many-colored gem used to be considered bad luck.
- 17. Georgia (Abbr.)
- 19. Finish

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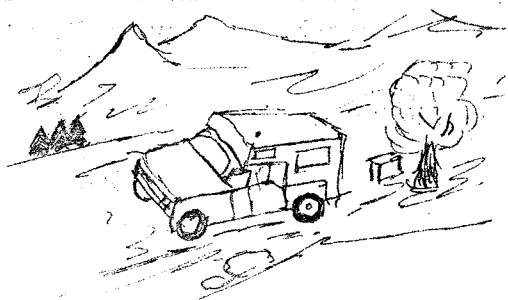


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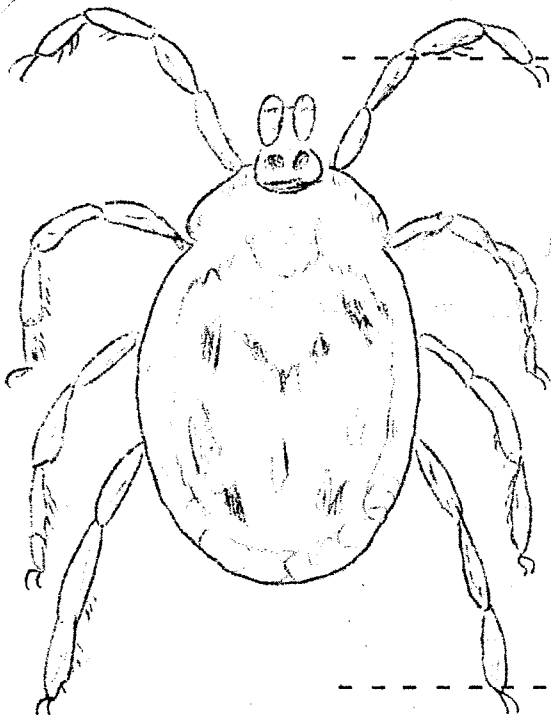
1. The kit should be large enough and have the proper contents for the place it is to be used.
2. The contents should be arranged so the package can be obtained quickly and easily without unpacking the entire contents.
3. Packages of materials should be individually wrapped so unused portions do not become dirty through handling.

The type and size of the kit should be selected to meet specific needs, depending on the majority of your activities and injuries most likely to occur. You cannot plan emergencies, but you should be able to anticipate, meet, and treat an emergency if one does occur.

One time I had an office nurse tell me "we can't make an appointment for that time--we save it for emergencies." In all my years of nursing, I've never had a specific time set aside for emergencies; I've found they never really happen at your convenience!

BE PREPARED -- Have a First Aid Kit and know how to use it.

--American Red Cross First Aid Book
Virginia Green R.N.



Tick season is here! Orville DeFrain, assistant director of the county-city health department, says there are many remedies. He stresses that "any way you can get the little feller out whole without mashing it or pulling it apart is okay." The best way he knows is simply to grab the tick's body with the fingers and slowly pull it out. Be careful not to pull the body away from the head part. After the tick is removed, wash the wound with antiseptic. Other methods for dislodging a tick are:

Douse it with alcohol.

Douse it with fingernail polish remover. If things don't seem to be going well, consult a physician.

CAMPER TIPS: If your metal trailer step is slippery when wet, a plastic stick-on, such as sold in household furnishing departments for bathtubs and showers, can be affixed to the step in a jiffy. Just clean and dry the step and press on the pad. They are waterproof, colorful and provide non-slip footing.

--C.V. Prospector, via Rock Dust

An efficient extinguisher for small fires in the home, camper, or trailer can be made from a one-pound coffee can painted bright red and filled with baking soda. Keep it available for quick access. When a grease or oil fire erupts in a cooking pan or an electrical spark starts a fire, you can quickly smother the flames by throwing handfuls of soda on them.

--Peso-odical, via Gems, via Achates

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