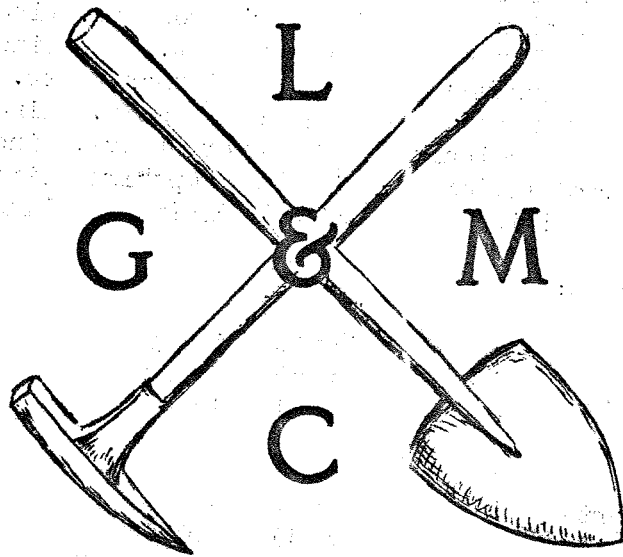


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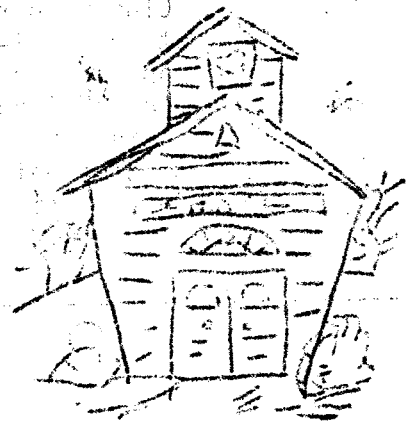
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CALENDAR

REGULAR MEETING..... Sat. Sept. 27, 1975. 7:30 P.M.
 State Fair Grounds. Lower level
 Administration Bldg. -- Enter
 west door.
 Program----- Slide Program. Frank Rule's
 trip to the west coast. Field
 trip slides.
 Refreshments.----- Will be served by the Refresh-
 ment Committee.
 LGMC Board of Directors Meeting --- Oct. 2, 1975. 7:30
 P.M. Home of Frank Rule. 6333
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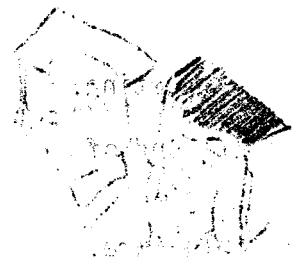


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1975 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 19-21	Kimball, Ne	Plains Rock and Min. Club Show, National Guard Armory
Sept. 27-28	Nebraska City, Ne	Arbor Valley Gem and Min. Club Show, Memorial Bldg.
Oct. 9-12	Detroit, Mi	International 75, MWF and Central Canadian Fed. of Min. Soc. Show and Convention, 4400 E. Eight Mile Road, Detroit Light Guard Armory
Oct. 12	Murdo, S.D.	Four Club Show, Auditorium
Oct. 18-19	Grand Island, Ne	Grand Island Earth Science Show, Fenner Park



Concerning Betty Crocker Coupons

Although the Betty Crocker Company no longer honors coupons directly, for the Scholarship Fund, we can turn them into money for our Club's credit. Here is how: We can redeem the coupons in Betty Crocker silverware, sell or auction, the silverware and add the sum to the Scholarship fund.

Please bring both cancelled stamps and Betty Crocker coupons to the September meeting.

Myrtle Young, Scholarship Chairman

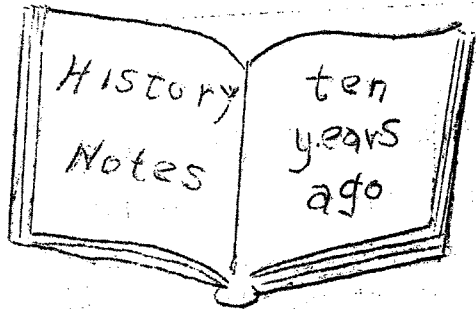
South Central will host the American Federation at Austin, Texas, June 17-20, 1976.

Last Month...There were no regular meetings of the LGMC during June, July, and August. Eleven Club members attended the State Show at Gering, and forty members were seen at the AFMS-RMFS Show at Denver. The LGMC 9th Annual Swap was held at the National Guard Armory July 26-27, and the President's Field Trip began Aug. 30th with a Fairburn hunt in the Crawford area, and culminated with a trip into Wyoming into the jade region. Slides of this trip will be shown at the Sept. 27th meeting which you will not want to miss. July and August were plenty hot and dry. It is assumed that most of the members were trying to keep cool, and making an effort to keep their lawns and gardens from burning up.



"VAJA CON DIOS" - Cards were sent to

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis Sympathy
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ulrich Wedding Congratulations



After a summer of field trips and picnics the

Club again resumed our meetings in September at the Robert's Dairy Party Room.

Final show plans were made and a Saturday night party after the show was planned at King's Crest at 10th and South Street.

TEN COMMANDEMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise. Cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's and the right one.
9. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded.

Pegmatite, San Diego via Slab & Gab

BOARD MINUTES.....

The July Board Meeting of Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club was held at 6333 Kearney, 7:30 P.M. on July 2, 1975, with Frank Rule, President, calling the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken with 9 board members and Evelyn Ulrich, bulletin editor present.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report by John Harrison, Jr., and approved as read.

Bills were read by treasurer. Motion by Irl Everett to approve bills as read, seconded Larry Bigley. Motion carried. Post Office box is paid until January 1, 1976.

A discussion on Long Range Planning Committee. After discussion a motion by Larry Bigley to approve Frank's action on a future meeting. Frank Rule to check with Roger Pabian. Seconded by Howard Taylor. Motion carried.

Larry Bigley commended Evelyn Ulrich on the Honorable mention and certificate she received at Denver for the Pick and Shovel.

President relinquished chair to First Vice Pres. Larry Bigley. A motion by Frank Rule that Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club go on record to buy meals to awards banquet for Howard Taylor at Denver. Frank could not get ticket so Howard Taylor accepted the award. Seconded Don Carter. Motion carried.

Howard Taylor gave a report on the Banquet and the Amf meeting.

Ray Grabher will let us know if his plate needs to be replaced for his faceting machine.

Rock Swap as scheduled at the Armory.

Pick and Shovel to print full publication of 200 copies.

President Field trip scheduled August 31 at Fort Rob., then to Wyoming. Trip is Labor Day weekend.

Next Board meeting Sept. 4, 1975 at 5700 Otoe Street.

State Show report by Frank Rule. 119 cases at show.

Howard Taylor reported on van for storage.

Motion to adjourn John Harrison, Jr.

Nelda Oliver, Secretary

ROCK SWAP REPORT -

The 9th Annual Rock Swap for the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club was held July 26-27 at 10th and Military.

Have we had too many swaps?

The support we had out of the local club was not very promising. we had more out of town guests than local members, however I believe everyone that attended enjoyed themselves.

I wish to thank Irl Everett and Larry Bigley for their most needed help. I also wish to thank everyone who attended. There was a lot of very fine material and a lot of swapping done.

Received from auction	\$ 88.50
Expenses	19.36
Profit	<u>69.14</u>

Swap Chairman Don Carter

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we start back to work after a busy summer, we must remember that we have a show to put on in '76. I hope that every Club member will do his utmost to make this an outstanding show, as this will be the Bicentennial year.

James Marburger will be the show chairman. As Jim did an outstanding job as assistant show chairman, I think he can do a great job with next year's show, but he will need a lot of help. Don't wait for him to call you. Better still why don't you call him and offer your help?

Frank Rule

1975 Show Awards

Show Chair person, Flossie Litzenburg, reports that 17 entered into Competition. Results are as follows:

Best in Show.....Frank Krejci

Best minerals.....Joella Olson

Best in lapidary.....Charles Witmore, Vermillion, S.D.

NAOESCI NEWS

The 1975 State Show was held at Gering, Ne June 13-15. LGMC members attending were: Frank Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor and son, Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Art Howlett, Bob Anderson, Marie Wells, and Evelyn Ulrich.

NAOESCI Elected officers are as follows:

President-----Salma Hammond, Bushnell, Ne

Vice President-----Hal Horak, Omaha, Ne

Sec. Treasurer-----Maxine Young, Ogallala, Ne

Newly elected board members:

Ruby Price, Cozad, Ne

Howard Plant, Aurora, Ne

No courtesy copies of the Gem Palette will be mailed for the present. The subscription price is \$1.00.

The LGMC presented NAOESCI with a series of slides of the 1974 National Show. The 1976 State Show will be hosted by the Omaha Club.

The work "hallmark" comes from the practice of jewelers in Goldsmith's Hall in London, who put the mark of their hall on gold and silver objects to certify their value. Now, the word stands for good quality in almost any product.

From the Editor's Desk.... On Thursday, Aug. 28th the 4-H Petrified Pebble Pups had their Achievement Day Meeting and picnic supper at Bethany Park. It was your editor's privilege to help Roger Pabian judge the collections, the notebooks, the lapidary work, and also the general knowledge of geology that this group had attained as members of their club. It is amazing that young people of their respective ages are so well informed on geology and the lapidary arts. The advanced group had on display cabochons and jewelry that compared favorably with that of experienced cutters. Brent Jones, Lee Pivonka, and Mary Green are in this group, and they are Junior members of the LGMC. A faceted quartz stone was displayed by Linda Parks that was perfectly cut. This was quite an accomplishment for a girl of Linda's age. She is a Junior member of the LGMC and is in the Intermediate 4-H group. The younger children had learned the art of fieldtripping, identification of rocks, and the use of minerals in the home. Our Junior members will certainly be well prepared to take their place of leadership in the LGMC when they become adults.

Your editor feels that this very fine group needs the encouragement and support of the LGMC. Here is a place where educational funds could be used to very good advantage.

Stone Faces via the Petosky Stone

In 1939 five great stone faces were uncovered in the State of Tabasco, Mexico. These stone faces were 8 to 10 feet tall and 25 feet around. Each weighed 25 tons.

It had been established that they were made about 500 B.C. and the style of carving was that of the Olmec Indians. But how they got where they are is a mystery as the nearest basalt deposit of which they are made was 100 miles away through jungle and swamp. Since 1939, ten or fifteen heads have been found and modern transportation tried to take a small one to the Jalapa Museum at Vera Cruz. It was such a job that they quit after the first one. How the primitive Indians ever moved that large a stone is still a mystery as they didn't have wheels or any kind of roller that anyone knows of.

There is still the mystery of the large stone balls found in Honduras, Costa Rica, and Mexico, ranging in size from a softball to seven or eight feet across and weighing sixteen tons. These are almost perfect balls, lacking only a few millimeters of being round. How, when, why, and who made them no one has yet found out, but primitive Indians had the answers in the long, long ago.

"TRIPOLI" In a small area in the Ozark foothills nature has furnished the world one of the strangest non-metallic minerals. So far as is known, in no other place on any continent has this material been discovered.

"Tripoli" is an earth consisting of very friable schistose deposits of silica and including diatomite and kiesilguhr.

The definition for diatomite is a light friable siliceous material derived chiefly from diatom remains.

The definition for "kiesilguhr" a loose or porous diatomite.

There is a processing plant for this strange mineral at Seneca, Missouri.

Submitted by E. Bermke via The Trilobite.



GLENNA'S GLEAMINGS

Our Club prez and son, Tom Rule, took a leisurely jaunt through the Northwest during July, stopping in Washington to visit relatives.

July 4th was the wedding date for the Irl Everett's daughter, Nancy, to Sam Robbins. The couple will live in Rontaul, Ill. where both are stationed in the Air Force.

Ray Lambert, who belonged to our Club some years back, has decided to rejoin the ranks of rockhunters again and plans some lapidary work.

Bill and Edith Holdorf left for a six weeks tour of the Continent on Sept. 2nd. They plan to spend two weeks in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, driving over the country-side. Then, on to the Scandinavian countries and Switzerland, Spain, and finally Portugal.

Louella and Ewald Paul had as recent guests their son from Chicago and their daughter from Kiowa, Kansas.

Mrs. J.D. Young reports that L.G.M.C. was well represented at Neihardt Day in Bancroft, Ne. The memorial to the Prairie Poet will be finished, furnished, and functional sometime next year.

The Lynn Wells' son, Clark, will be married to Miss Julis Brand on Oct. 17th at the Wesley House on the N.U. campus. The couple will be living in Lincoln,

Brent Jones had major surgery this summer on a broken arm that failed to heal. It is back to "almost" normal he reports.

Ask Gary Jones about his scary plane "accident" on a trip to Maine. It is almost enough to make one walk:

Rosa Lee Wright and Ralph Ulrich were married July 26th at the Baptist Church here in Lincoln. Their new home is in Tempe, Az., 201 west Hermosa, Apt. C-108 Zip 85282.

Our sympathy is extended to Norman Balliet whose father passed away this summer.

Our own daughter, Debra, will be married on Oct. 11th to Daniel Masek of Valparaiso. They will live in Lincoln. Other daughter, Sherry, will come from Hawaii for the wedding.

Finally, I should like to see the 4-H group in Earth Science, the Petrified Pebble pups, supported both morally and financially by our club. These knowledgeable young people garnered several purple and blue ribbons at the recent county fair and are, in my opinion, the rockhounds of the future.

Glenna McGinnis

The Fort Kearney Rock Club under the direction of Charles and Karen Messinger helped excavate an elephant north of Gibbon. The dig is estimated at 70-100 years old.

MY TRIP WEST-BY FRANK RULE

This has been a very busy summer for me. I attended the State Show at Gering and after the show I went to Fort Robinson where I met a group of Rock-hounds from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. What a delightful group they were! I showed them what to look for, and the different pastures to look in. They were real lucky for they found some Fairburns. On Wednesday we left Fort Robinson for Denver and the National Show. I camped at a United Camp ground at Loveland. This left me a 47 mile drive to Denver, but I did not mind the drive. As I sat by my trailer I could see the snow on the mountains at Estes Park. They were real beautiful.

After returning to Lincoln, I was to once more return to traveling for Tom and I left Lincoln on the 25th of July to travel to Seattle, Washington. We had a great time together. We stopped at Prosser, Washington to take picture of the Gold Cup Races on the Columbia River, then on to Yakima to visit a nephew. From there we went to Port Orchard, Wash. to see my sister and her family. On Sunday we went over to Seattle to see the big Hydros race on Lake Washington. Tom took more pictures.

We left Port Orchard for the rain forest. Traveling down the road in the forest is like driving down a long green tunnel. I don't know where you can travel a more beautiful road.

At Illwaco, Washington we went deep sea fishing- not too much luck at this.

On our way home at Cour de lane, Idaho we lost our rear brakes on the Bronco. It took us all day to get them fixed. Then back to traveling. We stopped at Anaconda, Montana to take a picture of the world's largest smoke stack. We also stopped at Butte to take pictures of the open pit copper mine there. From Butte we went to Yellowstone Park where we took more pictures and then on home.

It seemed real nice to be home to relax once again.

Tom, Mitz, Lefty

ROCKHOUDING RULES

R emember that someone owns the land where you may find your best specimons.
O nly after you have obtained permission from the owner should you go looking.
C arry away with you only those specimons which have real meaning for you.
K eep on looking for the beauty that is everywhere, waiting for you to see it.
H elp to keep the region beautiful by not destroying any thing.
O pen your heart and mind to the contagious sharing of those you meet in the field.
U nderstanding of our beautiful world increases as we look closer at it.
N ever destroy anything that others may find valuable to them.
D ouble your finds with others and you will find that your enjoyment multiplies.
I nspire others with your enthusiasm and you will be inspired with others.
N otice details and soon you will have a beautifully detailed picture to enjoy.
G ive to others, not to get from them, but to get the joy you are seeking.

Audrey Schremmer, from American River Currents.

via Black Hawk Gem and Min. Soc. "Rocktalk"

September-- The doorway opens to a beautiful Nebraska autumn. The colors of Nature are changing into the pattern of every fall season. The sun-flowers and the graceful goldenrod-typically our own. The stag-horn sumac adds the blazing red, the wild grapes - the beautiful purple, amethyst, almost too dark, however.

September - the sapphire of autumn - The birthstone for September: The sapphire was known among the early Hindus, Persians, and Egyptians, all of whom have a wealth of lore surrounding this gem.

The sapphire was considered Saturn's stone, and was thought to attract divine favor. Among traditional beliefs, too, it is said the sapphire is the stone upon which the Ten Commandments were written.

According to world renowned gemologists, the most precious gems in order are the diamond, the ruby, with the emerald being third, followed by the sapphire, and the pearl being fifth in line.

The best sapphires come from Ceylon, where they are found in the gravel streams, having been washed down from the mountains.

Gem quality sapphires are found elsewhere in the world, including the United States.

What enjoyment it was for this writer to sift through gravel in the mountains of Montana! With Mr. Chausser in the Sapphire Mountain range, we spent a most enjoyable time with this tall, dark-eyed gemologist host.

This gem, when perfect, is truly prized as a precious stone. The corundum crystals that range from colorless to deep blue are called sapphires; and their value increases with the depth of the blue color. The "red-orange" is considered a real prize, also.

Star sapphires are crystals containing tiny lattice-like patterns. When the structure is studied under a light, and then cut and polished, these lines will reflect a light, to give the impression of a star. Thus the name-Star Sapphire.

Many large sapphires are known. A burmaese Star, in deep blue, weighing 330 carats is known as the "Star of Asia".-

Lucky you- whoever you are, to have this beautiful gem as your birthstone:

By Marie J. Carveth

To Autumn! --- John Keats

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
 Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
 Conspiring with him how to lead and bless
 With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
 To bend with apples the mossed cottage trees,
 And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
 To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
 With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
 And still more, later flowers for bees,
 And until they think warm days will never cease,
 For Summer has o'er-brimmed their clammy cells.



CYCAD - GHOST OF ANCIENT FOREST

"But hark. What spirits whisper in the gloom?
What sibilation of conspiracies
Ruffles the hush-or murmuring of trees,
Ghosts of the ancient forest - or old rain,
In some hallucination of the plain,
A frustrate phantom mourning?".....

The Song of Hugh Glass-by John G. Neihardt

If a mere fragment of cycad thrills a rockhound, what happens when a 700 pound beauty leaves its multi-million-year-old haunts and suddenly appears in reality?

This was answered at the Neihardt Center Sioux Prayer Garden, Bancroft, Nebraska August 3, 1975 - the 10th annual Neihardt Day. This "ghost of the ancient forest" will be given a prominent place in the nearly completed project sponsored by the Neihardt Foundation and the State of Nebraska through its Historical Society. A \$200,000.00 state fund augments the local assets already held.

Present among several hundred devotees of the late Poet Laureate were a dozen Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club folks. They had come in tribute to their honorary member, who held the Laureate title over 52 years- an all-time world's record. His lapidary work was exhibited in several local as well as two national shows. That magnetic personality, the flowing white hair, and the devoted white French poodle, Jacquot, are pleasant, vivid memories.

The cycad, somewhat hemi-spherical, and in almost perfect condition, was transported from the "Hugh Glass Country" by Dr. and Mrs. L.A. Deitrick of Bison, So. Dak. They are long-time personal friends and fans of the poet, and are experts in several hobbies. Their area, part of an ancient forest, is literally strewn with fossil materials. It is gaining much favor for recreation, along with gem and collecting hobbies. The unique Petrified wood Park at Lemmon, South Dakota was assembled from material gathered nearby.

It came from an area near the place where began the tortured "crawl" in 1823 by old Hugh Glass- hunter, trapper, and mountain "Man-in-the wilderness." Deserted by his trapper comrades and left to die, he lived and made his way to civilization 150 miles away- an unbelievable feat.

The Hugh Glass story, first immortalized by Neihardt in 1915 after much research in libraries, has been used by many other contemporary writers and movie-makers.

More about this cycad is to be told at the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club September meeting, and in the October Pick and Shovel.

Submitted by Julius D. Young

The cycads made their appearance toward the close of the Paleozoic and were a dominant group during the Mesozoic. During the latter period they were much more diversified than at present, and were represented by several important and very distinct types which disappeared before the close of the Mesozoic. Most of the mesozoic cycads were so different from their living relatives, and showed such diversity among themselves, that authorities usually place them in one or more separate orders.

.....Editor

A Trip to Hawaii-by Flossie Litzenberg

We left for our vacation on May 14th. We drove to Pueblo, visited my cousin for two days, and then went on to Oxnard, Ca. to visit my sister and her husband, Walter, who got us interested in rocks. In New Mexico Glen picked up a rock beside the road where we had stopped to take picture of flowers. He sawed it into several slabs since we got home, and it looks like the petrified wood we saw last year in the petrified forest. Beautiful!

We left my sister's May 21st and flew to Honolulu, Hawaii where our son, Bob and his family met us. He lives there. Our daughter-in-law is Filipino and treated us to a lot of different kinds of Filipino dishes. We enjoyed visiting with their friends and many of them served us Filipino food. This was my fourth trip over to Hawaii, and Glen's second.

We visited Foster's Botanical Garden, where they had a beautiful display of all kinds of orchids. We visited Honolulu's rose garden, too, but I think our rose garden at 32nd and O Street is perhaps lovelier, but Honolulu did have a lot of hybrid Hibiscus around the rose garden and they were huge and beautiful. The white, yellow and pink shower trees were in bloom. The African tulip trees and the poinciana trees were brilliant red. The Jacarand trees were a light blue. They were used as street trees, and quite a sight.

It was the first time I had been there when the mangoes were ripe. They were delicious and so were the papayas. Betty didn't have to buy any because some friend would have extra and give them to her.

We visited the Polynesian Culture this time. They display natural settings of all the villages in the Pacific Islands. It is sponsored by the Mormon Church which attracts the natives to come to their college and help earn their way by entertaining in the villages as they would do their work at home and in their native costumes. At night they gave a big show on the open stage with native music and costume.

On May 30th Betty and I attended the Hawaiian Federated Garden Club's state convention which was held just one day. I was interested because I have worked on so many Nebraska state conventions. They had a cocktail hour before lunch, which we don't. The lunch was chicken salad in a half of a papaya with avocado on top. The dessert was fresh pineapple cream pie with macadamia nuts on top - delicious. Betty won a door prize of cut plant material, four feet high, and she is so short you could hardly see her behind the flowers, Heleconia. I had quite a time arranging such big stems.

On June 5th a friend took us in a four passenger plane for a ride over and around the island of Oahu. I was glad I had taken Dramamine because as we loosened our seatbelts some. We saw the pass where the Japanese came through and all of Pearl Harbor. It was a beautiful day - as most days were at that time of year.

On June 9th we flew to the island of Maui in a nine passenger plane. We rented a Toyota and drove around for three days the first day we went on the leeward side which was suffering from a drouth. We got lost because we took a wrong road where they had a detour and drove on a terribly rocky road and sometimes the ocean lapped up almost to our wheels. 20 foot cactus was growing all around us with pads that were ten inches across. There were no ocean waves on that side of the island. We saw some hen pheasants and lots of cardinals.

The second day we drove on the windward side where the waves were big and it rained a lot of the time—just gentle little showers which we ignored. There were rain forests and bamboo forests and lots of wild orchids in bloom. The road was so bad and twisted it took us over two hours to travel 26 miles. We visited the Hasegawa General Store which had everything in it just like the song about it says. Merchandise was piled to the ceiling and hanging from the ceiling and the aisles were so narrow you could hardly pass. They had groceries, clothing, fishing supplies, hobby supplies, and just about everything but furniture. If you asked for anything, they knew where it was.

That night when we got back to our motel we saw them burning a sugar cane field off. It was spectacular. They raised a lot of pineapple on the island, too, and carnations for florist trade and lei makers.

The third day the dormant volcano Haleakala was in full sun with its lei of clouds which we had to go through to get to the top. We took a lot of pictures everywhere we went. After we got back to our motel, we passed a pond which was said to be the home of Hawaiian stilts. We had looked for the birds everyday, but didn't see them. This time we got out of the car and there was a mamma papa, and a baby. Their body was about the size of a robin and the legs about 12 inches long. I guess we were looking for a bigger bird.

June 14th we went Puka shell hunting on the Ewa side of Oahu, but we only got enough for about three inches of a necklace after hunting for two hours. That is quite a rage over there and everybody is hunting. Betty had made me three necklaces of different lengths before we got there, and she also made one for my sister in Oxnard.

We celebrated Father's Day with a family dinner with all three granddaughters there and Glen got many presents.

One night a granddaughter brought us some wild mountain apples. They looked like our red plums and have a plum seed, but the peeling and taste is like an apple. There are not many on the market.

June 22nd was our 50th wedding anniversary. Betty cooked food all day and into the night and her friends helped. They tried to surprise us, but we guessed something was going on, but we thought we were just going to one of their friend's house, but instead they came and picked us up at noon and took us to a private garden. Under a big spreading monkey pod tree they had set up three tables of food and over fifty people were there. Our cake took up a full card table. They gave us five leis a piece and cards with money in them and many other gifts. I was overwhelmed.

June 23rd we flew back to my sister's in Oxnard and stayed there two weeks. Our niece from Oregon and her family visited, too. Walter took Glen on three rock trips out in the desert, but the temperature was around 100 degrees so they didn't stay long each time or get much, but a good tan. We did search for Ophi shells at minus tide a couple of mornings. I brought my sister four ripe pineapples.

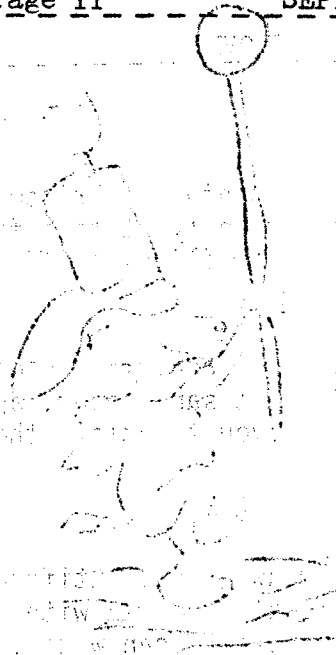
July 7th we started home via Las Vegas. It was so hot that our car got overheated after coming through one pass and we lost a lot of our antifreeze which we replaced in Cedar City. We saw a lot of antelope as we came through Wyoming. We sure enjoyed our vacation. We paid 58.9¢ for gas in Provo, Utah and 65.9¢ per gal. in Rocksprings, Wyo.

Junior Page

Petrified Pebble Pups

The Petrified Pebble Pups 4-H Rock Club met Aug. 16th at the home of members Brent and Bradley Jones. All the members voted on the "Best of Show" rock. Then members split into groups - one of Beginners, the other, of Advanced. The Beginners discussed their egg carton collections that are to be displayed at the County Fair, and how to improve them for the fair and Achievement Day. Advanced members discussed their Tapidary projects with assistant leaders Glenna and George McGinnis. After the discussions refreshments were served.

4-H News Reporter, Ingrid Olson



My Summer Field Trip

Mary Green, 4-H Petrified Pebble Pup

On Friday July 4th, we left at 6:30 A.M. We met Mr. and Mrs. Wells at the Fish Pond Red Barn near the Harlan County Dam. We watched people fishing while we waited for the man to direct us to the hunting locations. He came and gave us directions to a gravel pit area so we went out there and hunted through the grizzly pile but we didn't have much luck. Just wasn't much there.

We went back to the Dam and had a picnic lunch. We watched some people fishing out in the middle of the river below the dam. There were platforms for them to sit on and do their fishing, but they had to wear life jackets when they were out there.

The wagon master then took us to a place for fossils but the grass and weeds were too high and thick to dig and hunt so we went on to a place for petrified wood. That was really fun and some work digging for the wood. I found the biggest piece.

We stayed in Republican City that night and after we ate supper, we watched some fireworks display that was put on by the town.

Saturday we were going to hunt for selenite but that area was under water so we went on down to the Tipton, Kansas area to hunt for septarians. We had to park the car on the road and walk into the area for them. We saw a lot of great big ammonites, too heavy to pick up let alone carry them back to the car. There were also many big septarians and many with ridges worn smooth but we were able to find some nice ones. I think we walked a couple of miles to get to the nice ones and carrying them out, well.....believe me, they got heavy fast. It was also plenty hot! One trip into the area was enough for one day.

After we left there, Mr. Wells led the way into Tipton where we saw the Grotto that had various septarians, petrified wood, and many other rocks used to build it. It was a good field trip and I enjoyed it.

We went to Kearney that night and David and I swam in a swim meet on Sunday. Our Downtown YMCA Swim Team won the high point team trophy from that meet.

Tips for the Workshop

Mix a tablespoonful of Crisco with the same amount of Linde (or other polishing compound) and apply it to a felt polishing wheel or lap. Its viscosity prevents the powder from flinging off or traveling to the edge of the lap.

Via AFMS Newsletter

Pre-polish...To achieve a good pre-polish, try this little trick. When you come to the 600 grit sand paper, apply pumice to the paper, then proceed as usual. This enables you to attain the ultimate high shine on the final polish.

Flint Rock & Gem Club Newsletter via Magic
Valley Gem News

Don't throw away that antifreeze you drain out of your car. Save it and use instead of water to mix with the grit for your lap. It will hold the grit in place much better than water.

The Stone Chipper via Slab and Gab

Soaking black petrified wood in household bleach such as Clorox may bring out growth rings to enhance an otherwise plain black slab. Cover and let stand for several weeks, adding bleach once a week. Avoid using metal containers as they react with chemicals. The slab should be ground and sanded before it is soaked as the bleach does not penetrate too deeply.

The Conglomerate via The Glacial Drifter

To clean fragile crystals or hard to reach recesses in mineral specimens, try "Crew", a product of Johnson Wax Company. Just spray it on until the foam covers the area. Let it set a few minutes and then rinse with water. While Crew is safe to use on nearly all minerals, including calcite and fluorite, be careful of the water on your water solubles. (via Rear Trunk, from Calumet Gem & the Conglomerate)

In shaping turquoise, one of the most popular stones in today's fashions, it is advisable to use only the 220 wheel rather than the coarser ones. The 100 grit wheel will take desirable material from such a soft gem material. The author had good results with his cratex wheel.

Some of the more friable and chalky types of turquoise are difficult to polish with cerium or tin oxide, try a muslin buff with stick rouge. Since it is such a porous stone, oil may discolor it so try sawing with a water coolant after soaking in water overnight. This prevents breaking your stone.

(via Heights Sparkler)

In sawing geodes or agate-filled nodules, first look for the largest dome on the specimen. This dome was in the upright position when the specimen is forming. Saw through this largest dome, and it is likely you will expose the best "picture" or surface. If the specimen is elongated or egg-shaped, saw lengthwise in order to obtain the best exposure.

via AFMS Newsletter

FLUORITE can be cleaned with a little hydrochloric (muriatic) acid. The acid will decompose limestone, so don't overdo the process. Bathe the specimen thoroughly.

via Gem Cutters' News

SAFETY PAGE

TAKE WARNING:

If the words "cyano-acrylic" are on any of the glue containers you have at home, be especially careful when you use the glue. This kind of glue is strong enough to stick your skin firmly to something else, and it's extremely irritating to your eyes, says Washington State University's County Extension Agent.

The glue was originally developed for surgeons to use instead of stitches in closing wounds, however, more than a million tubes of Cyano-acrylic glue are now on the market under at least 20 brand names.

The danger is especially evident if children have bought the glue to use in any kind of project. If the directions are not CAREFULLY followed, fingers could be cemented to fingers, hands to face or fingers to wood or plastic. However, irritation to the eyes is just as dangerous.

If the accident does happen with Cyano-acrylic glue, contact your doctor IMMEDIATELY. Prevent such an accident by restricting the use of this glue to people old enough and careful enough to follow directions EXACTLY!

Washington Gems via Pick and Chisel

How to Avoid Eye Injury When Using Jumper Cables to Start Car

People who use jumper cables to start their cars are risking serious injuries to their eyes, says a leading ophthalmologist.

"Charging batteries release a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen gases that will explode with great violence if a spark or flame is brought too near," Dr. Frederick H. Davidorf wrote in the Journal of the American Medical Assn.

As assistant professor of ophthalmology at Ohio State University, he reported treating people who had suffered severe eye and facial injuries when batteries exploded, including a man who lost the vision of one eye.

Dr. Davidorf outlined this method as the proper way to start a car with a weak or dead battery:

Connect one end of a cable to the positive pole of the weak battery.

Then connect the other end to the positive pole of the booster battery.

Connect one end of the second cable to the negative pole of the booster battery and the other end to the engine block of the vehicle with the weak battery and as far away from the weak battery as possible.

After starting the vehicle, remove the cable from the engine block first and then remove the other end of this cable from the booster battery. Then disconnect the other cable, first from the weak battery and then from the booster battery.

American Federation News

Boundary Agreement added to By-Laws

The 28th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the AFMS was held Tuesday, June 18th at the Capitol Plaza Inn at which time many important matters were discussed. The AFMS operated on a budget of \$7,990 to serve approximately 67,473 members. Each regional president gave a report on his federation and its activities during the year.

A supplement to be used with the third edition of the present Uniform Rules will be published soon. It will contain approximately 100 changes, some editorial and some actual rules additions.

One important matter handled at the meeting was the adoption of Article XV- Laws and reads as follows:

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE XV BOUNDARIES AGREEMENT

Section 1. OFFICIAL BOUNDARIES. Boundaries of the six present Regional Federations are as indicated.

- a. California Federation: California, Nevada, Hawaii
- b. Eastern Federation: Eastern Boundary Atlantic Ocean; Southern boundary Gulf of Mexico; Western Boundary East boundary of Louisiana, then northward up the Mississippi River, eastward along the Ohio River to the western Pennsylvania Line, then northward to Canada. Also the Canal Zone.
- c. Midwest Federation: Missouri; Illinois; Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin; Iowa Minnesota and that part of North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska east of the 100th meridian of Longitude remaining in a controlled overlap with Rocky Mountain, pro tem.
- d. Northwest Federation: Washington; Oregon; Montana; Idaho; Alaska
- e. Rocky Mountain Federation: Arizona; New Mexico; Oklahoma; Kansas; Colorado; Utah; Wyoming; North Dakota; South Dakota; Nebraska; with that part of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska east of the 100th Midwest Federation, pro tem.
- f. South Central Federation: Texas; Arkansas; Louisiana.

Section 2. SUBSEQUENT CHANGES OF BOUNDARIES.

Any two Regional Federations may mutually agree, with approval of their delegates at the annual meeting of their federation, to change their boundaries with respect to each other. In such cases both federations involved will notify the AFMS Secretary and the AFMS Boundaries Committee Chairman in writing, setting forth the details of the change.

The following item appeared in the September issue of THE AMERICAN FEDERATION NEWSLETTER:

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club hosted the fantastic National Gem Show, has an on-going educational program, sends delegates to community councils and associations and works with all junior groups.

Midwest Federation's NEWSLETTER

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PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

Our Midwest Federation is in its 35th year. During the past ten years of war, recession and inflation it has grown in size and service from 160 to the 258 clubs that are its members and its reason for existence. This article is to advise you of several proposed changes to our by-laws unanimously recommended by the Executive Committee. These proposals will be submitted for voting by the membership of this Federation at the Council Meeting in Detroit.

Regretably, the inflationary spiral we have personally experienced has not avoided your Federation. The MWF Finance Committee report given at the Spring Meeting and mailed to each club details those facts. Your Executive Committee has taken action to bring in additional income by recommending a dues increase.

The proposed change involves part of Article II, Section I of the By-laws and results in increasing MWF dues from 36¢ to 50¢ per each dues-paying member of adult societies. Also, dues for individual members would be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year.

We regret the need to ask for an increase in dues. No reasonable alternative is available. Other income sources do not exist. Your Federation has been efficiently managed to produce maximum service at minimum cost. However, postage has risen to 10¢ with a further increase to 13¢ later this year under consideration. Likewise, cost of printing, stationery and other materials and supplies have risen sharply.

Please review the report of the Finance Committee and the recommendations of the Executive Committee. Discuss this information with your club members.

The proposals will be acted upon at the Council Meeting October 11, 1975.

All American Club Awards

The Midwest Federation again led the nation in entries in the AFMS All-American program. The awards were presented at the National Convention in Denver, June 19th through 22nd. The Midwest Federation with seventy-three entries had half the total of all six regional federations.

Judges for the All-American/Merit Award Trophies and honors this year were from the Twin Cities area in Minnesota. All have been active in their clubs and in Federation affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dahlberg of Minneapolis (Minnesota Mineral Club) were co-chairmen. Bill is a former Midwest Treasurer and Jean was State Vice President for Minnesota. Both worked

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OFFICIAL 1975 MWF SHOW-CONVENTION PROGRAM

OCTOBER 9-10-11-12

Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. Eight Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan

Convention headquarters is Michigan Inn, 16400 J. L. Hundson Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48075 (313-559-6500) and the convention meetings will be held in the Conference Center, Mercy College of Detroit, 8200 W. Outer Drive at Southfield, Detroit, Michigan. Advance reservation requests may be sent to Gordon Herron, 3155 Grayson Street, Ferndale, Michigan 48220.

There will be a swapping area available at the show during regular hours and there will be free parking at the armory.

Naturalized citizens attending the Saturday night banquet in Windsor, Canada, should carry proof of citizenship with them to forestall any difficulties in crossing the border when returning to the United States.

The armory will be open from noon until 10:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 8th, for exhibitors, dealers and others for set-up purposes. All exhibits must be in place by 10:00 P.M. Wednesday.

All pre-registration packets will be available at the west box office window at the armory on Wednesday, October 8th from noon until 10:00 P.M. and also on the following days of the show during regular show hours.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 9:45 - OPENING CEREMONIES - at the Flagpole, Light Guard Armory
- 10:00 - SHOW OPENS - Light Guard Armory
- 10:00 - FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY MEETING - Arthur Johnstone, Director Region 5, presiding, Program Room, Light Guard Armory
- 2:00 - JOHN WHITE, Editor Mineralogical Record, "The Smithsonian Collection Supports Research", Program Room, Light Guard Armory
- 4:00 - MR. AND MRS. DONALD DILLER, Three Rivers Mineralogical Society, "Carving Methods and Tools" Program Room, Light Guard Armory
- 7:00 - MICROMOUNTER'S SYMPOSIUM, Edward S. Wilson, Michigan Mineralogical Society, presiding Paul Desautels, Smithsonian Institution, speaker Program Room, Light Guard Armory
- 10:00 - SHOW CLOSES FOR THE DAY - Light Guard Armory

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 8:00 - ALL EDITORS' BREAKFAST - Paul Good, Midwest Federation Bulletin Editor's Chairman, Presiding Conference Center, Mercy College of Detroit

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- 8:45 - MINERAL MUSEUM ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Dr. Robert Gait, President, presiding, Cranbrook
Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills
- 10:00 - MIDWEST FEDERATION STATE DIRECTORS' MEETING
Hazel Kuntz, Vice President, presiding
Conference Center, Mercy College of Detroit
- 10:00 - SHOW OPENS FOR THE DAY - Light Guard Armory
- 1:00 - MIDWEST FEDERATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Terry Huizing, President, presiding
Conference Center, Mercy College of Detroit
- 2:00 - DR. JOSEPH MANDARION, Mineral Curator Royal
Ontario Museum, "New Yukon Phosphate Mineral
Location", Program Room, Light Guard Armory
- 4:00 - PAUL DESAUTELS, Smithsonian Institution, Division
of Mineralogy. Topic will be announced. Program
Room, Light Guard Armory
- 7:30 - DR. WILLIARD PARSONS, Department of Geology,
Wayne State University, "Volcanoes of Guatemala"
Program Room, Light Guard Armory
- 10:00 - SHOW CLOSES FOR THE DAY - Light Guard Armory

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 8:00 - MIDWEST FEDERATION DELEGATES REGISTRATION
Conference Center, Mercy College of Detroit
- 9:00 - MIDWEST FEDERATION COUNCIL MEETING
Terry Huizing, President, presiding
Conference Center, Mercy College of Detroit
- 9:30 - CENTRAL CANADIAN FEDERATION COUNCIL
MEETING, James Brownlee, President, presiding
National Travelers Motel, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 10:00 - SHOW OPENS FOR THE DAY - Light Guard Armory
- 10:00 - MINERAL SYMPOSIUM, Dr. Joseph Mandarion,
Royal Ontario Museum, moderator, Program Room
Light Guard Armory
- 12:00 - MIDWEST DELEGATES LUNCHEON, Conference
Center, Mercy College of Detroit
- 2:00 - DR. VINCENT MANSON, American Museum of
Natural History, "Gemstones of the American Museum
of Natural History", Program Room, Light Guard Armory
- 6:30 - INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL HOUR, Skyline Room,
Cleary Auditorium, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 7:30 - INTERNATIONAL BANQUET, Skyline Room, Cleary
Auditorium, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 10:00 - SHOW CLOSES FOR THE DAY, Light Guard Armory

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 10:00 - SHOW OPENS FOR THE DAY, Light Guard Armory
- 10:00 - SHOW COMMITTEE SYMPOSIUM, Harold W. Neinert,
Michigan Mineralogical Society, presiding, Program
Room, Light Guard Armory
- 11:00 - DENNIS THORN, Past President Central Canadian
Federation, "Fossils of Arkona, Ontario"
- 2:00 - DR. A. D. TUSHINGHAM, Chief Archaeologist,
Royal Ontario Museum, "Iranian Treasury"
Program Room, Light Guard Armory
- 6:00 - SHOW CLOSES, Light Guard Armory

menting that the entire were of excellent quality and some of them very close, the judges announced the following winners who received their trophies at Denver. Additional Midwest Merit Award winners will be announced at the Midwest Show in Detroit. Thanks to the judges for their dedicated work for the Federation and to the many clubs which have enthusiastically participated in this annual event.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club of Lincoln received the AFMS Trophy and the Midwest Federation Trophy. This club not only organized and presented an American Federation and Midwest Federation combined show, but they continued their community efforts in library, youth groups, community centers and individually sponsored informational displays.

The Roehm Geology Club of Berea, Ohio which is a junior club has reached out into the community in many ways, and the inspiration it has generated in the young people in the school and community is outstanding.

The Kettle Moraine Geological Society of Hartland, Wisconsin has fine programs for members and wide participation of members in school and other public displays. It has worked to help establish a State Preserve and placed on display in a park, large boulders of the Devonian Fossils for study of future generations.

The Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois has an unusual and continuing program for juniors. It has a diverse and active program for adults and reaches into the communities of its members in every way. It has been extremely active in the help it has offered to the exploration of the archaeological researches of the Koster Dig, both in money and people.

The Duneland Rock Club, Inc. of Gary, Indiana has reached into its own county and adjacent counties to put in displays. It has helped schools, scouts and adults to learn more about our hobby. It furnished three schools with lapidary equipment used by both children and adult education. It has been active in aiding new clubs of both children and adults. A university student has helped to make a study of Jade, and the Indiana University NW was given samples of required minerals for its study groups. This is a small club of fifty-two members.

The following clubs received HONORABLE MENTION:

Des Moines Lapidary Society for loan of their machinery to schools and camps.

Bloomington Gem and Mineral Club (MN) for work with Veterans Hospital and Children's Hospital.

Waterford Gem and Mineral Club (MI) for loaning money and equipment to other clubs.

Heart of Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Society for work with schools, especially rotation of school displays.

McDonnell-Douglas Gem and Mineral Society (MO) for help in community activities.

West River Earth Science Society (S.D.) for sponsoring a public display of Badlands material in the National Grasslands Office and printing brochures to accompany it.

Neville Public Museum Geology Club (WI) for maps of mineral localities used by the University of Wisconsin and for travelling exhibits.

Lake County Gem and Mineral Society (IL) for aid in Koster Dig, assistance to disturbed boys and providing litter bags.

Flint Rock and Gem Club (MI) for educational activities

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society for work with 4H, youth talent exhibits and work with Senior Citizens and aid to University Geology Department.

All-American Club Awards...continued

Webster Jones (Minnesota Mineral Club) and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maine (Central Minnesota Mineral Society) on the show committee when the Midwest Convention was held in Minneapolis in 1970. Other judges were Mr. and Mrs. J.

As is customary for Midwest Federation entries, reasons for the club citations have been listed by the judges. Com-

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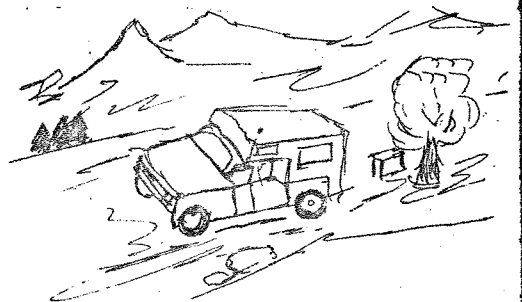


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