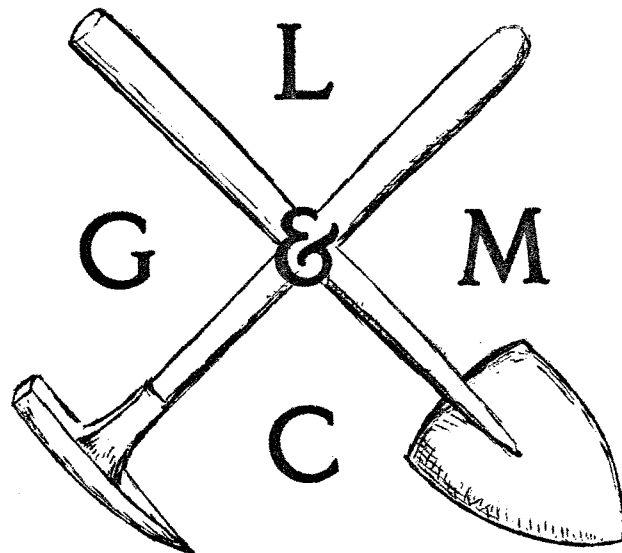


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AND NEBRASKA STATE SHOW

JUNE 13-16, 1974
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CALENDAR



Field Trip: July 21, 1974 Marysville, Kansas
Time: 9:30 a.m. Meet at Port of
Entry station on Highway 77.

Rock Swap: Aug. 3-4, 1974 Lincoln, Nebraska
Lincoln Gen and Mineral Club 8th Annual Swap. 10th and
Military. Pot luck dinner Sat. evening. Watermelon feed,
Sunday. Admission: Swap material. Free Camping.

NAOESCI Field Trip: Hibbing, Minnesota Aug. 3, 4, 5. St Louis Fair-
grounds on Highway 169. Registration Fee, \$1.00. Wagon
Master: Leonard Silvers, Kearney, Nebraska

President's Field Trip: Aug. 10-20, 1974
Aug. 10, Leave Scottsbluff at 0800. Overnight at
Gurnsey, Wyoming
Aug. 11, Spanish Diggings
Aug. 12, Spanish Diggings area
Aug. 13, Leave at 0800 for Shawnee, Wyoming
Aug. 14, Lance Creek and Cow Creek
Aug. 15, Newcastle, Wyoming
Aug. 16, Edgenont, South Dakota
Aug. 17-20, Crawford, Nebraska
Wagon Master: Tom Simmons

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Don and Pat Lawson (reinstatement)
Tom Newell

Other Dates to Remember, 1974

July 18-21 Columbus, NE-Loup Valley Gen and Mineral Soc. Show
July 27-28 Hebron, NE Fort Butler Rock and Gen Club Swap, City
Camp Ground east of swimming pool.
Aug. 17-18 Crawford, NE-Northwest Nebraska Rock Club Show, City Park
Aug. 31-Sept. 2-Onaha, NE Nebraska Mineral and Gen Club Annual Show,
Holiday Inn, 3321 So. 72nd St.
Sept. 14-15 Kearney, NE Fort Kearney Rock Club Open House, Holiday Inn
Sept. 20-22 Kinball, NE Plains Rock and Mineral Club Show, 4-H Bldg.
Nov. 8-10 St. Louis, MO-St. Louis Mineral and Gen Society Show,
Electricians Hall

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please make the following changes in your "Who's Who":

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Wittman, Wilfrid, (Ollie) Telephone 423-4100

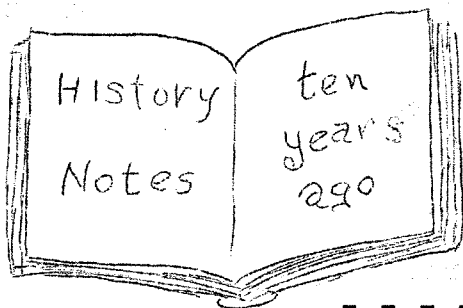
Add these names:

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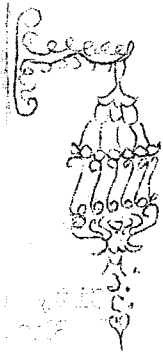
LAST MONTH.....There was no regular meeting of the LGMC in June. A post-show meeting was held at East Hills Country Club at 6:30 p.m., June 22. There was a very large attendance to enjoy the steak dinner. Members of the LGMC who had helped with the '74 National Show were given recognition, and presented with recognition certificates. Those holding the lucky numbers received some very fine door prizes. The Field Trip Guides were available to those present.

There will be no regular meeting in August, but two events that involve club members are scheduled--the Rock Swap, Aug. 3-4, and the President's Field Trip--Aug. 10-20. Details concerning these activities are found in another part of the "Pick & Shovel."



During August, the annual picnic was held at Pioneer Park. A special meeting was held for final show arrangements.

--from the notebook of
Frances Tracy-
historian



VAJA CON DIOS - May God Be With You

Cards were sent in the past month to

Roger and Margaret Simmons--New Baby
Mrs. Shirley Marsh--Get Well
John Dugan--Get Well
Frank Williams, Davenport, Ia.--Get Well
Mrs. Richard Eller, Shelby, Ne.--Get Well

I cannot count the ways or the numbers who contributed in some way to let folks know a National Gem and Mineral Show was being held at the State Fairgrounds, June 13-16 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

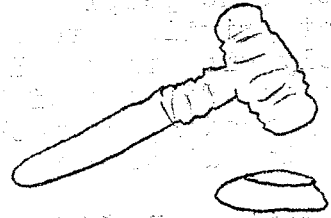
Let's consider the ways: by word of mouth, stuffing and zipping envelopes, putting up posters, writing an article for publication, making favors, centerpieces, telling it on radio, T.V. appearance, providing programs for service clubs, schools, and churches. Who did these things? Every Rockhound in the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, all the Rockhounds in Nebraska clubs, and many across the country.

To all these loyal Rockhounds everywhere who helped to get the word around, I say many thanks and God bless you everyone for your service.

--Marie Wells

THE PRESIDENT PONDERERS

I appreciate this year of membership in the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. It is unique in many ways. While serving as Chairman of the Steering Committee, I had access to a vast amount of knowledge, from those with experience, about the hobby in regards to the public image and to the educational value of shows. This past National Show was our day in the light of public opinion, and we were literally on exhibit to the man on the street. Then, too, in my capacity as president of the club, I learned that I have some privileges and many responsibilities. I especially enjoy reading the club mail. We are receiving many letters of commendation from those who attended the great show and a few asking for post-show statistics or copies of documents left over, etc. With the help of the liaison officer these have all been answered or forwarded to the proper person. The responsibility of maintaining a challenge for our members is mind boggling. I find myself pondering the greatness and the variety of our members. Each of you is unique. You contributed to the success of the great show according to the level of your motivation which was actually tempered by your situation, such as how much time and energy was available for you to direct to this project. I personally recognize that several individuals contribute an outstanding effort to club projects, and spend a tremendous amount of energy far beyond the usual expectations. This is the life blood of any group activity.



I am not so naive as to believe that everyone will agree entirely with the policy and programs. This is a way of life in our culture. We can and should be critical of any public undertaking. This constructive criticism tends to discourage apathy about principles and methods. In the past these critical voices have been heard, and we went on from there with no serious disruptions. This demonstrated another great quality of our members when acting as a group, the ability to perform even though differences arise.

For the present time, let's support the local club activities. That way, those in charge will feel that their efforts are worthwhile. The annual rock swap is scheduled for August 2, 3, and 4, just north of the National Guard Armory on 10th street. Don and Arlene Duckett are in charge and I am sure will appreciate your support. Also, check your new Field Trip Guide for future field trips. We can express support to Larry and Marita Bigley by showing up on July 21 at Marysville, Kansas, to hunt gypsun. These field trips don't just happen. It takes planning, and arrangements must be made in advance. I am sure Roger Pabian would appreciate having your support for the educational programs.

I am always open to suggestions for new projects or ways to improve existing functions. Please feel free to write me, call me, or come to visit with these suggestions.

--Ralph L. Ulrich, President
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

EDITORIAL.....The big Show is over! We worked hard to make it a success. It appears that we achieved our goals. It was a great pleasure to personally meet our AFMS, MWF, and NAOESCI officers as well as the many other fine people who attended the Show. Your Editor felt it was a great privilege to work with June Culp Zeitner and Paul Good and his lovely wife in the Editors Booth. It was also good to meet and visit with the Editors of Exchange Bulletins which we receive each month and enjoy reading so much, and to meet the Editors of Bulletins which we hope to add to our exchange list.

The Editors Breakfast broke all records in attendance. There were 206 present. The trophy winners in the MWF Bulletin Contest were: First place--The Geode; Second place--Magna; Third place--Pyriter. These are truly fine Bulletins and are worthy of their awards.

I wish to thank all the people who helped me with the Editors Breakfast and who helped man the Editors Booth at the 1974 National Show. I want to share with you a portion of a letter which I received from June Zeitner, our AFMS Director of Club Publications. I'm sure you will be as pleased as I am at what she says. "This is a very special and sincere thank you for all you did to make our Editors display and Breakfast so very outstanding. This was exceptionally well done. Your help at the booth was so well organized, too. I got to visit with several of your good workers who were on duty for you. I really thought the breakfast and favors and all were just great. Can't really thank you and all your cooperative helpers enough." One person alone, cannot accomplish such a project--so I say "Thanks a million" to you who helped me so much.

Helpers at the Editors Breakfast were: Florence Boring, Meals Chairman
Tables: Debbie Ulrich, Hazel Howlett, Marita Bigley, and Rosa Lee Wright
Ticket receiver: Nelda Oliver

Menu covers: Fort Butler Rock and Gen Club

Place cards: Loup Valley Gen and Mineral Society

Favors: Central Nebraska Rock and Mineral Society

Centerpieces: Nebraska Clubs

Bulletin Boards made by Frank Rule

Helpers in the Editors Booth were: Maida McGrew, Fort Butler Rock Express editor; Nelda Oliver, LGMC secretary and editor of Nelda's news (during Glenna's absence); Debbie Ulrich, Assistant to the editor "Pick & Shovel"; Hazel Howlett, "Pick & Shovel" staff; Art Howlett, Publications Chairman; Past editors of the "Pick & Shovel", Marie Carveth, Frances Tracy, and Phyllis Parks (who is also the present publisher); and Rosa Lee Wright, typist for the "Pick & Shovel."

There will be no "Pick & Shovel" in August. My son Glen, his wife-Debbie, and I will be heading for our favorite retreat in the Black Hills of South Dakota--Cheyenne Crossing. We hope to meet many of you on the president's field trip in Wyoming and at Crawford.

May you have a pleasant summer----and GOOD ROCK HUNTING!

--Evelyn



Save your Betty Crocker Coupons for Scholarship Fund. Bring to September meeting. The AFMS Scholarship Plaque winner for the MWF is Dr. Paul Edwin Potter, Prof. of Geology, Univ. of Cincinnati. He will select a recipient for the student scholarship.

8TH ANNUAL

ROCK SWAP

AUG 3 & 4 1974

10TH AND MILITARY
LINCOLN NEBRASKA

FIELD TRIP SATURDAY MORN.

POTLUCK SATURDAY NIGHT

WATER MELON FEED
SUNDAY AFTERNOON

FREE CAMPING

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ADMISSION

MATERIAL FOR AUCTION

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Board Meeting was held June 6, 1974 at the home of Frank Rule, 6333 Kearney at 7:30 P.M..

Board Members present: President, Ralph Ulrich, Larry Bigley, Howard Taylor, Tom Simmons, Norma Miller, Marie Wells, Frank Rule and John Harrison, Jr..

Committee members: Marita Bigley and Florence Boring.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and had the following corrections: Dues to be collected November first and delinquent January 31. This to be brought before the members at the September meeting for vote. To clarify, the Who's Who is to be charged to the club fund, not the 1974 show. Motion by Tom Simmons to accept with corrections seconded by Howard Taylor.

Treasurers report given by John Harrison, Jr., and accepted as read. Howard Taylor, asked how much money has the club spent and how much has been taken in from the '74 show? President, Ralph Ulrich stated if all committees stay within their budget their is no problem. All bills are being asked to be submitted to the club within 30 days. After much discussion on monies the President, Ralph Ulrich said he hopes to have everything settled by November 1974.

President, Ralph Ulrich read bills. Motion by Tom Simmons to approve bills as read seconded by Larry Bigley. Motion carried.

Marie Wells moved to subscribe to the Midwest Newsletter for the following year, seconded by Frank Rule. Motion carried,

Offer from Lapidary Journal for club to sell subscriptions to members for profit. This was highly objected to.

Gems and Minerals magazine-Club members may order subscriptions from the treasurer at a discount if ordered thru the club. Club makes no money. John Harrison, Jr. will take your orders.

A letter from Dr. Paulson on National Legislation policy. Has to do with control of the public lands, etc.. President, Ralph Ulrich would like to appoint someone on the board to study this and make recommendations if action needs to be taken. Tom Simmons appointed by the President to study and recommend to the board for action, if any needs to be taken.

Liasion, Norma Miller, has copy of adjenda that is going to be on the program for the convention and a resume of the last council meeting.

Field Trips-Larry Bigley, getting machine to print the guides. Pres. field trip OK.

Frank Rule would like to know what to do with the leftover cases? After much discussion, Tom Simmons made motion for Frank Rule to proceed to find permanant quarters for ALL club properties, seconded by Norma Miller. After more discussion the money will come from club money not 1974 show money. Frank has to report to the board when he finds a place, he can not spend money without board action. Motion carried. Two apposed. Cases will be sold for \$40.00 to members wanting them. These are knockdown cases.

Florence Boring reports she has collected \$33.00 toward 'our' project of bringing

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Well, the Big Show is all over! But what memories linger on! The final tally on the gate was around 42,000 and that's a parcel of people.

As I went through each building, it seemed there was wall to wall people. I'm sure that you who were there noticed this, too. It seemed as if those who displayed went all out. I toured around and noticed that the cases had all been upgraded, and in my estimation, had to excell to come out on top. As most of you know, our own member, Frank Krejci, won the AFMS trophy for faceting.

Over all, it seemed as if everyone enjoyed himself. I heard lots of good comments on the overall Show. In fact, it was so good to hear that most of the Rock Hounds liked the Fairgrounds.

Yes, LGMC, you can be proud of all you have done.

I want to once again thank all who worked at the Show. ----all of the LGMC members who gave so unselfishly. To the other Nebraska Clubs who helped in so many ways, and to all others who partook in the labors that had to be done, thanks again!

As the 1974 Show Director, I hope that I did the job that was expected of me. If not, please forgive me and my shortcomings.

Thanks to each one.

Irl Everett
1974 National Show Director

Rockhound Philosophy

We may resent life's buffetings,
Take the blows with fearful groans,
Forgetting that the process makes
Precious gems and polished stones.

Dorothy Faye Osner, via Foothill C. & N.

The development of a new product is a three step process; first, an American firm announces an invention; second, the Russians claim they made the same discovery twenty years ago; third, the Japanese start exporting it.

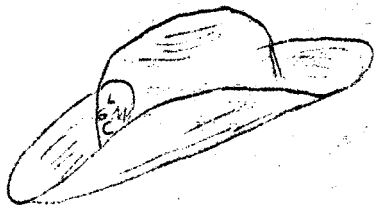
via July '74 Rear Trunk

Unwelcome Visitor at National Gem and Mineral Show

The National Gem and Mineral Show is over, but it is still receiving a lot of publicity in many newspapers because of an unwelcome visitor who attended the Show. A three and one-half foot rattlesnake was discovered in a piece of South Dakota wood used by an exhibitor in one of her displays.

Mrs. Hermina Kolski of Great Falls, Montana, noticed a peculiar rattling sound every time she walked by her display case. Being suspicious of what might be inhabiting the wood, she enlisted the help of a gentleman who seemingly had had some experience handling snakes. He removed the reptile and housed it in a temporary cage--an empty show case. Mrs. Kolski, fearful that the snake would make an escape from its confines, in true rockhound fashion, traded the gentleman some rocks for the snake. She then called the Antelope Zoo.

Ken Provan, from the Antelope Zoo, responded to her call. He turned the snake loose in an open area and then recaptured it. He did this to better facilitate getting it into the proper confines. Since Antelope Zoo does not house poisonous reptiles, it was sent to a Chicago zoo where it is more welcome.



Hats off to the unsung heroes of the '74 National Show. Without their efforts there could have been no show. They were given no public recognition, but they are known by their fellow club members, and are respected for the unselfish labor they so freely gave. When the fanfare is over, the glory soon fades, but the esteem of the membership will be enduring.

-contributed for July Pick & Shovel

As I read the above words from an LGMC member which I found in my mailbox one day, I mentally tabulate the thousands of combined hours which were necessary to put the big show together. Printing it, hopefully, will create thoughts in many minds.

Going through secretary notes and tapes I came several times across the statement that "The National Show is one we will all sit back and enjoy, all work will be done in advance, and we will hire the actual labor at the show itself."----Guess you just can't hire that personal touch which is necessary for an event as big as and fine as the show just over. ----Thus many club members spent untold hours in the actual days of the show to keep everything going smoothly.

To begin with, the Steering Committee did us a big favor when they named "Evy" as our Show Director. The club members, outstate clubs and individual directors could all depend on Evy for cooperation, commendation, or consoling - whatever it took to keep us happy and working. Evy and Lois both gave unselfishly of themselves in the enthusiastic way of real 'Rockhounds' during the pre-show days and thru the show. Their deep feeling for LGMC and it's projects carried us through it all.

Evy's division directors each came through with great performances - Ray Grabher, as Budget and Fiscal, possibly had some anxious moments during the highly publicized fuel and energy shortage and undoubtedly spent many hours all through the show to make sure that everything was financially sound and correct. Great job, Ray and crew. --As Publicity Director, Marie Wells was a sensation - she had great people on her committee and they all did their utmost to get the word all over the country and most important, create enough local interest to get the thousands of nearby visitors necessary to come see our show. --As Administrative Assistant and Federation

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From the Secretary's Notes --continued

Liaison, Ralph Ulrich did a very big job. His attention to the smallest details in many instances paid off very well. (As LCM Club President, Ralph also did a fine job of hosting the show.) --Dealers Director Howard Taylor did a fantastic job. I'd hate to have to pay for the hours he and his family put into securing the complete slate of dealers, manufacturers, and wholesalers that they did. Didn't hear any complaints about the quality of their selection either. Put then, Howard is a past master at shows and showmanship, having been LCMC Show Chairman several times. --As Special Features Director, Marie Taylor also had many hours of letter writing, phone calls, meetings with her assistants, The Oswald Pauls, and the rest of her committee. Much planning and detail work was taken care of and a full slate of interesting and informative lectures and slide programs were selected. Heard many fine comments on the programs, the speakers and the presentations. Much work in preparing the rooms, equipment and seating for all of the lecture rooms. James Marburger did a good job of handling the equipment, all of Marie's committee worked hard. --Displays Director Roger Fabian once again proved his great talent by the record breaking volume and quality of displays. Such workmanship, variety and interest, and such a great group of exhibitors. --Registrations Director Norma Miller outdid herself in her planning, selection of various chairmen under her division, organizing and carrying out the many functions needed. The hours and hours spent beforehand by her committee just grew and grew during the actual show as the information booths and registrations counter were never idle. Tremendous project. --Special thoughts of Stan and Hazel Greenwade as Information Booth Chairmen--they had very complete preparations and capable help and were always helpful and agreeable. --Special Events Director Hal Allen and wife Barbara really did a great job of planning the extra "Special" activities for after show hours, making sure that all went off as planned. Great fun things and much enjoyed. --When John Harrison took over as Director of Building and Sites he couldn't have anticipated the number of changes and situations which would take real decisive action and endless patience. Bet he could write a book. Each of his Building Supervisors and their supporting workers put forth many hours at their assigned jobs. Larry Birley with the entire Grandstand area; Frank Rule with the Exhibition Building, cases, and exhibitors; John Lewis and Tom Simmons with the Wholesale area. They had much help but those men took the responsibility. Bet they didn't have much time to really see the show. --Security Directors George Balke and Bob Bainbridge arranged very efficient coverage and were themselves always there in case of need. Didn't hear of any serious happenings so it must have been quite satisfactory. --Recognitions Director Jim Parks was quite pleased with the tremendous effort put forth by clubmembers (and print shop owners) Margaret and Roger Simmons in the matter of official programs and ribbons for the show. They accepted changes in the count for the ribbons as late as May 23 and provided the quantity as requested by each of the Directors for their division. They were also most agreeable about making changes in the program copy as plans changed up to and including June 3rd, just 10 days ahead of the show. Since they were club members several Directors were able to contact them directly for their changes. Great job, Margaret and Roger. --Now the Secretary Division, with Show Historian Evelyn Ulrich in charge, will do their best to gather all the material together and with their committee prepare as complete and efficient a record as possible. Early this fall we will look forward to seeing the results of Show Photographer Tom Rule's efforts as we recall the most exciting moments of the show. -- Lots of work but well worth it.

-Phyllis Parks, Secretary

Just saw this pleasing comment on our show by the Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club's President, Hal Horak, in the Omaha "Rear Trunk" message. "Our first task was to set up our cases. Roger Fabian as Displays Chairman had everything ready. Roger's many months of planning were very apparent. Also apparent were the many efforts of Irl Everett, Show Chairman, and his committees." A bit later in the message - "I feel that Irl Everett as Show Chairman did an outstanding job with the entire show and is to be congratulated on a job 'well-done'." We agree with Mr. Horak, and thank him for the kind mention. Great people - Rockhounds. pnp

Delegate's Report-- NOESCI ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc. was held at 9 a.m., June 16, 1974, in the lower level of the Administration Building at the State Fairgrounds in conjunction with the National Gem and Mineral Show.

Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

Program chairman announced that if any club had slides or programs of interest to pass them on to other clubs in the State.

Mr. Charles Gaudreault, Field Chairman for 1974, announced that the Field trip to Hibbing, Minn., to the Iron Mines is becoming a reality and will be the first weekend in August, 1974.*

Mr. Lee Kirby, Past President of the Midwest Federation, and Mr. Leonard Nicholls, State Director of Michigan, also extended their welcome to Hibbing, Minn., to the Iron Mines.

Terms of the Proposal Agreement between Midwest Federation and Rocky Mountain Federation as to the dividing line between the two Federations was presented by Midwest Federation President, Mr. Mark Harris.

Mrs. Mary Anderson, American Federation President Elect honored us by attending the meeting as a guest.

The following Rock Swaps, Shows, Open House, Pot Luck, et cetera were announced for the year 1974:

- Homestead Gem & Mineral Club, Beatrice, June 29 & 30, 1974
- Grand Island Rock Club: Pot Luck and Auction July 13-14, 1974
- Loup Valley Rock Club: Show July 18-21, 1974, Columbus, Nebr.
- Fort Butler Rock & Gem Club, Hebron: Swap July 27 & 28, 1974
- Fort Kearney Club, will have Open House, Sept. 14 & 15, 1974
- Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club, Omaha, Show, Labor Day weekend, 1974
- Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club: The President's field trip, with Tom Simmons as Wagonmaster, will leave Lincoln, Nebr., Aug. 10 for Wyoming. Anyone may come and go on this trip, join and depart at your own discretion; its duration is for ten days, Aug. 10-20, 1974
- Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Rock Swap August 3 & 4, 1974

Election of Officers as follows:

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| President | Howard Taylor |
| Vice President | Salna Hammond |
| Sec'y-Treas. | Mary Warehan |
| Board of Directors | Maxine Young, James McGrew and Walt John |

A buffet luncheon was served, and the tables were graced by lovely favors made by our own club member, Mrs. Julius Young, (Meadow Lark and nest) and our lovely luncheon covers were designed and hand painted by another club member, Mrs. Evelyn Ulrich.

Meeting was declared adjourned by the President, Howard Taylor.

--Luella S. Paul, Delegate

* Aug. 3, 4, and 5 are set as dates for the field trip to Hibbing-- hosted by Mesabi Rock and Mineral Club. Field trippers are to check in the 3rd at Fairgrounds, located on east side of Hibbing. The Hibbing Club is planning a breakfast on the 4th. They will furnish guides for all field trips. Bring plenty of swapping material, as they are having a State Swap. Field Trip Chairman, Charles Gaudreault, 1711 J St. Gothenburg, NE 69138.....Ed.

Delegate's Report, MIDWEST FEDERATION ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING



The MWF annual meeting was called to order by President Mark Harris on June 15, 1974, at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Credentials Committee reported a quorum present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by President Harris. Printed reports were made available. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. Treasurer's report was accepted as printed, balance being \$5,853.77.

Merit Awards for All American Clubs were presented by June Zeitner. The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club received a Certificate of Honorable Mention.

Howard Taylor presented the report of the State Directors Meeting, recommending the appointment of a special committee to investigate actions necessary to reopen any closed areas and to try to stop the closing of others. They also passed a resolution in favor of advertising the Federation Show for only the coming year in Federation Booths and local shows.

Among items of interest in the Permanent Committee Reports were: From Paul Good, Bulletin Editors, mail 3 copies of each bulletin to him; they will notify your club which two issues are to be judged; club financial statement is no longer a requirement of bulletins. From Barney Parr, Convention & Show: Cedar Rapids, Iowa submitted a bid for the 1978 MWF Show, decision to be made next year in Detroit. Presentations for the 1977 show were made by Dayton and Cleveland; Dayton was selected for host club. From Lee Kirby, Education: Working on Safety Manual. The MWF Directory and Junior Manual (from Diane Dare's committee) can be secured from Clinton Heckert, Director of Supplies. Posters on Cleaning up Roadways are available from Harold Janzen, Environment--Safety & Field Trips cooperating. From Carlton Davis, Mineralogy: Future shows will have a booth for identification of minerals; he needs names of people who can help on his committee. From Leon Maxwell, Safety & Field Trips: Send field trip booklet to him. From Scholarship Chairman via her assistant: Progress reported from \$10 to \$170,000 in ten years, and she thanks you. Barney Parr, Uniform Rules: Reports approval had been secured for individual members (without a club affiliation) to compete at shows. Recognitions to be made at the Awards Banquet for the 141 cases in competition--80 ribbons, awards and trophies.

17 of the 26 Permanent Committees reported.

Special Committee Reports: Leonard Nicholls, Liaison, as a result of his committee's work with members of the Central Canadian Federation, presented a resolution allowing clubs and societies in a given territory to affiliate with other Federations and setting up procedures. This resolution was approved. Mark Harris reported the revision of Operating Manual and Bylaws had been accepted. Detroit asked for directories from each local club so they could reach all members individually regarding the 1975 Show. Teresa Bronlie, of the COMF, invited everyone to an International Banquet in Canada in 1975.

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Delegate's Report, MWF Council, continued

Jay Wollin, Long Range Planning Committee presented the situation in regard to the requested dues increase for AFMS. A resolution was passed charging the MWF Board of Directors with the responsibility of examining the matter in detail and instructing the Directors of AFMS on how to cast the vote of MWF on the issue. A second resolution instructed the President of MWF to discuss by a letter to AFMS suggestions for budget cuts, and to secure a decision from AFMS in this regard, prior to the Bylaws change regarding the dues increase. This was also approved.

The recommendation of the Directors in regard to a committee to investigate the reopening of collection sites, etc. was approved by the delegates.

President Harris reported a procedural change--the latest date that a newly organized club would be eligible to send a voting delegate to a MWF meeting would be the latest possible date which would allow the membership chairman to send the club a letter of acceptance and eligibility.

Leonard Nicholls presented a request that MWF endorse the concept and production of a TV show in the area of Geology and Rockhounding aimed at the 10-12 year old viewer. After a thorough discussion the endorsement was approved. Mr. Nicholls will serve on the steering committee as a result of this endorsement; he requests that you send input to him.

President Harris presented for consideration a proposed agreement between Rocky Mountain Federation and Midwest Federation setting the 100th Meridian through Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota as the boundary between the two Federations. The delegates voted to authorize President Harris to sign this agreement.

Throughout the day various groups gave notice of slide programs being made available as follows:

- Archaeology Committee, two programs
- Earth Science Club of Illinois, Micromounting
- Flint Rock and Gem Club, lapidary
- AFMS, preparing one on the Mineral Heritage Stamp
- Eastern Federation has one on Safety.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Terry Huizing; 1st Vice President, Howard Taylor; 2nd Vice President, Hazel Kuntz; Secretary, Jean Reynolds; Treasurer, Bernice McCloskey.

Election was held of a nominating committee. (This report must wait while accuracy is checked.)

Terry Huizing reported 52% of the clubs in Midwest Federation were present at the Convention.

The name of Haydon Peterson was proposed as an Honorary Member--this was referred to the fall meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.

Thanks were extended to the Lincoln Club, all other Nebraska clubs, and all state organizations for an outstanding Show.

Meeting adjourned.

--Rosa Lee Wright, delegate



Sidelights and Highlights--By Marie J. Carveth

Salute!

The Show is over, and the memory lives on. Sometimes we enjoy the memories more than the actual occurrence--occasionally that is.

When we were asked to find accommodations for Rev. Greving, the "Grotto" priest, I was happy to be able to say we had space, and it was ready for guests! And he was so grateful and pleased to come. And it was a pleasure.

When Rev. Pfieffer called for Rev. Father Greving at our house one morning, these two gentlemen, in the service of God, shook hands upon introduction, and immediately became friends! They discovered each other's sense of humor and wit, and as they drove away from our home in Rev. Pfieffer's sporty little "green cutlass" they were laughing and talking, as they merrily went on their way to the T.V. Station to make an appearance. We stood there, watching them leave, with a good feeling in our hearts--feeling "all is well", with men such as these, in our midst!

The outstanding high light of the National Gem and Mineral Show held here in Lincoln, Nebraska, was the first day of issue of the Mineral Heritage stamps. And they are beautiful, all will agree--Lucky people with the Amethyst for a birthstone, like Virg Carveth, for instance! Who else? It was the beginning of four great days. Our president, Ralph Ulrich, expected approximately 1,500 for the ceremony--There were 3,000 people to witness the historical event. The dignitaries from Washington, D. C. were present, being introduced by Ralph Ulrich.

At the Show we saw many people on crutches, young, and elderly--enjoying the beauties of our "rock and gem world". We saw a gentleman placed in a wheel-chair, ready for his trek around the Show grounds. The license plates on the car read "New Jersey". He came a long way to enter our exposition, and he wasn't a young man. Such real courage and enthusiasm of spirit must have gotten him through many a rough time. Our "own Grandmother" in the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, attending the Show, with her beautiful children and grand-children enjoyed herself-- She, too, with the assistance of crutches-- But I've seen her before, in the rock-fields of Western Nebraska, with her family-- a Sister Kenny stick in one hand, and a gem scoop in the other! Such indomitable Spirit! Initials? R.W.

'Course there is nothing or no one like our "Sheriff's Patrol"-- Why don't you "hombres" try out for T.V.?

My day was made when a "big city" photographer took a picture of my "Mexico" arrangement-- Do you know why? A very commendable reason-- His big newspaper is converting his pictures into slides-- they are, he informed me taking the Rock Show to the shut-ins via pictures, and in Kansas City, Mo.! Wonder who else from the LGMC is in that program-- it would be fun to know.

I found out which is the most authentic book on Mt. Rushmore, after a nice chat with Lincoln Borglum. A real high-light for me, to meet the gentlemen. June Culp Zeitner is a vivacious and charming lady, always on the go.

And who can match the keen sense of humor of Lt. Gov. Marsh? I have a cousin in Cleveland, Ohio, whose name is Frank Marsh!! We are happy you are one of our Rockhounds! Thanks, too, for the Blue Agate. Ours has gone on to be placed in the "Grotto of the Redemption" at West Bend, Iowa. Isn't that a "heavenly place" for it?

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Sidelights and Highlights--By Marie J. Carveth (continued)

With our good friends, the Kenfields of Ogallala here, it was just right! These two men always come forth with such beauty and perfection, "under line that";, it is pure pleasure to see their displays.

"Front Page" Gless did all right with his big tooth! From Fremont.

Tom Simmons, you will always have fun with "that" \$35.00 Fairburn! The story of the finding of that same Fairburn gets better each year---. That's O.K. too!

Father Creving claims all Rock-Hounds are good guys!

The Texans were very complimentary concerning our weather! And it was just great-- Howard Taylor predicted it would be--- and it was.

I nominate Frank Krejci as our Hero! He came through with the National award in his class. For himself, for his wife, Ruth, and for the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. (P.S. He claims me as his cousin; how about that?)

Australia was represented here, by a lovely lady, wish I had her name, as we enjoyed a nice visit with her, and the Canadians from Regina, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan were charming- they could not have been more generous with their comments about the people of the L.C.M.C, the Nebraska Clubs in general, and the wonderful hospitality. All take a big bow!

Surely our "Flower Lady" is Mrs. Young. She came through with hundreds of daisies, blue bachelor's buttons, and various other dainties and greenery. All from the J. D. Young's garden! While we worked with the flowers, J. D. prepared cold drinks and lunch! Nice! And Oh, those darling Meadow Larks from the artistic hands of Myrtle Young. Such talent!

"Ye ol' sign" painter came through, as usual, Pappy Waddle, of course.

It was so interesting to meet other bulletin editors, and writers and reporters; and good to have so many, many people interested in the lil ol "Pick and Shovel". I know that sometimes to be the editor seems to be a thankless job. It represents more work than meets the eye---

The beautiful wares and merchandise offered by the dealers were very outstanding and surely everyone found some choice item they were searching for. Never saw So Many Squash Blossoms!

The lecture and slide programs enjoyed a full house each showing.

The Par-b-que and dance were delightful.

The Awards Banquet was the largest ever. There, only one flaw-----. Who can guess what it was?????

The guests were truly outstanding.

There really are so many side-lights and high-lights, who can mention them all - The great talent in so many displays from just the Nebraska Clubs alone was fabulous.

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Sidelights and Highlights--by Marie J. Carveth (continued)

Thanks to Irl Everett, the founder of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, as a great director. If it were not for "your beginning of the Club", none of this -- this big event would have come about!

Thanks, too, to Ralph Ulrich for good leadership. You both had, and deserved, all the efforts and talents of the various chairmen, co-chairmen, and membership of the Lincoln Club and the State Clubs.

It was my pleasure to work with Evelyn Ulrich, our Editor! Thanks, Evelyn, I enjoyed it.

Like the English say, "Good Show"--

To those who worked so hard and long--

Those foot prints in the sands of time,
Are made by people on their toes!

Magnum Opus !

Marie J. Carveth

NORTH DAKOTA

Along the Little Missouri River lie strongly eroded, scenic Badlands where the prospector will find much petrified wood and many varieties of cryptocrystalline quartz.

ADAMS CO., Petrified wood on farm land along Cedar River

BILLINGS CO., Badlands, Aedora area--agate chalcedony, silicified wood

GRAFT CO., Wade area, 55 mi. SW of Bismarck, Well Creek Formation on Cannonball River--Silicified pine cones

NETTINGER CO., Mott, 11 mi. north, surface of hills and washes in area of Thirty-miles Creek--agate, chalcedony, jasper, petrified and opalized wood. Along the Cannonball River--petrified wood

McKINZIE AND WILLIAMS CO., Missouri River and Yellowstone River gravels--"Montana" moss agate

NORTON CO., Mandan area hills and washes--agate, chalcedony, chert, tereedo wood (silicified)

STARK CO., Dickinson area--agate, chalcedony

From GEMSTONES OF NORTH AMERICA, BY
John Sinkankas, with some additions
via The Flack Hills Prospector

Great men, like tall mountains, retain their stability during the most severe storms ----

submitted by Marie J. Carveth

Judy's Journal

The "greatest show on earth" (National Show) is a thing of the past now, but there are so many fond memories that really made me proud to be a part of it. As I saw it, and as I met some of the nation's finest Rockhounds, I couldn't believe it was really happening. I thought I was dreaming. As far as my display was concerned, I didn't have much, but I never dreamed there were so many lovely displays.

Mary Anderson, who is the president-elect of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, greeted me with open arms Sunday afternoon and told me that she was the new president. She is really a lovely person. Mary said, "I will see you in Denver next year," and you can be sure I will be there, because I've never seen Denver, and I have so many friends out there. It seems like I've been confined to Nebraska and Minnesota lately. I've often wanted to leave the Midwest, but I have so many ties here that it seems so hard to leave all my family and friends.

I love to travel, and this was one reason I joined the LGMC. Next week I will be going to Minnesota to finish out my vacation for three weeks. I spent three weeks there in May. Things were so late there the leaves hadn't even come out on the trees, and I wanted to be in Lincoln for preparation of our "Mammoth Event."

I felt very uneasy while I was up there, and was glad to come back June 8th instead of June 10th. I attended the Pelican Lake Conservation Meeting while I was there, but it wasn't half as interesting as our Gen and Mineral Show.

On Friday night I attended the Mt. Rushmore lecture, and on Saturday night I saw the automatic cab machine. John Lewis was sure a mechanical genius when he made that machine. I don't know how he did it!

Next month I'll write some more.

--Judy Walt

THE WEATHER STONE.....Lepidolite can be called the "weather stone" as it can tell us whether the weather will be rainy or fair. It is one of the lithia minerals and is usually a pale grey-blue color, at least on fair days. If the lepidolite specimen is beside an open window, it will turn to a pink lilac shade if a rainy period threatens. Then, when the air clears, it will change back to grey-blue again.

--Via the Rockester News, Geode, and Ear Bender

Did You Know----The State of Oregon now requires by law that every motor vehicle will have a litter bag in it!

--Via Napalite, Napa County Rockhounds

A diamond cannot be polished without friction,
nor man perfected without trials.

--Via Petrograph

"To make mistakes is human; to stumble is commonplace; to be able to laugh at yourself is maturity."

--The Viewer

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

We are getting so many letters from those who particularly enjoyed the National Show and our hospitality that I feel you deserving members should at least read some of the comments. We will have the letters in their entirety displayed at our meetings so you may read them. However, our next regular meeting is not until the fourth Saturday in September, so here is what they are saying:

"Dear Ralph,

Harriet and I arrived home safely and in good shape last evening. One of the nicest things about our homecoming was the feeling of pleasure we both had for the wonderful week we had enjoyed at your Show. Thank you so very much for a most pleasant vacation. We both enjoyed it so very much.

(Signed) Calvin M. George"

"...Members of the Homestead Gem & Mineral Club in Beatrice, Nebr., wish to congratulate the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club on a job well done.

The National Gem & Mineral Show was the most spectacular event to come to this part of the country.

Only hard work, diligence and careful planning could have made this possible. We are happy to have been a small part of such a big undertaking.

(Signed) Mary Maxson, Secretary"

"From June Culp Zeitner, Contributing Editor, Lapidary Journal

Dear Ralph and all,

I hope you have all had a little rest after your great accomplishment, and can now glory in the fact that you have been tremendously successful and have reached a new high for outstanding shows. A great deal of work and planning went into your show, that we all know, but it was all such a great triumph, that I know it will be the talk of all the Federations and all the clubs for a long, long time. I want to thank all of the chairmen and all of the workers and all of the members, and also the other fine Nebraska clubs who cooperated so beautifully with you. So many of the Lincoln club members used to stop to see us when they were on field trips, and then I met more of them at your successful Rockrama a few years ago; so I have always felt very close to the club, and have read each issue of Pick and Shovel, just as if it were my own bulletin. I knew all along that you would have a truly great show, and I am delighted to say it is even greater than I dreamed. So thank you each, individually and collectively, for what you have done for your state, and your Federation, and for AFMS, and for the entire gem and mineral hobby. My praise is heartfelt. You were all simply amazing. You will get loads of compliments, and you deserve them all--and more. Best wishes and much appreciation to all of you.

Love,

(Signed) June Zeitner"

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING, continued

".....Our members who exhibited at the show all consider it quite an experience and one they will not forget. We thank you for letting us exhibit our "Roxie", the Meadow Lark, and also for the use of the cases.

We are glad to be a small part of the Midwest Federation and the Nebraska Association and to know so many of you personally.

Congratulations again.

NORTHEAST ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY
(Signed) Helen E. John
(Mrs.) Helen E. John
Corresponding Secretary"

"Hi Ralph,

It was so nice to see you again. Rex and I wish to thank you, your committees & all your workers for the wonderful time we had in Lincoln. It was fun to see such a "special" show and to renew our friendships with Rockhounds from across the nation. That Mineral Heritage Stamp Program was thrilling.

(Signed) Rex and Ida Webb"

"Minneapolis MN 55417

To the Lincoln Club, and all who helped:-

We want to let you know that we had a wonderful time in Lincoln. The arrangements for the Exhibitors were well thought out and helpful. We had no complaints about anything, even the heat was very pleasant after our cool wet spring in Minnesota.

Congratulations to you all, and thanks for having us.

Now who can say there's no such thing

As a magic spell and a "fairy ring"?

For kindness of heart begins where it ends,

As it goes the rounds through a circle of friends.

Minnesota Mineral Club

(Signed) B. G. & Jean Dahlberg"

"To the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club --

Just a line to tell all you folks how much we enjoyed the recent MWF-AFMS Show and Convention in Lincoln!! We attended the convention as members of the MWF executive committee, club delegates, and an editor, as well as just plain rockhounds! And we enjoyed every bit of it!

We were very impressed with how well everything was handled, especially in view of the tremendous numbers of people involved! The special meals we attended were delicious -- the editor's breakfast, the barbeque, the delegate's luncheon, the banquet--even the kids enjoyed them.

We also appreciated all the lovely little table favors at all the various affairs -- such wonderful cooperation between the Nebraska clubs!! I'd like to take this chance to say thanks to all of them for the nice souvenirs of your state!

The mineral stamp program was most impressive, and I'm sure it was a first for many of those of us attending. The special entertainments in the evening were enjoyable too -- the square dancing, the polka band, the Sweet Adelines program. Your club must have some wonderful times on overnight field trips if your polka band members take their instruments

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING, continued

"Again, thank you one and all for putting on such a nice convention!

(Signed) Jack & Diane Dare
Salem, Illinois"

Please be aware that the highlight, the highest degree of participation in club organizational matters, is the office of President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The National Show is the crowning feature of the Federation President's career. You may better understand to what Mrs. Lee is referring when she says "my day in the sun." Following is the major portion of her letter to us:

"AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.

Dear Ralph and Lincoln Club Members:

Congratulations to you and all the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club members on the tremendously successful 1974 National Gem & Mineral Show held in Lincoln June 13-16.

It was obvious to everyone, I'm sure, that you were extremely well organized and had worked hard for several years to make this one of the biggest and best National Shows ever held.

The facilities at the Nebraska Center, the Show Headquarters, were excellent, including the auditorium provided for the Cracker Barrel Session and the AFMS Annual Meeting, the motel rooms, the banquet and other social functions, as well as the restaurant facilities.

The Commemorative Stamp Ceremony, held in the open air pavilion at the Fair Grounds, was very well handled and the consensus of opinion was that it was a most impressive program and a fitting tribute to all in the AFMS who had worked so long and hard for the issuance of a Mineral Heritage Stamp. It was a privilege to take part in the ceremony and I shall treasure the portfolio containing a page of the Mineral Heritage Stamps.

I would also like to mention the very nice favors we received at the various functions, and thank the Nebraska Clubs who contributed them. These, and the many courtesies and the attentiveness of the club members helped "put the frosting on the cake" for me.

I shall always be grateful that my "day in the sun" occurred at Lincoln in 1974.

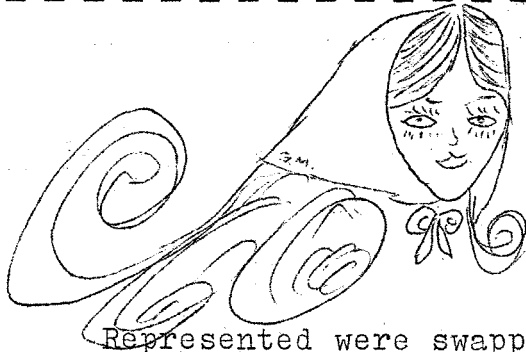
Thank you all.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dorothy Lee
President"

These are a few of the quotations. We can indeed be proud of our Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club and the surrounding clubs who answered the call.

--Ralph L. Ulrich, President
Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club

A letter from some friends we were especially pleased to have visit our show appears on the Glenna's Gleanings page.



GLENN A ' S GLEANINGS

Chatuaqua Park in Beatrice was the site for the annual State Swap on June 29 & 30. This year it was sponsored by the Homestead Gem and Mineral Club.

Represented were swappers from California, Pennyslvania, Missouri, Iowa and Kansas, as well as outstate Nebraskans.

When we arrived on Friday afternoon, the Ducketts, Taylors, & Frank Rule were already set up and visiting with the host club.

Swapping proceeded briskly the next day, and others arrived in time to eat "potluck" and play Bingo, which followed the super feast.

In spite of the extremely warm weather, attendance swelled on Sunday, some in time for the brief church service. Representing the Lincoln club were the Ewald Pauls, Dick Hornungs, Stan Greenwades, Evelyn Ulrich, Ruthy Coleman, Burt Barnes, Florence Boring, Larry Bigley, Dr. Harold Krieger and Ralph Ulrich.

An auction of donated specinens was held in the afternoon, and several townspeople who saw a news item in the paper came to see what a rock swap was all about. Many stayed to ooh and aah over displays. All in all, both in quality and attendance, this year's State Swap was a tremendous success.

Many club members took advantage of the four-day holiday to go rock-hunting. Among them were the Gary Jones and Lynn Wells families who went to Ft. Robinson.

Steve & Hazel Tarcza journied to Illinois to pick up her sister who will spend some time with them, convalescing from a recent illness.

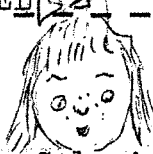
--Happy Vacation, until September.

"Dear Mr. Ulrich and members,

On behalf of the residents, volunteers and employees of the Madonna Professional Care Center, I would like to express our thanks for making our trip to the Gem and Mineral Show possible. The residents enjoyed the outing. Many of the residents couldn't get over the beauty of the stones displayed.

Thank you for carrying out Bill Hendrickson's last project. It was enjoyed by the residents of the Madonna Home.

(Signed) July Spickelmier
Director of Recreation
and Volunteers"



PEBBLE PUPS
Junior Member Activity



On June 11, Calanity Kate had three of our junior members as special guests on KOLN-TV Cartoon Corral. They were Brad Jones, David and Mary Green. Brad displayed moss agate, marcasite and crystallized marcasite from Kansas. David displayed crinoid stem fragments from "my aunt's farm in Texas" and some horn coral from Weeping Water, Nebraska. Mary showed a piece of Prairie Agate, the state rock, and some chalcedony roses from the Crawford, Nebraska area. She also had some tumbled stones, compliments of Lynn and Marie Wells, that were distributed to all the youngsters on Cartoon Corral. Their specimens were attractively placed on different levels of a table which had a green cloth over it. The junior members then told about their own specimens and while doing this, the KOLN-TV cameramen zoomed in for excellent close-up shots.

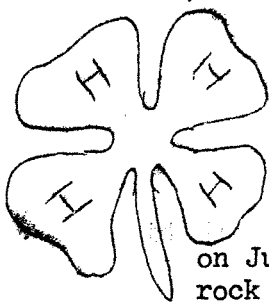
At the National Show we had people tell us they saw the show as far as in Kearney, and they were impressed by the way the youngsters performed. The three of them did a very good job of helping advertise our National Show. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Calanity Kate and KOLN-TV. The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club can be proud of thier performance. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Green were very proud of them, but of course, they're prejudiced.

--Virginia Green

Club News Report - Petrified Pebble Pups

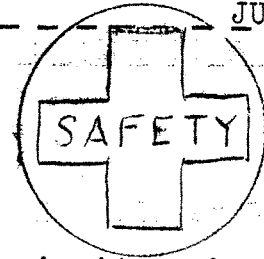
At the regular meeting of the Petrified Pebble Pups 4-H Club on July 8th discussion was held on the rocks found on a recent rock hunting trip at the rock Quarry at Weeping Water and the grizzly pile at South Bend. The members learned what kinds of rocks they had found, and how to clean them for their collections. The field trip planned for July 22nd was also discussed. It was decided that it would have to be canceled if the weather was too hot.

Paul Sailer
4-h Club News Reporter



SAFETY PAGE

PROPER USE OF CHEMICALS



Know the proper use of chemicals: Phosphorous ignites when it comes in contact with air. Sodium and Potassium ignite in contact with water. Turpentine and ammonia react in contact with Chlorine gas. Hydrogen and Chlorine ignite by exposure to light. ALWAYS POUR SULFURIC ACID slowly INTO water, NEVER pour water into sulfuric acid.

Keep all chemicals out of reach of children, and you yourself. Learn the right antidotes for each poisonous substance you use. Remember that many acids and some alkalis are corrosive or caustic. Learn the difference between corrosive, caustic, flammable, injurious and poisonous chemicals. Learn the first-aid procedures that apply to each class of chemicals that you use and come in contact with.

Be careful what you lick or taste, especially before you know what it contains. Arsenic, mercury, selenium, some of the boron minerals, and some sulfates are very poisonous.

Be sure of sufficient ventilation in cleaning and testing materials. This applies to bead tests, tests with acid and other chemicals. It is advisable to wear a mask besides having proper ventilation when dry sanding mercury, arsenic, copper, selenium, and silica minerals. Abalone shell when worked dry can make you very ill, without enough ventilation.

Use care in handling radioactive minerals with bare hands, especially taking care not to breathe in the dust. Spray radioactive minerals with several coats of lacquer to prevent dusting and flaking. Handle with a pair of tongs when not placed in an oversized bag, keeping at least an inch between the radioactive specimen and the wall of the box.

Wear safety goggles or shatterproof glasses when breaking rocks to avoid eye injuries. Always wear a mask if you do not have a way to remove injurious dust or fumes. Watch out for sharp tools and blades without proper guards in the equipment.

(The above items were taken from LOUISE PHILBROOK'S SAFETY AND THE ROCKHOUND.)

Frequent naps keep you from growing old,
especially if you take them while driving.

--Via Wyoming Truckers Association

"The only book that can really tell you where to spend your vacation is your checkbook."

Columbian Missions, Via Petrograph

WHY STONES BREAK ON THE FINAL OPERATION

by Paul Bartecheer, Sr.

What is Murphy's Law? One of the greatest scientists that ever lived was author of the well-known law--Murphy's Law. Don't look for his name in your favorite encyclopedia, for you will be wasting your time. Murphy appears to be the victim of his own law. Even his first name seems to be in doubt, although some claim it to be Edsel.

His basic law stated in its simplest terms: "If anything can go wrong-- it will." Murphy's Law says that no matter which direction you may be driving, all of the empty parking spaces will be on the other side of the street. A camper will find that any rope, cut to the proper length, will be too short. Out of 100 slices of jellied bread tossed into the air at random, 98 will fall to the floor jelly side down and the other two will have stuck to the walls or ceiling. In a sheet of 100 postage stamps, the one with the tear will be the one next to the plate block.

Rockhounds are not strangers to Murphy's Law. Early American Indians were aware of this law when they discovered a thin seam of catlinite (pipestone) under a 40-foot layer of solid quartzite. Everyone knows that a dropped specimen will always land on the side where the most damage is caused. (This is known as the Law of Selective Gravitation.) In an average household, some 250 pounds of junk mail will arrive each month in spotless condition. But the Lapidary Journal will arrive with both covers torn off and half the pages mutilated.

It's a pity that this man is no longer with us so that we may offer him suitable recognition. While he was out walking one day he took special care to walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic. He was run over by an English driver who had just arrived in this country.

--From Chipper's Chatter via The Geode

MURPHY'S LAW

(or the Optimist Creed)

"Nothing is as easy as it looks.
Everything takes longer than you expect.
And if anything can go wrong -- It will.
At the worst possible moment."

--Via Pick and Chisel

BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR EYES - - By E. O. Anderson

Chinese Jade dealers watch a buyer's eyes to judge whether he will pay a higher price for a specimen. Confirming this cunning practice, psychologists have established that the pupils of a person's eyes widen when he is looking at something that pleases him.

--From Grit via Gravel Gazette

Stand up to be seen!

Speak up to be heard!

Shut up to be appreciated!

--Via The Triangle Tumbler

RECORDS ARE BROKEN...The National Gem & Mineral Show held in Lincoln June 13-16, 1974, had many things going for it - much enthusiasm, the commemorative Mineral Heritage Stamp first day issuance, many exhibits, decent weather - the works.

We are pleased as punch in the registrations area as numbers seem to tell the story. At the Nebraska Center where the AFMS-MWF meetings were held the attendance at all meetings exceeded previous numbers. Generally the Cracker Barrel Session draws 30 to 40 interested people - at the '74 convention the meeting room had to be changed as the original room would not hold the 108 who attended!

The Editors' Breakfast normally draws from 75 to 100 people (we had anticipated 150) but even our highest expectations were not high enough as there were 206 in attendance! Again, this shows interest is high. Every last seat available was taken...and a delicious breakfast was enjoyed, followed by an interesting meeting conducted by Paul Good and his panel with good participation from the audience.

The MWF Delegates luncheon drew 198 attendees (the meeting itself was larger)...this is about average or a little above but tells a story also - that regardless of where the MWF Delegates meeting is held, which part of the country, the participants are there to settle the business at hand.

Over 570 persons were in attendance at the Awards Banquet! In this area we were ahead of the game. We had plans of hosting 800 and could have sold as many tickets but when a count is turned in to the caterer one must not exceed that amount or you run the risk of not having enough food to go around and miracles don't always happen.

The NAOESCI luncheon was attended by 67 persons - very good for a 'first'.

The Mineral Heritage Stamp program in the open air theater was above average...the average attendance at a similar program stands at 800 to 900 people and the attendance at the Mineral Heritage Stamp program here drew close to 3,000 persons.

Total number of registrations, which includes exhibitors, delegates, dealers, officers, etc. was 2,512. Total attendance for all four days exceeds past records with an estimated number of 46,000. As Roger Pabian can verify, exhibits exceeded previous shows as well and all in all we can consider this show one of the largest on record.

Long hours were given by many club members throughout the last few years in the planning and all their efforts are appreciated and made for the success of the show. The Chamber of Commerce provided many hours of help with registrations and we are appreciative of this efficient service. Congratulations to all who played a part in making this show a success.

-Norma Miller

From the Director of Displays, Roger Pabian, comes this report -

429 individual exhibitors for a total of 733 displays

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31 State displays
254 NAOESCI displays
133 Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club displays
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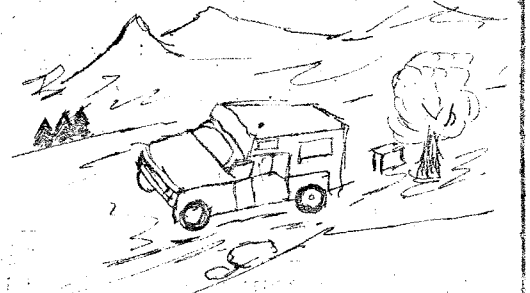


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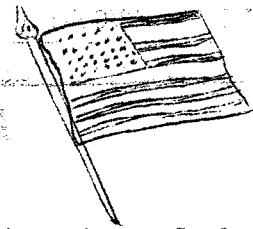
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Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America.....something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.....because it is about you and me.

I remember sometime ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart.....remember?

And you, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart.....remember?

What happened? I'm still the same Old Flag, oh, I have a few more Stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down the street you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting.....they don't seem to know who I am..... I saw one man take his hat off then look around. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been?.....Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea and now Viet Nam. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime, of those who never came back to keep this Republic free.....One Nation Under God... when you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart.....and I'll salute you, by waving back.....and I'll know that...

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Y O U R E M E M B E R !

- Author Unknown -

--Via Pick and Chisel

INDIAN PRAYER

Great Spirit,
grant that I may not
criticize my neighbor
until I have walked a mile
in his moccasins.

ARKAHAI

--Via Tule Smoke Signals

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