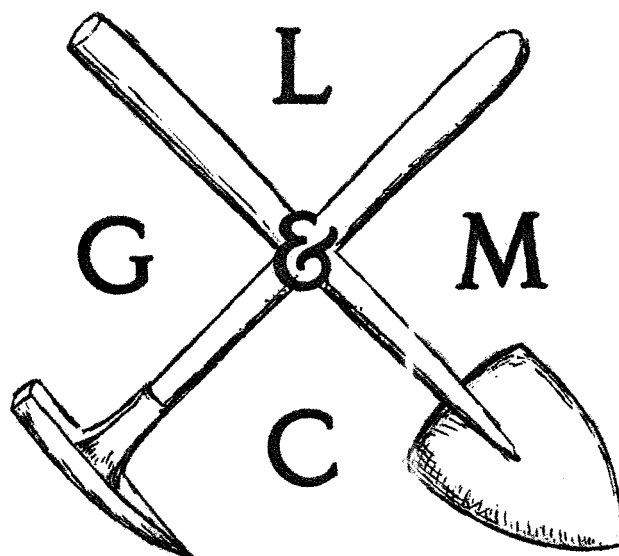


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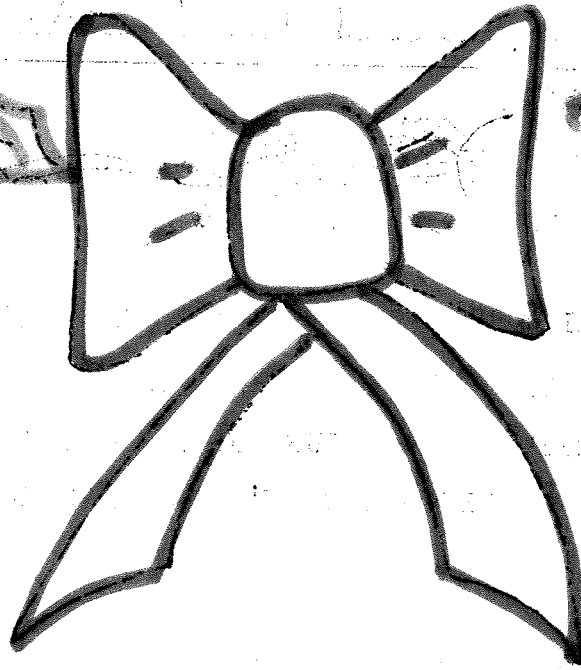
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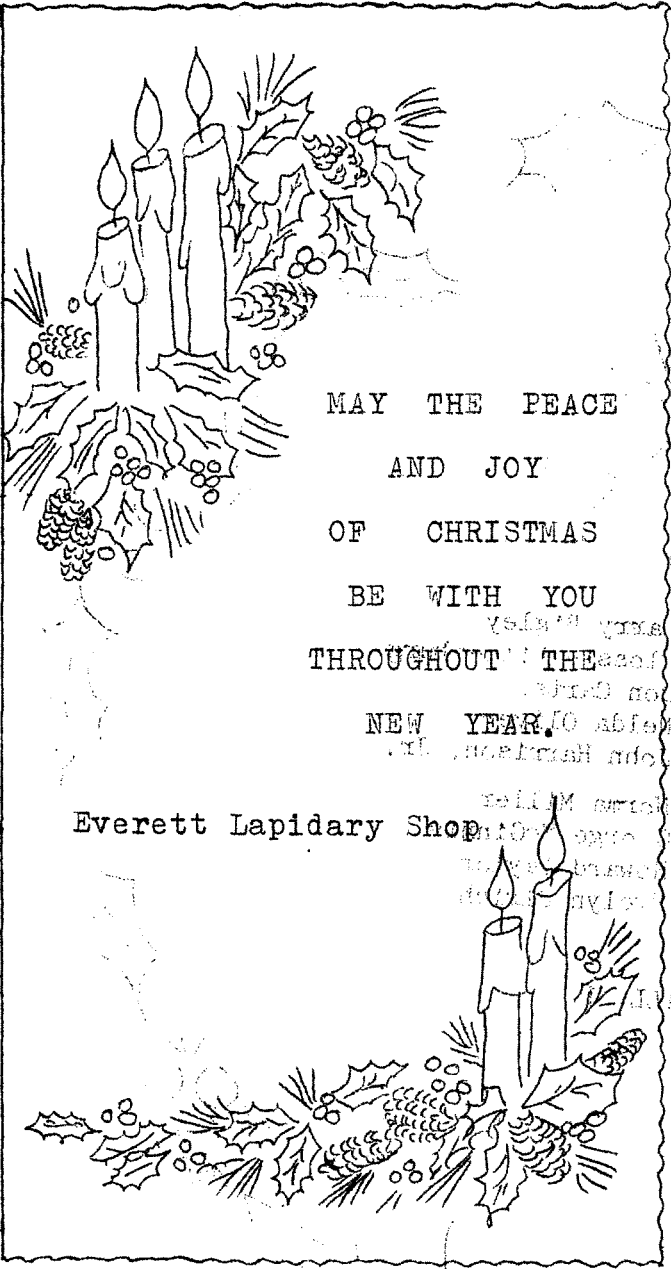
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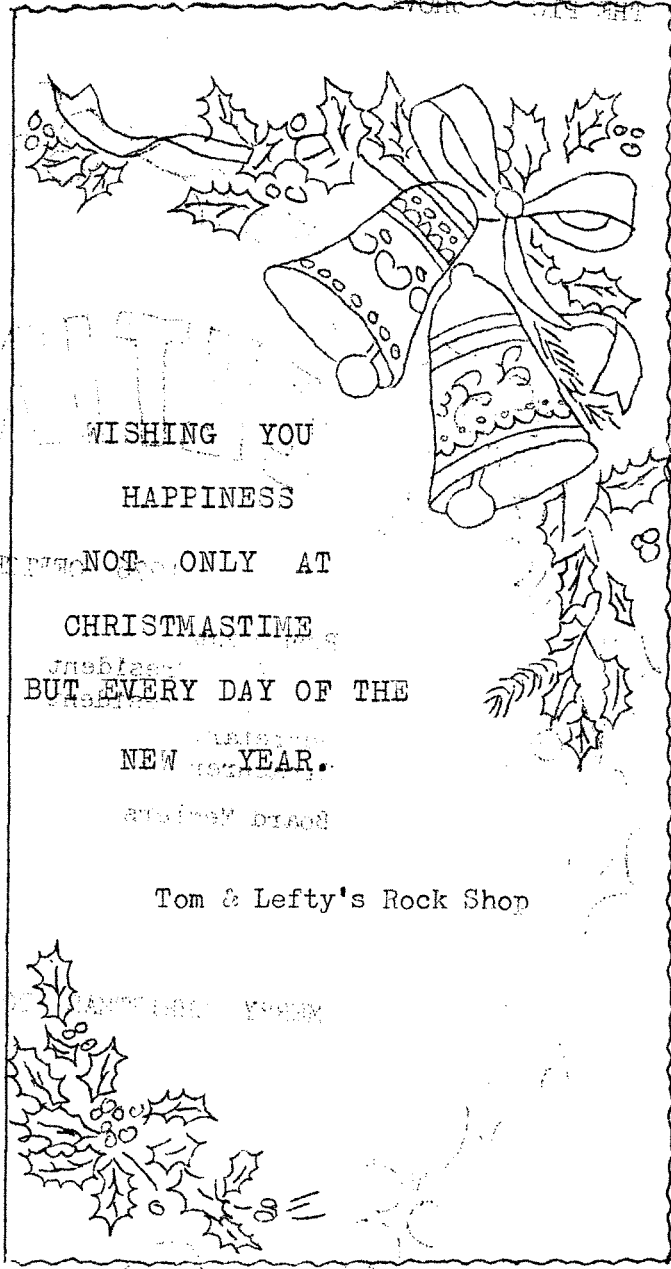
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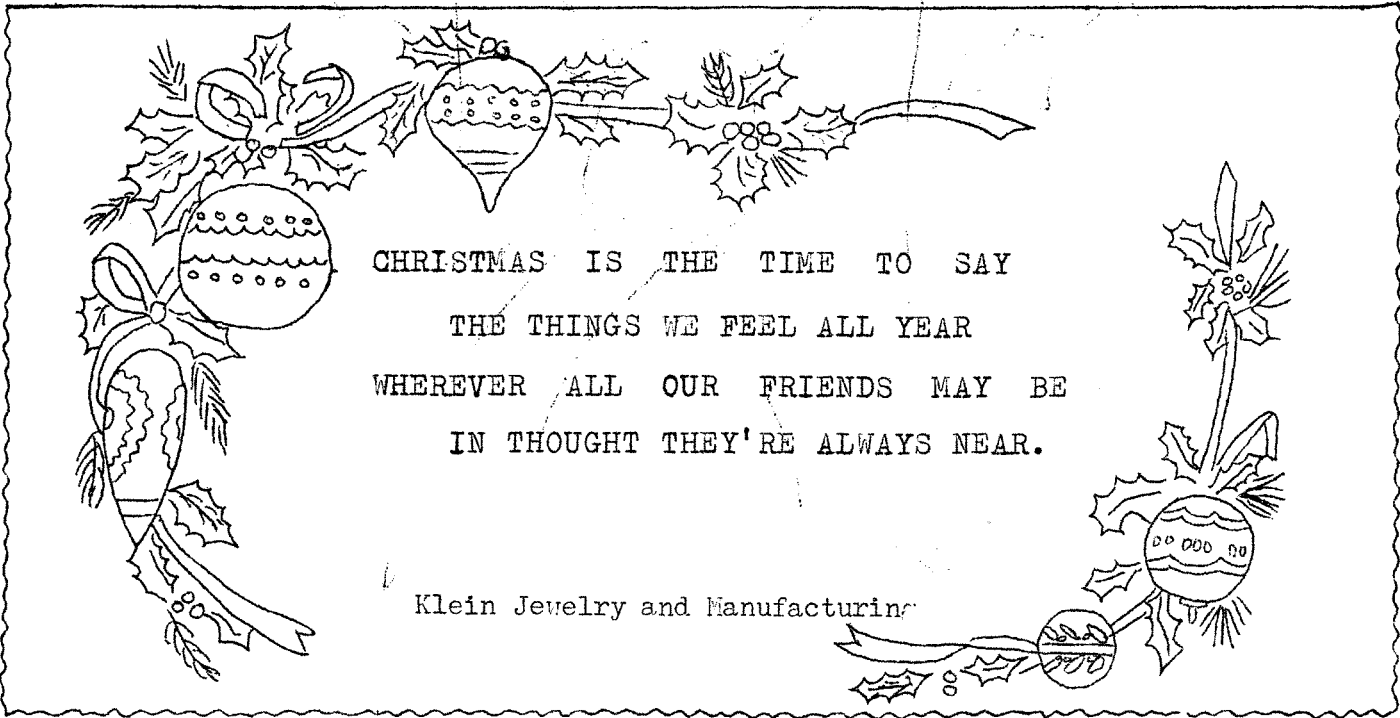
MAY THE PEACE
 AND JOY
 OF CHRISTMAS
 BE WITH YOU
 THROUGHOUT THE
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WISHING YOU
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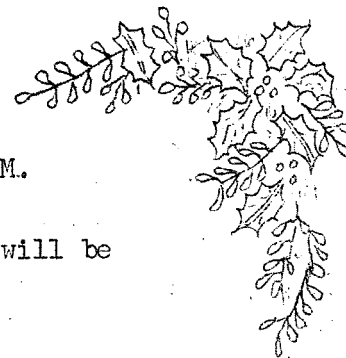


CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME TO SAY
 THE THINGS WE FEEL ALL YEAR
 WHEREVER ALL OUR FRIENDS MAY BE
 IN THOUGHT THEY'RE ALWAYS NEAR.

Klein Jewelry and Manufacturing

CALENDAR

December's brow is white with snow
As swift his crackling footsteps go.



Next regular meeting...Thursday, January 29, 1976, 7:30 P. M.
IOOF Hall, 1101 No. 56th Street

Information concerning this meeting will be
given in the January Pick & Shovel.

PROGRAM to be presented by Mr. Frank Marsh

LGMC Board of Directors' meeting- Friday, Jan. 8, 1976. Home of President, Larry
Bigley, 6126 Hartley, 7:30 P.M.

NO FIELD TRIPS THIS MONTH

1976 Dates to Remember

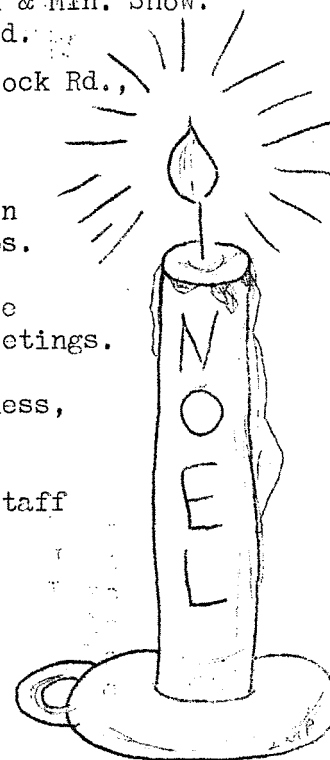
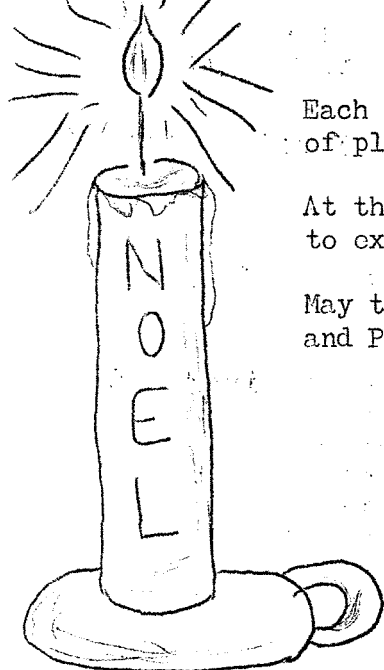
Jan. 15-18	Denver, Co.	Denver Gem & Mineral Guild Show, Villa Italia Shopping Center, 7200 West Alameda Ave.
Feb. 14-15	Lincoln, Ne.	Gateway Gallery Mall - Demos. & Exhibits-Pre '76 Show
Mar. 12-14	Kansas City, Mo.	Hosted by 7 Clubs of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City Trade Mart, 250 Richard Rd. (Old Municipal Airport.)
Mar. 26-28	Bridgton, Mo.	St. Louis County, Mo. Rock Hobby Club Show, Machinists' Union Auditorium, 12365 St. Charles Rd.
Mar. 27-28	LINCOLN, NE.	Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show, Agricultural Hall, State Fair Grounds
Apr. 10-11	Cedar Rapids, IA	The Cedar Valley Rocks and Mineral Society, Hawkeye Downs, 6th St. S.W. Hwy. 30 & 218
Apr. 23-25	Wichita, Ks.	Wichita Gem & Min. Soc. Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2700 Geo. Washington Blvd.
May 15-16	Hot Springs, S.Dak.	Picture City Gem & Min. Show.
May 27-29	St. Louis, Mo.	Jamestown Mall 2nd Annual Gem & Min. Show. Lindbergh and Old Jamestown Rd.
July 22-25	St. Louis, Mo.	MWF Show. 9785 St. Charles Rock Rd., Brechenridge Hills, Mo.

Each passing year brings a deeper appreciation
of pleasant associations and loyal friendships.

At this holiday time it seems most appropriate
to express our thanks and extend Season's Greetings.

May the coming year bring Good Health, Happiness,
and Prosperity to you and your loved ones.

The Pick and Shovel Staff

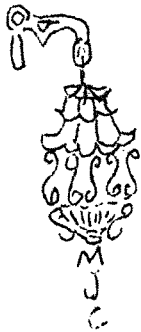


Last month . . . 49 adult and 7 Junior members attended the November meeting of the IGMC. The guest list included the following: Louise Baugher, Marie Miller, Helen Miller, and Glenn and Vera Lyman.

An unusually pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present. The silent auction was a great success. It netted \$113.85 for the scholarship fund. A beautiful large selenite crystals, donated by Burton Barnes, was purchased by Tom Simmons for \$21.00. Many lovely gems and minerals were donated by the members for the auction.

Jim Marburger, 1976 Show Chairman, reported that plans for the show are progressing nicely.

The election of officers was held. Very few nominations were made from the floor. Evidently the members found the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee quite to their liking.

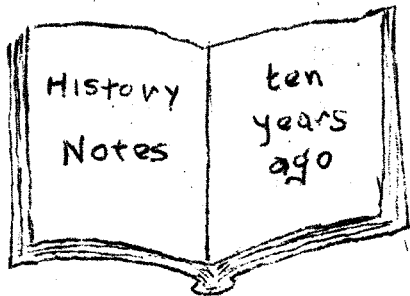


VAJA CON DIOS - May God be with you

To my knowledge we now have three couples in our Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club who are (Golden Jubileans) or past. A beautiful goal to reach as husband and wife. Our latest addition - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tho.

Our Congratulations!

Marie J. Carveth



A covered dish supper was held at the Naval Reserve Training Center, along with our annual Christmas party.

C. Ray Waddle was presented the award for "Rockhound of the Year" and Gary Heedick for "Junior Rockhound of the Year".

Roger Simmons introduced his fiancée and invited the members to their wedding on January 15 in Omaha.

Dick Hedges showed slides of a trip he and his wife, Lucille, took to the Wiggins Fork area in Wyoming.

A gift exchange followed.

From the notebook of Historian, Frances Tracy.

TRCPIHES OFFERED FOR 1976 SHOW

- Best of Show - Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club
- Best of Educational - Frank Rule
- Best of Fossil - Roger Pabian
- Best of Lapidary - Irl Everett
- Best of Mineral - Larry Bigley
- Best of Junior - George McGinnis
- Best of Petrified Wood - Don Carter

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
Board Meeting
November 6, 1975

The meeting was called to order by President, Frank Rule at 6333 Kearney. Seven board members were present.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved as read, with correction of typing error for ten dealers.

Treasurers report by John Harrison, Jr., and approved as read. Motion by George McGinnis to pay garage rent for November and December, seconded Howard Taylor. Motion carried.

Bills were read by Treasurer. Motion by Don Carter to pay bills as read, Seconded Howard Taylor. Motion carried

Art Howlett needs a typist. Will check with Susan Taylor and Tam Dutcher. Volunteers welcome.

Discussion on scholarship fund. After discussion, motion by Don Carter we pull out the certificates at the end of the year and put the monies in three \$1000.00 certificates as of January 1, 1976, seconded John Harrison, Jr.. Motion carried. The above motion was to establish the fund with interest for scholarship due January 1, 1977.

Meeting hall discussed. Frank and Larry Bigley to check St. Pats Church and with City Parks and Recreation. Will probably know by November 22, if IOOF Hall is available for Saturday night. Arrangements have been made for January meeting for IOOF for Thursday if Saturday is not open.

NRL meeting coming up on November 14 at 22nd and Washington. Frank can't make this meeting, so Larry Bigley will attend for him.

Howard Taylor read letter from Roger Pabian to Barney Parr, pertaining to re-engraving the trophies for 1974 show, which Federations owe LGMC for. If they pay we have to give them half the money back because it would be profit for 1974 show. Larry took President chair. Motion by Frank Rule LGMC and this board go on record to cancel the above fee, seconded Howard Taylor. Motion carried.. This clears us on any balance we owe Midwest Federation.

Discussion on cases. Motion George McGinnis, we keep three cases for club use only. Not to be loaned to members. They will be strictly for club trophies, etc. Seconded Howard Taylor. Carried.

A discussion by treasurer on bills being late to him. John requested all bills be in by December 15, of this year, so he can get his books in order. If bills are not in by this date you will not get paid. If bills are not in, in 30 days after a show, they will not get paid.

Motion Howard Taylor we operate on a purchase order as of November 6, 1975, seconded George McGinnis. Motion carried.

Motion John Harrison, Jr., we pay Susan Taylor \$35.00 delegate fee to Detroit, seconded George McGinnis. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn John Harrison, Jr.

Nelda Oliver, Sec.

From the Editor's desk ... 1975 is fast drawing to a close. By the time this bulletin reaches you the last meeting of the year will have taken place.

As the new year arrives, LGMC will be experiencing quite a few changes, new officers, a new meeting place, and a new show date. Our nation will be celebrating its 200th birthday. We will be making plans to properly honor the occasion. We should have a challenging year ahead in which all members will want to participate.

When we make our New Year's resolutions, let's not forget LGMC. Let's resolve to attend the meetings, and to do work that we are asked to do to the best of our ability. If we all do our best, 1976 is bound to be a very successful year.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Evelyn

I Heard The Bell On Christmas Day

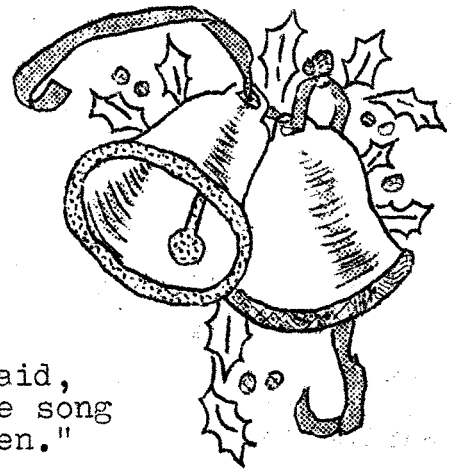
Henry W. Longfellow, 1863

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
"God is not dead nor does He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth good will to men."



Christmas Reviewed... Our discussions at home about politics and world affairs had more impact on our children than we realized. At the end of our church's Christmas Eve service, the minister leaned across the pulpit to address the restless youngsters in the congregation: "Who is the good-natured, plump man who goes all over the world on Christmas Eve working miracles?"

Our 10 year old son answered, "Henry Kissinger!"

Judith B. Ayers via The Enquirer.

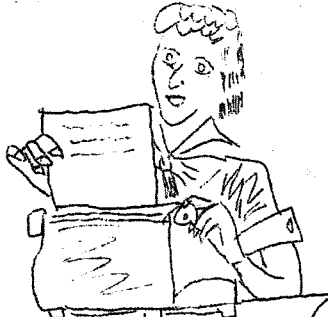
NELDA'S
TELEPHONE
NEWSBRIEFS

George and Glenna McGinnis should be in sunny Arizona by this time.

Flossie Litzenberg received a new PDQ Gem Drill for her Christmas present, so she can start drilling her palm root beads.

Irl and Lois Everett spent Thanksgiving with their daughter in Iowa.

Flossie Litzenberg will be going into Bryon hospital for Knee surgery the 16 of December. Cards will be most welcome. Good Luck Flossie.



John Lewis, Jr. was married recently and the couple will live in Lincoln, Ne.

71 dinners were served at the Christmas Party. the food was delicious and the program by Flossie Litzenberg of their trip to Hawaii was great.

Our January meeting will be at the IOOF Hall on Thursday, January 29, 1976, at 7:30 P.M. We hope to see a real good turnout for this Birthday Party. Frank Marsh will be showing slides. This program will be a start to our Bi-centennial year.

A LETTER TO POSTMASTER GENERAL BENJAMIN BAILER -copy received by LGMC :

Dear Mr. Pailar: This letter is written to support the efforts for issuing a special stamp honoring Poet Laureate John Gneisenau Neihardt.

This very unusual person, who stood barely five foot tall, was a giant among men. As a close personal friend, it is a thrill to be asked to help precipitate this possible special recognition. During his lifetime, I believe he served longer as our Poet Laureate than any other person in a similar capacity in the entire United States. His other additional, unique credentials, I am sure, will be documented by other interested supporters.

John Gneisenau Neihardt is singularly deserving of special recognition for his interpretation and documentation of the plains history and events.

signed - Frank Marsh, State Treasurer.

When this letter was received by our club the Board of Directors decided to present it to the membership at the first opportunity and make an effort to add our voices to the admirors of John C. Neihardt and our thanks to those who plan and promote this possible special recognition.

Our thanks to Mr. Marsh for making us aware of this attempt.

The PET ROCK craze is taking the country by storm. How nice that we rockhounds have been making pets of our rocks, rock collections, etc. for many varying years. How many people could come up with the first rock that they carried around and cherished like a pet? I wonder how many people realize that picking up their own pet rock is the most rewarding, fresh air, healthy, thrilling activity to be found. Nieman-Marcus, Liberty House and Macy's may make a profit on the 'Pet Rock' bit but LGMC members have had the fun of getting their own

1976 ShowNews

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club will hold its 18th Annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, 1976 in the Agriculture Hall at the State Fairgrounds. The Show will be open to the public from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Sunday. Adult admission will be \$1.50. There will be 25¢ discount coupons for adult admissions. Children under 12 will be 25¢, with an adult free.

Show set-up time will be Friday, March 26. Your help will be needed. A good price was obtained for the rented tables and chairs. They will have to be set up, then taken down after the Show. Please volunteer to help.

- Floor managerJohn Harrison
- Dealer Chairman.....Howard Taylor
(There will be 12 Retail and 2 Wholesale Dealers)
- Publicity Chairman Flossie Litzenberg
- Special Features Roger Fabian
- Open Displays..... Luella Paul
- RockFile Burton Barnes
- Registration and Information Farel Hyland
- Hospitality Stan and Hazel Greenwase
- Competition Don Carter
- Printing..... Phyllis Parks

Federation Rules will be followed for competition. There will be a Judges' critique after the competition displays have been judged.

There will be blue slips for members to fill in specifying what space they will need for their display, and where they wish to volunteer their help. It is hoped that everyone will fill out a blue slip, return them to John Harrison. Thank you.

Show Chairman
Jim Warburger



Forget the gossip that you've heard
The nagging, unkind word.
Forget your problems and their cause
Folk's short comings and their flaws,
Forget the climate if it's bad,
The rainy holidays you've had.
Forget even to think the blues ---
BUT DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!

via Magic Valley Gem News

Dues are payable January 1st and delinquent January 31st.

Adult dues are now \$4.00 per year. A fee of \$1.00 plus \$4.00 per year will be paid for each adult applying for membership. Dues for the entire family (including children under 16) are \$9.00. The initial fee of \$1.00 is waived if one or more members have already paid the initial fee as part of an adult membership.

1976 SHOW COMPETITIVE CHAIRMAN * DON CARTER will have a question and answer session on competitive exhibiting at the January meeting. Bring your questions.

NEW DISCOVERY -- Gold Coral from Hawaii by J. Smith
The Tully, Earth Science & Sandscript via The Rock Box.

We have all found white coral, seen the pink and red and marveled at the beautiful jewelry made of black coral. Now an exciting new discovery off the coast of Hawaii gives us GOLD CORAL.

This discovery is so recent that even news of it has not reached this area. Rare indeed and precious is this new kind of coral.

The Maui divers of Hawaii found this incredible discovery in the midnight landscape of the coral forests 1200 feet beneath the sea. So deep that they 'mine' this gold in a bathysphere, or mini-sub, as they call it. No one knows what magic gave this coral its astonishing color and its brilliant texture ... a riddle for man to ponder.

Hawaii is justly famous for its black coral. Many centuries ago black coral was found in the Red Sea and was used by the rulers of Asia Minor for personal adornment to ward off evil spirits. Some two centuries ago the Red Sea beds were depleted and no more was heard of this rare coral until it was rediscovered in Hawaii in 1958 by the Maui divers.

Each day scuba divers glide through their underwater world seeking black coral. Because its growth requires extreme depth (170' to 300') and fast flowing water, this has proven to be the most hazardous mining operation ever known. Aside from the natural dangers such as the 18' Mako Shark and treacherous undersea currents, there are greater dangers from the sudden crippling 'bends' and the equally dreaded 'rap-ture of the depths'

But the danger is worth it, for the Hawaiian black coral has been crafted into imaginative jewelry of great beauty.

PIT OF HELL

Have you ever wondered where the deepest hole in the earth is and just how far down it goes? The place is on a mountainside in Corno D'Aquilio, Italy - and just how deep the hole is no one knows!

The "Pit of Hell" is perhaps the world's deepest natural hole, piercing thousands of feet through the earth's crust, and has been the source of whispers since the Middle Ages. People passing the vast inky cavity used to avert their eyes and cross themselves because everyone thought it to be the very gate leading to the Devil's domain.

In spite of the danger, not to mention the ugliest, most bumpy, rocky, narrow mountain road leading to it, the "Pit of Hell" attracts its share of curiosity-lookers. On Sundays a dilapidated bus takes visitors up to the top of the 3839' mountain to attend Mass in the tiny chapel built in memory of those people who have fallen or jumped into the hole.

The mouth of this notorious abyss, surrounded by only a foot-high wire fence, is 32' x 36' wide. Forty-six feet down it narrows into a neck 10' x 13'. The funnel then widens again and below that there is just no bottom.

In the last ten years there have been daring explorations, the last of which was in 1967. These last adventurers, after many days of extreme hardship and danger, managed to eke their way down to a depth of 2953' where they had to give up. According to their team captain there were at least another 3000' still further down that could not be attempted. Just how deep the bottom is he refused to even guess.

JUNIOR PAGE

Rock of the Month

Mica



The word Mica means "a grain" in Latin..The most important forms of mica are muscovite, biotite, and lepidolite. The hardness is 2.5-4.5. The luster varies from pearly, as in muscovite, to submetallic as in lepidomelane. The micas are aluminosilicates with potassium, magnesium, iron or lithium, as well as hydroxyl or fluorine.

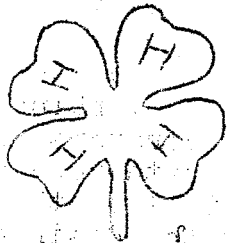
Muscovite is commonly colorless and may be brown, gray, light green, lavender, or ruby red. Biotite is commonly black, brown, green, yellow, and occasionally colorless. Lepidolite is pink, violet, yellow, gray, red, brown, and green.

Mica occurs in igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks. It is found in lavas, schists, granites, marbles, soils, and deep sea sediments. The largest crystals are found in veins and pegmatites..The largest book (block of laminae) discovered was 14 feet in diameter and 33 feet long.

Mining is difficult because the mica is easily damaged. The books are split and trimmed by hand and sorted according to size, transparency, color, and freedom from spots and stains. The scrap is ground. Mica is used for stove windows, and boiler gauge packings. Ground mica is used as fillers, lubricants, absorbants, dusting powder, packing material, wall paper, roofing paper, paints and frosting for Christmas trees and artificial snow.

PETRIFIED PEBBLE PUPS NEWS REPORT

The beginning group met with Mrs. Wells and Mrs. McGinnis. They discussed rock identification and their egg carton projects. The advanced geology group discussed their individual projects with their leaders, Mr. Fabian and Mr. McGinnis. Here are the projects:

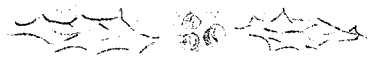


- Andrew Olson - - - - - Fossil identification
- Lars Olson - - - - - Mineral identification
- Brent Jones - - - - - Mineral identification
- Lee Pivonka - - - - - Gemstone identification
- Linda Parks - - - - - Gemstone identification

Linda Parks
News Reporter

The first thing a child learns when he gets a new drum is that he's never going to get another one.

Remry Stamsrich, Apyph Enw Raey



Handy Hints

Uses for Address Labels

Do you have gummed labels with your name and address printed on them? Don't limit an easy, time saving, legible means of identification to the upper left-hand corner of envelopes when you write letters! They have many other uses: these should generate still more ideas of your own:

Carry some in your wallet to give to new acquaintances who ask for your address.

Put them in your books (and on the front of any magazine you're going to lend but want back.

Put one on the bottom of the dish you are taking to a potluck supper or lending to a friend, church or club.

Put them on prescriptions you're having filled to be sure the pharmacist gets your name and address correctly.

A Great Idea ... As most rockhounds do, I had a rock in my pocket. While at work, and work being slow, I started filing on it with a little Revlon emery file I had previously found. To my delight it cut the rock.

This emery file has a handle on it and appears to be made of somewhat the same material as the new saw blades that cut most anything. (Do not mistake it for one that has diamonds on it as they do not stay in.) It is especially handy for sizing the bezel of a cabochon to fit into a mounting, also to do light filing while doing silver smithing. It has been found not to "fill up" as do regular files.

These may be purchased at Revlon cosmetic counters in 2 sizes and may be returned to the company to have reconditioned for 25¢. Try it, I think you'll like it.

P.J. Huntley, Mineral Messenger via Gemdrops

Cutting Cabs Accurately from "Gem Cutting Shop Helps" via The Seeker

Here is an absolutely accurate method for cutting cabs the way you want them. It is easier on the eyes than any kind of pencil marking. There is on the market a Scotch-tape-like material for decorators. It is made for a painting guide for woodwork. Cut off the length needed and stick it on a piece of linoleum or smooth wood. Don't place the tape on paper as it ruins its adhesive quality. Mark out the desired cab shape with a template. Remove it carefully and stick it on your slab. Water will not loosen it. Grind away the stone up to the tape for a perfect, easy, quick job that takes no extra eyesight to follow. When the cab is shaped up to the tape it is easily pulled off.

Don't forget to pay your dues. They are delinquent Jan. 31st.

Midwest show report

by June Zeitner

International '75, the combined show of the Midwest Federation and the Central Canadian Federation, recently held in Detroit, was an outstanding success from start to finish. The show was held in the Light Guard Armory with Midwest meetings held at Mercy College. The show entrance was made glamorous by a spectacular orchid display. The focal mineral attractions were magnificent cases of minerals and gems from many major museums and well-known private collections. Competition was unusually close in both the American and Canadian competitive exhibits. Dozens of demonstrations and a busy swap area occupied the lower level, as well as some of the retail and wholesale dealers.

Well attended and enthusiastically received were lectures given by Paul Desautels, John White, Dr. Joseph Mandarino, Dr. Willard Parsons, Vincent Manson, Dr. A. D. Tushingham, Dennis Thorn and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Diller.

Terry Huizing, Midwest Federation President, called on Hazel Kunz at the council meeting to sum up the activities of State Directors. He then asked First Vice President, Howard Taylor, to call on permanent committee chairmen for their reports. Kate Steinbrenner, Scholarship Chairman, introduced Mark Harris of the Selectors Committee, who presented a plaque to the Midwest Federation Scholarship Award Winner, Dr. Clayton Johnson. Dr. Johnson told of the work of the student who received the grant. June Zeitner, Merit Awards Chairman, presented the Honorable Mention Certificates for the All American and Midwest contests and also the participation certificates to the 73 Midwest clubs which entered this year. Blanks for the new All American competition were handed to delegates. Don Stinnett announced that there are five new programs for the use of clubs.

Terry Huizing presented a detailed report from the finance committee. Aply assisted by his wife, Marie, Terry showed the facts and figures of our finances - past, present and projected into the future. This included separate charts for our best cost item, the Newsletter. After hearing the report, the delegates voted to raise the dues to 35¢ per adult club member and the cost of the extra copies of the Newsletter to 2¢ per copy. The council also voted to delete the Nomenclature Committee and to make the Credentials Committee a permanent committee. Haydon Peterson, Newsletter editor, was unanimously made an Honorary Member.

New officers were installed with Terry presenting the jade gavel to Howard Taylor. Also elected were Hazel Kunz, First Vice President; Paul Good, Second Vice President; Jean Reynolds, Secretary and Milford Sharp, Treasurer. Outgoing treasurer, Bernice McCloskey, was presented with a plaque of appreciation. The Past President's Plaque was given to Terry.

Special guests at the council meeting were Mary Anderson, President of AFMS and her husband, Russell, and Luellen Montgomery, President of the Rocky Mountain Federation.

Other events at the show were a micromount symposium and a meeting of the Friends of Mineralogy. The Editors' Breakfast, presided over by Paul Good, presented a panel of Russell MacFall, June Zeitner, Russell Kemp and Ellis Courter. Bulletin winners were announced.

The annual Awards Banquet was held Saturday night in Windsor.

Bicentennial FEATURES

by June Zeitner



Ogden Utah's Golden Spike News is running a series of articles on the club's history in honor of the 26th anniversary of the club.

When a club history was inadvertently destroyed, Gertrude Larson of Boglands Sandhills Earth Science Club reconstructed the history by going through twelve years of old newspaper files for clippings about club meetings. A good idea for small towns which have had good local publicity!

Austin (Texas) Gem and Mineral Society is presenting a "Rock Trail" to the Austin Area Garden Center in commemoration of the Bicentennial. This will be the club's gift to the nation. Colorful 5/16 inch thick slabs about 6 inches in diameter are being used in the projects. Austin is also hosting the National Show next June. A busy club and a credit to Texas!

The history of the Tualatin Valley Gem Club in the Hy Grader reports that their first field trip in '57 was at a Sweet Home petrified wood location where good wood was so plentiful that loading up was only a matter of selection. Those were the days!

AFMS SHOW - JUNE 17 - 20, 1976

Texas-size plans are underway to make the AFMS-Southcentral Federation Convention and Show in Austin next June 17 - 20, a real Bicentennial celebration for everyone who is active in the mineral and gem federations. To be held in the auditorium on the shore of beautiful Town Lake, the show is being sponsored by the Austin Gem and Mineral Society.

Special exhibits being planned are a NASA case, a Canadian mineral display and some of the fabulous gem collection of the late Colonel Barron, a collector and mineral dealer from El Paso. There will also be displays of the finest gems, minerals and lapidary work from Texas and the Southcentral Federations. Along with 50 retail dealers there will be a number of wholesale dealers.

The AFMS awards banquet, Editors' Breakfast, Past Presidents Luncheon and other meetings will be held in the headquarters hotel, the Sheraton Crest Inn, also on the shore of Town Lake.

Mrs. Mignon Wagner, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Southcentral President, says that other "goodies" are on the drawing board and will soon be announced.

Austin is easily reached by Interstate Highway or by bus, plane or AMTRAK. There are many tourist accommodations of all types. The city has been named one of the 14 most pleasant cities in which to live in the entire nation. The Highland Lakes, a spectacular chain of 7 lakes, begins in the city limits and winds 150 miles through the Texas hill country providing all types of water sports, plus hunting, hiking, camping and sight seeing.



SAFETY

In emergencies, your car is your fortress. Beneath its hood and within its steel body can be found materials for survival for your family and your friends.

The average car radiator holds 16 to 21 quarts of water. If not contaminated by antifreeze, that is enough to last a family of 4 for four days.

Hubcaps, cleaned with sand, pinch-hit for cups and shovels; also for reflectors.

Rear vision mirrors can be detached and used to signal.

Your horn can alert rescuers as far as a mile down wind.

Door panels become ground blankets, insulating you from frozen, wet, or scorching ground.

Glove compartment door and sun visors double as shovels.

Slip covers, floor mats, and rugs serve as blankets, clothing, or overhead covering.

One family, their car broken down on a little-used fire trail, carefully removed a sealed-beam headlight, leaving it wired to the battery, directed its beam upward in wide sweeping arcs, and drew attention to a rescue team.

Many a hunter has warmed himself (and stayed alive) over a tire fire. A little gasoline helps ignite a tire fire. An average tire will burn three to four hours.

The spark from the battery will ignite (if you have neglected to keep matches in the car) cloth ravelings, etc.

Dome light coverings can be used to focus the sun's rays for fire.

Under the hood are four gallons of oil. A quart of oil, burned in a hubcap in the still air of morning, spews a signal of smoke visible for miles. Lube oil or grease can be used as a salve to protect your skin.

The windshield washer tubing becomes an effective tourniquet to stop excessive bleeding.

A hose from the motor will convert into a syphon for getting gasoline from the tank.

"Drastic," you say, "to destroy your car." A Highway Patrolman says, "Everything you need to stay alive, except food, is found in the average car as a survival kit. His first inclination is to set out on foot for help. Too often he is beyond help when we find him a few miles down the road--dead from exhaustion, heat, or cold."

DON'T PANIC!! Stay with your car!

... Allstate Insurance Co.

via The Glacial Drifter

Season's Greetings

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Midwest show report

by June Zeitner

International '75, the combined show of the Midwest Federation and the Central Canadian Federation, recently held in Detroit, was an outstanding success from start to finish. The show was held in the Light Guard Armory with Midwest meetings held at Mercy College. The show entrance was made glamorous by a spectacular orchid display. The focal mineral attractions were magnificent cases of minerals and gems from many major museums and well-known private collections. Competition was unusually close in both the American and Canadian competitive exhibits. Dozens of demonstrations and a busy swap area occupied the lower level, as well as some of the retail and wholesale dealers.

Well attended and enthusiastically received were lectures given by Paul Desautels, John White, Dr. Joseph Mandarino, Dr. Willard Parsons, Vincent Manson, Dr. A. D. Tushingham, Dennis Thorn and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Diller.

Terry Huizing, Midwest Federation President, called on Hazel Kunz at the council meeting to sum up the activities of the State Directors. He then asked First Vice President, Howard Taylor, to call on permanent committee chairmen for their reports. Kate Steinbrenner, Scholarship Chairman, introduced Mark Harris of the Selectors Committee, who presented a plaque to the Midwest Federation Scholarship Award Winner, Dr. Clayton Johnson. Dr. Johnson told of the work of the student who received the grant. June Zeitner, Merit Awards Chairman, presented the Honorable Mention Certificates for the All American and Midwest contests and also the participation certificates to the 73 Midwest clubs which entered this year. Blanks for the new All American competition were handed to delegates. Don Stinnett announced that there are five new programs for the use of clubs.

Terry Huizing presented a detailed report from the finance committee. Ably assisted by his wife, Marie, Terry showed the facts and figures of our finances - past, present and projected into the future. This included separate charts for our highest cost item, the Newsletter. After hearing the report, the delegates voted to raise the dues to 35¢ per adult club member and the cost of the extra copies of the Newsletter to 2¢ per copy. The council also voted to delete the Nomenclature Committee and to make the Credentials Committee a permanent committee. Haydon Peterson, Newsletter editor, was unanimously made an Honorary Member.

NEW PROGRAMS

Our program chairman, Donald Stinnett, announces three new programs are ready for booking to clubs.

"Beginning Lapidary" by the Flint Rock and Gem Club, Flint, Michigan: "Making a Silver Ring" by the Richland Lithic and Lapidary Club, Mansfield, Ohio and "The Headley Museum" by the Bluegrass Rock Club of Central Kentucky, Lexington Kentucky.

New programs are always welcome. If your club can supply a program, please write to Donald Stinnett and tell him what you have.

When you order, please order at least 30 days prior to your showing date and give a second and third choice to assure you of a program. Include the address where the program is to be sent and a check in the amount of \$1.00. Please do not send cash.

Send your order to Donald Stinnett, Midwest Federation Film Library, 29462 Aspen Drive, Flat Rock, Michigan 48134.

New officers were installed with Terry presenting the jade gavel to Howard Taylor. Also elected were Hazel Kunz, First Vice President; Paul Good, Second Vice President; Jean Reynolds, Secretary and Milford Sharp, Treasurer. Outgoing treasurer, Bernice McCloskey, was presented with a plaque of appreciation. The Past President's Plaque was given to Terry.

Special guests at the council meeting were Mary Anderson, President of AFMS and her husband, Russell, and Luellen Montgomery, President of the Rocky Mountain Federation.

Other events at the show were a micromount symposium and a meeting of the Friends of Mineralogy. The Editors' Breakfast, presided over by Paul Good, presented a panel of Russell MacFall, June Zeitner, Russell Kemp and Ellis Courter. Bulletin winners were announced.

The annual Awards Banquet was held Saturday night in Windsor. While not a traditional Midwest Awards Banquet, the entertainment of bagpipes and dancers was unique. Dr. Robert Gorman gave an excellent talk on ancient mineralogy.

The Federation is indebted to the Michigan Mineralogical Society and the Detroit area clubs for a memorable show and convention.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Howard Taylor announces the following committee appointments and reappointments for 1976.

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Honored as 'South Dakota Woman of Achievement'



June Zeitner

June Zeitner, Associate AFMS Newsletter Editor, has been elected the 1975-6 South Dakota Woman of Achievement at a recent convention of the South Dakota Press Women. She was selected for this honor for her many contributions as a professional writer, for her promotion of her home state in lectures and articles, and her involvement in cultural and community activities. Mrs. Zeitner will represent South Dakota at the National Press Convention next year in New Jersey.

June's citation also mentioned the work she has done for the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Midwest Federation of which she is Past President and Honorary Member. June was on the staff of Earth Science for several years and is currently Contributing Editor and Columnist for the Lapidary Journal. She has been in charge of the State Stone Program since its inception and has been publicity chairman for the Scholarship Foundation. Her biography is included in Who's Who of American Women and the World Who's Who of Women.

By coincidence, the announcement of June's election came at the banquet in Huron, South Dakota at the exact time she was in Detroit presenting Merit Award Trophies at the Midwest Federation banquet. Asked about this, she explained that she had not expected to win but probably would have been in Detroit anyway as it was a previous commitment. She quipped, "I guess I am supposed to say it is more blessed to give than to receive. Nevertheless, I am very grateful and quite surprised by this recognition."

CORRECTION

In the November issue, we erroneously listed Jean Reynolds as Treasurer of the Midwest Federation. She is secretary. We regret this error.

COLOR MINERAL POSTER

The Mineralogical Society of America has designed and printed a full color mineral poster for use by clubs for any activity from special meetings to seminars, swaps and annual shows. The brilliant poster is an immediate attention getter with its sharp pictures and bold lettering. Besides explaining the importance of minerals and arousing the curiosity of the viewer, the large poster leaves three white spaces at the bottom for the club to fill in the who, what, when and where of the advertised activity. Such a poster would readily be accepted where it would do the most good and would project a quality image for the event.

Three of the 22" x 28" posters sell for \$5.00. Checks should be payable to the Mineralogical Society of America and orders sent to Multifacet, Inc., 6451 Fairborn Terrace, New Carrollton, Maryland 20784.

Your 1976 Regional Show Schedule

Here are the dates and locations of the six Regional shows in 1976. Note that the National show and convention will be held in Austin, Texas in conjunction with the South Central Federation show.

MIDWEST	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	SOUTH CENTRAL	NORTHWEST	CALIFORNIA	EASTERN
ST. LOUIS Missouri JULY 22-25	ROSWELL New Mexico JUNE 25-27	AUSTIN Texas JUNE 17-20 <i>National Show</i>	COOS BAY Oregon SEPT. 4-6	SAN FRANCISCO California JULY 2-4	BOSTON Massachusetts JULY 15-18

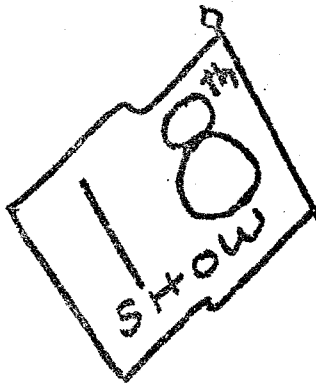
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