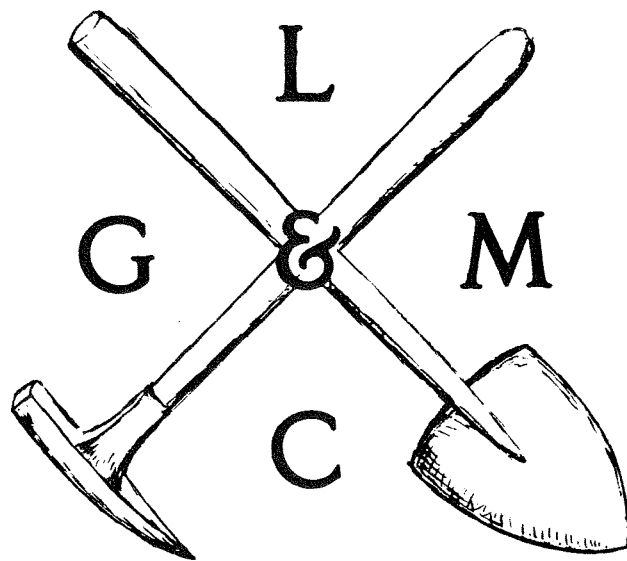


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LINCOLN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.
P. O. Box 5342, Lincoln, Ne. 68505

The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily limited to geology, paleontology and mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, particularly youth and student groups.

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American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)
Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc. (NAOESCI)
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Nebraska Recreation League (NRL)

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1977 - IOOF Hall, 1101 No. 56th St., Lower Level

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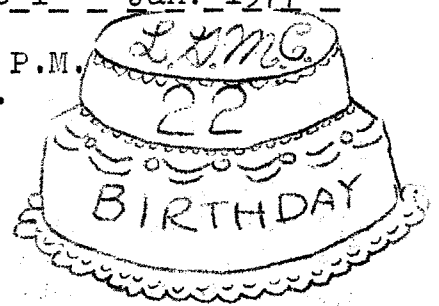
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Regular meeting...Saturday, Jan. 22, 1977. 7:30 P.M.
IOOF Hall, 1101 North 56th St.

Program..... MWF film and workshop on
silversmithing. Don't miss
this very fine program.



Refreshments: birthday cake will be served by
the Refreshment Committee.
Members will please bring cherry pies in Feb..
for our refreshments.

LGMC Board of Directors' meeting...Thursday, Feb. 3, 1977
Home of Larry Bigley, 6126 Hartley.

Please add the following names and addresses of new members to
your "Who's Who".

Fandrigh, Gust A., 1919 S.W. 15th St. 68522, Tel. 475-9405.

Wightman, Laurence B., R.R. #1. Box 215, Lincoln, Nebr.
68522, Telephone - 423-3911.

Wilson, John (Teola), 6524 Havelock Ave. 68507, Tel. 466-6257.

1977 dates to remember

Mar. 11-13	Kansas City, Mo.	Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Inc..Kansas City Trade Mart, 250 Richard Road
Mar. 25-27	St. Louis County, Mo.	Rock Hobby Club Show Machin- ists Union Aud. St. Charles Rd.. Bridgton.
Mar. 26-27	Lincoln, Ne.	Lincoln Gem & Min. Club Show, Nebraska State Fairgrounds.
June 10-12	Hebron, Ne.	Fort Butler Rock & Gem Club, State Swap.
Sept. 2-4	St. Louis County, Mo.	McDonnell-Douglas Gem & Min. Soc. Show-Greensfelder recreat- ionCenter of Queeny County Park.
Sept. 3-5	Omaha, Ne.	Nebraska Min. & Gem Club Show.
Sept. 9-11	Kearney, Ne.	Fort Kearney Rock Club State Show, Holiday Inn, 301 2nd Ave..
Sept. 16-18	Kimball, Ne.	Plains Rock & Min. Club Show.

Regional Shows:

July 20-23	Dayton, Ohio	Midwest Federation Show and Convention.
Aug. Ogden, Utah		National Show.

Don't fail to get your dues paid by January 31st. They may be
paid to Joella Olson, LGMC Treasurer.

Please check further information on ad page - inside back cover.

Last Month...The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club held its 1976 Christmas party at the IOCF Hall. Eighty-seven members were present to enjoy the festivities. After a bountiful meal, Art Howlett showed his slides of the Grotto of Redemption in West Bend, Iowa. Carols sung and gifts were exchanged. The 1977 officers were introduced by out-going president, Larry Bigley who handed over his gavel to John Harrison, our 1977 president. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening, and the Christmas party committee is to be commended on a job exceptionally well done.



Vaya Con Dios - May God be with you.

A card was sent this month to -

Rev. Raymond Pfeiffer - Get well

January 1967



program: "This is your life, Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club" under the direction of program chairman, Roger Simmons.

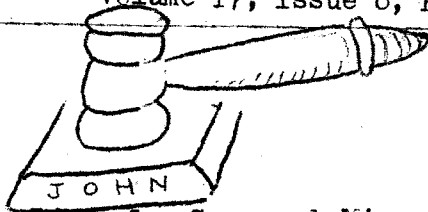
anniversary cake and coffee for refreshments.

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world..

Chinese proverb.

To make a stone adhere better to the dop stick, try putting a very small bit of stick shellac on the stone as it is being warmed. When the stick shellac softens, the stone is warm enough to dop. Or brush a thin film of a good liquid shellac on the stone just before dopping it.

After dopping, let the stone cool for several minutes before trying to work it. Don't use too much wax, or let it run over the edge of the stone. While it is still hot moisten your fingers and press the wax down firmly on the stone. Always use a dop-stick smaller than the stone. These suggestions are not applicable to heat sensitive stones, such as opal.



I want to thank the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club for the honor that they have bestowed upon me as President for 1977. I hope that everyone will enjoy the events that will be planned by our club.

This year is our 22nd Birthday of existence, having been formed in January 1955 - so to you all "Happy Birthday" and many, many more.

The various committee needs have now been appointed and anyone wishing to work on any of these committees should contact the various chairpersons and please don't hesitate to do so. The club cannot function without people helping. Let's not just have a few doing the work for many - lets have everyone do their share so it is enjoyable for all.

In March, is our annual show and help is still needed on the various committees. If you would like to help - please contact Roger Pabian or myself, and we will be glad to help you find a committee to work on - Our show, we hope, will be bigger and better than ever. Don't forget to put in your display or entry in our competition section - start working, the time is arriving quickly.

We will be having field trips as soon as the weather permits - already Larry is working on a trip, that what we will try on a phone call notice. (a one day trip.) More and longer trips are already in the planning stage so get planning on going rock hunting this summer.

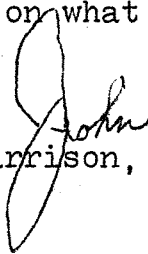
We will be having more of a co-program and education this year starting with a January program on Silversmithing, with slides from Midwest Federation and then instruction by our own members - be sure to attend because you may learn a new and exciting aspect to our hobby.

The Long Range Planning Committee has been charged with checking into our by-laws and bringing them up to date. If you have an idea or a change in the by-laws that may help in our club operation, please contact Roger Pabian, who is chairman, or any officer who will take your idea to the by-laws committee.

We still have a few show cases for sale, if you are interested please contact Larry Bigley.

A piesocial had been planned for our January meeting, but due to our Birthday cake it has been re-scheduled for the February meeting -

Everone try to find another rockhound and bring them to our meetings and join our club - pass the word on what fun it is to be a rockhound.


John Harrison, President

From the Editor's Desk...

It doesn't take a New Year
To begin our lives anew,
God grants us new beginnings
Each day the whole year through-
So never be discouraged
For there comes daily to all men
The chance to make another start
And Begin All Over Again!

- Helen Steiner Rice via Pick & Chisel

The Bicentennial Sense and Nonsense articles by J.D. Young were so well received that Mr. Young has been requested by your editor to be a regular contributor to the Pick & Shovel. Mr. Young has a wealth of interesting information that he shares in a most pleasing manner. We are indeed fortunate to have articles written by one who was so intimately associated with our poet laureate, Dr. John Neihardt. Mr. Young has many fascinating stories that he will be sharing with you in coming editions of the Pick & Shovel.

Your editor is very pleased with the Junior Page that is now being edited by our Junior member, Linda Parks. She is doing a great job. This just goes to show the capabilities of our young people if they are given the opportunity to take part in the activities of the Club. Let's get more Juniors involved.

An urgent plea from your editor...It is the policy of the Pick & Shovel staff to get the bulletin in the mail 10 days prior to the meeting. Please get all material to be printed in the current issue to the editor a little before the first of the month. The deadline is the 1st. Perhaps a little explanation is in order. The editor receives the information, and types it just as it will appear in the bulletin. The table of contents is made, and the art work selected and attached to its proper place in the bulletin. This material then goes to Flossie who types the stencils. The stencils are proof read and sent on to Phyllis and Jim. Jim puts the art work on the stencils and Phyllis then prints the backs, covers, and content of the bulletin. After printing, labels must be sorted according to zones and pasted on, and the date must be stamped on the cover. The bulletin is then ready to be assembled. This is done at the Bigley residence where a group of workers assemble and staple the bulletin and prepare it for mailing. As you can see there is a lot of work that goes into getting out a bulletin. It is also quite time consuming. If material arrives late, the schedule is upset, and someone is pressured considerably so that you can get your bulletin on time.

Although unpaid bills are by no means rare, they are never the less considered a collectors' item.

via Korn Krib News

BOARD MINUTES....NOVEMBER

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Board Meeting was held November 4, 1976 at the home of Larry Bigley, with 8 board members and Jim Marburger and Glen Litzenberg present.

Minutes of the October board approved as read.

Treasurers report by John Harriosn, Jr., and approved as read. Bills were read by treasurer-United Typewriter and Pick & Shovel mailings included. Moved Howard Taylor and seconded Nelda Oliver to approve bills as read. Carried.

Evelyn Ulrich to choose Pick & Shovel to send in.

Moved John Harrison, Jr. to inform at start of General meeting that case goes on Silent Auction, and that word 'raffle' be stricken from minutes, seconded Nelda Oliver. Carried.

December 18, 1976 Christmas Party. Norma Miller reports dinner at 6 P.M.. Bring own table service. Gift exchange \$2.50 and must pertain to the rock hobby, marked Jr., Adult man or women. Flossie Litzenberg will decorate. Don Carter has metal Christmas Tree with balls. Entertainment not decided at this time.

Cycad Plague is back in town and Larry Bigley to go down to pick it up from Historical Society. Needs to be changed yet.

Typewriters--get a committee to get prices. Flossie Litzenberg, Phyllis Parks and Evelyn Ulrich for committee. Report to Larry Bigley and call a special board meeting for information.

Larry Bigley, President, reports three more cases sold.

Jim Marburger asked if CB call letters and call names could be printed in the Who's Who.

Motion John Harrison, Jr. we print call letters and call names in Who's Who on supplement sheet in back of book. Seconded Flossie Litzenberg. Carried.

Jim Marburger asked about a club project of Gems on Location for Nebraska.

Motion Don Carter of above and seconded Evelyn Ulrich. Carried with one apposed.

Jim Marburger to head up and report back on what should go in and how it should be displayed, at next board meeting.

Larry Bigley read ideas for educational chairman from Evelyn Ulrich.

Howard Taylor suggests we get a ways and means committee to get things rolling. ways to have instructor show, means would be to get i instructor for any facet of the hobby.

Next board meeting December 2, 1976 at Don Carters home.

Membership cards to be printed with are you willing to work/ are you willing to display.

Sheets on committee duties-need them turned in and over to new President in January.

Meeting Adjourned

Nelda Oliver, Secretary

BOARD MINUTES....DECEMBER

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Board meeting was called to order December 2, 1976 by President, Larry Bigley at 1101 Driftwood Dr. at 7:30 P.M., with 8 board members and Roger Fabian, Glen Litzenberg, Jim Marburger and Marita Bigley present.

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

Treasurers report by John Harrison, Jr., and approved as read. Bills were read. Bill for \$14.40 for belt for Phyllis Parks Thermofax machine. Moved Evelyn Ulrich Phyllis be reimbursed, seconded Flossie Litzenberg. Carried.

Moved Flossie Litzenberg to pay rest of bills, seconded Don Carter. Carried.

Orr ad discussed.

Old business suspended for membership chairman report.

Bill & Hope Orr, John & Leola Wilson & Laurence B. Wightman as new members. Moved John Harrison, Jr., to accept all, seconded Flossie Litzenberg. Carried.

A suggestion: Bring up before new board what is considered as a re-instatement and/or a new member.

Don Carter will send material from club to school in Maine under his name as a member of Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club.

Discussion on Orr Ad. Motion John Harrison, Jr., we accept ad and check from House of Emeralds, Bill Orr, seconded Nelda Oliver. carried.

Jim Marburger needs a good State map. Basic material, try for 13 x 8 cabs or less. Prefer 8 x 10 cab. Material from Nebraska. Mineral specimens would be thumbnail size.

Long Range Planning will hold a meeting shortly.

Membership applications discussed. Would like to have all the old members fill them in also. Moved Flossie Litzenberg and seconded Evelyn Ulrich that John draw up a rough draft on new membership forms and report before meeting closes.

Jim Marburger brought up discussion on club library. It is not being used by members and a suggestion to donate the material to the public library, designated for a specific place. Motion Howard Taylor the President appoint a committee to see if the Library will accept as a gift the books we have. Seconded Norma Miller. The motion was discussed thoroughly and motion defeated.

John Harrison, Jr. discussed with the board the clubs credit rating at Latschs. A letter will be sent to the credit places and signed by the president stating who our new treasurer is and is authorized to order the material. John Harrison, Jr. will send a letter prior to Jan. 1., deadline will be Jan. 1, 1977.

Next board meeting January 6, 1977 at 5700 Otoe Street, 7:30 P.M..

CAC, 2nd annual arts festival will be April 23 & 24, 1977.

Advertisement from a commercial firm read. Motion Howard Taylor request be denied and they be notified by mail., seconded Flossie Litzenberg. Carried.

Roger Fabian, Show Chairman reports everything sailing along very smoothly.

Motion Don Carter we accept membership applications as presented, seconded Evelyn Ulrich. Carried.

.....CONTINUED ON BACK OF FLYER.....

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club

19th ANNUAL
GEM AND MINERAL

SHOW

MARCH 26-27, 1977

Saturday 9AM-9PM & Sunday 10AM-6PM

NEW AGRICULTURAL HALL

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR GROUNDS
17th & COURT STREET

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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DEMONSTRATIONS - PROGRAMS

--DEALERS--

For further information, Contact:
Roger K. Fabian, Chairman
Box 5342
Lincoln, Nebraska 68505

ADMISSION

ADULTS.....\$1.50
CHILDREN..... .25
Children under 12,
with parents.... Free.

BOARD MINUTES CONTINUED.....DECEMBER..

John Harrison, Jr, amended above motion to: "All applicants must show a sincere desire to further the hobby", seconded Norma Miller Carried.

Motion John Harrison, Jr., to purchase file folders and paper for printing the applications, seconded Flossie Litzenberg. Carried.

Larry Bigley appointed Howard Taylor to set in with representatives for scholarship fund from Midwest Federation.

Motion Don Carter to Adjourn, seconded John Harrison, Jr.

Nelda Oliver, Secretary

Hidden Show Costs

At this time it would be easy to write up a short note urging you to be thinking about your displays for the forthcoming show, working on the various committees, etc. March 26 and 27, 1977 are less than 3 months away. Putting things in their correct sequence, we should have been thinking of these things when we voted to have the show; otherwise, we have put the cart in front of the horse-- so to speak.

Let's take a look at the different aspects of the show and some of their hidden costs. Those are the ones that don't show up on the profit-loss statement, but, nonetheless, were an integral part of the whole operation. Let's consider just one of these costs; bringing the club's cases to the show. This usually requires two trips using a large pickup truck to carry the cases and 3 workers and a car to carry 5 additional workers. If we had to rent the truck, we could plan on spending \$20.00 a day, 15¢ per mile, plus fuel costs, or roughly \$25.00. Labor costs would be about \$3.00 per hour/per man. This job requires about six hours, 8 men, or \$144.00. This means \$169.00 have been spent. The cases have to be returned on Sunday after the show which means we can double the \$169.00, so a hidden cost of \$338.00 is a reality. Without our faithful workers and truck donors, we would have to plan this amount in our budget and where we could pick-it-back-up (increased ticket cost?) or reduce it (cut back on features and program?).

There are a few committee spots left to be filled yet. We will be calling on you to fill out some of these spots. We will have a show committee meeting Friday, January 14, 7:30 P.M. at my place of residence.

Thank you..

Roger K. Pabian
Show Chairman

NOTICE...The special competition for the 1977 Show will be the best North American agate nodule. It must not be a slab. For more information please contact Ray Lambert, 464-8552..

HURRY ! HURRY !

Last chance to pay your dues.
Dues are delinquent January 31st.
Avoid having to pay a reinstatement fee.

Mail your dues to Joella Olson
4831 South Haven Drive 68516, or
pay at the January 22nd meeting.



Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club's Christmas Party for 1976

I am writing this article while still under the influence of the warmth of friendship displayed at the party Saturday night, December 18th at the IOOF Hall. There were 87 of us there and we had such a good time.

A committee met at the Hall Saturday at 10:00 A. M. to get it ready for the party. Norma Miller and Glen Litzenberg arranged the tables at a slant instead of long, formal rows with eight chairs at each table. Judy Walt and Ruthy Coleman covered the tables with white paper and I put a bit of evergreen on each with three Christmas tree balls on them. Don Carter brought a decorated tree which was placed on the table for the gifts. The table decorations were loaned by Marita Bigley, Helda Oliver, Norma and myself. The tables for coffee, punch, salads and desserts were set in place. The committee worked from 10:00 A. M. till 12:30 P. M.

Everyone was there by 6 P. M. but the turkey and ham hadn't arrived. But at 6:25 P. M. Don Eckle brought them in. His cook had inadvertently disposed of the kettle of gravy and a new batch had to be prepared. (More people commented on the delicious gravy as they enjoyed their meal.)

Larry Bigley, President, greeted the group. Tracy Bigley brought in the flag and we gave the salute. Larry introduced the 1976 officers and their spouses. The the 1977 officers and their spouses. In a short ceremony he handed the gavel to John Harrison, President for 1977. I presented Larry with a plaque to show him our appreciation of his service for 1976. Irl Everett gave the invocation. The line for the food started with the head table and the then the table on the left facing north started, then the middle table and then the table on the east. Then the next row of tables. The line went along the west wall to the south, by the table of salads, into the kitchen by the hot dishes, Tom Simmons carved the turkey and sliced the ham and served your choice. Then by the other side of hot dishes and out the kitchen door and by a table of cakes, pies and other goodies, picking up a cup of punch or coffee and back to our seats. After we had eaten, Norma and Ruthy served us a choice of ice cream sundaes. Everything was delicious. Tom Simmons had charge of getting the ham and turkey, dressing and gravy and he bought enough for a hundred so there would be plenty and it was all eaten, because people were invited to have seconds. Don Eckle catered the meat and ice cream.

After dinner people gathered up their dishes and Art Howlett showed his slides of the Grotto in West Bend, Iowa. They were terrific and we are sure planning on going to visit it this next year.

The piano was rolled in from the other room and Helena Baegl played while Irl led us in singing Christmas Carols. Helena furnished us with song books. We sang six carols and ended with "Silent Night". The first verse was sung in German by some of our German members.

Helena furnished some background music while Glen helped distribute the Christmas presents. Each one who brought a gift was given a red ticket and they they presented that to Glen to receive a gift. There was some confusion there. Maybe we can work out a less confusing set up for next year.

Everything was picked up and we were out of the Hall by 9 P. M.

Flossie Litzenberg

Time Marches On

The year was 1955. A certain party living in Lincoln, Nebraska had developed a keen interest in the Art of Lapidary. This man decided to pursue his dream, and he proceeded on course.

On to the library where he checked the file cards; he searched out the ones taking books on rock-cutting, polishing and all other "facets" of the field. These people were contacted, and showed a genuine desire to join the Club which this gentleman was organizing. Our own Irl Everett organizer, and charter member of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club.

From this meager beginning, to today, we have a large membership, an outstanding record of nationally recognized achievements. We have noted and honorable members. We list our members as outstanding citizens.

A few facts about our club:

Organized in January 1955.

Incorporated in March 1959.

Frances Tracy and Virgil Carveth placed their signatures upon this document.

A non-profit organization.

The purpose of our club:

1. The improvement of its members in the art of cutting and polishing gem materials.
2. The study of mineralogy and geology.
3. To provide opportunity for the purpose, exchange and exhibition of mineral specimens and materials..
4. It is not organized for any business of pecuniary gain or profit.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club is a civic-minded organization, and its members participate in many services to the schools, churches, hospitals, and state.

1. Member of the Community Arts Council.
2. Boy Scout Leadership, as well as 4-H leaders, Girl Scout and Campfire girls.
3. Donations of materials to the State Hospital re-habilitation program.
4. H-e-l-p, keeping the environment beautiful and clean.
5. Interest in Outdoor Nebraska.
6. Nature study - Audiovisual cases donated to the Board of Education.
7. Displays of gems and minerals owned by members at Morrill Hall, Mineral section.
8. Display cases at the Chet Agar Nature Center.
9. Volunteer work in connection with the Community Chest United Way Drive.
10. Donation in memory of deceased members to the organization of their choice.

Many other commendable works are done by our members in our city, state, and services of our country.

When the "Nebraskaland Days" Parades were held in Lincoln, the L.G.M.C. created beautiful floats, always keeping in mind our interest in the field of "Rock-Hounding". Who could forget the release of 500 balloons, at 12th and O. st., advertising our coming show? The balloons were inflated in the Taylors' basement play room, and Virge Carveth drove across town, with the blue El Camino full of brightly colored balloons. What a cause for excitement by the children. Or the rock pile for kids! Same location. Also

Virg is the only man in captivity who rode across town with the "moon in his lap". Our "Rockhounds" on the moon display for the 1969 show; created by Judy Weber to Marie Carveth's design. Who can forget the \$25,000.- Linde Star necklace on display, thanks to the efforts of Howard Taylor to bring it here, for the show-P.S. it was "Brown-bagged" to the Police Station by Jerry Kohn for safe-keeping.

Our tea honoring Dr. John Neihardt at the Sheldon Art Gallery was a beautiful event. Our late, dear friend accepted an honorary membership in the L.G.M.C. that lovely afternoon.

We list Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz also as our honored member. The "Plezy Dig" was a gigantic contribution to the University of Nebraska. The year-1966-and now thanks to the membership at that time, it rests at Elephant Hall, downtown campus..

Mary Claus was named "Miss Rockarama" of 1967. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Fred Claus and Jeanette, now of Loveland, Colorado.

The efforts of the membership are many-The "Pick and Shovel" staff winning national recognition under the capable leadership of Frances Tracy as editor. Other awards came later to Phyllis Parks, Norma Miller, and Evelyn Ulrich, our present editor.

How could our poster signing get done without "Pappy" Waddle-it couldn't--Thanks "Pappy", Many thanks..

Our first show, at the National Guard Armory-address"1776" N. 10. We made history there at "1776", from there other shows were to follow-each year- to the Pershing Auditorium- to the State Fairgrounds-to a Great National Show with Ralph Ulrich at the controls as President at that time, Irl Everett and other members, whose capabilities were excellent in their various efforts- But Irl has always been there- Take a bow, Irl- You deserve it- You, too, Lois Everett, because, beside every successful man stands his wife.

Our field trips have been many, from good ol' Fort Robinson, Orella, to Kansas, Oklahoma, etc..- "Those were the days, my friends!" Just Rockhounds- enjoying rock-hunting!

Today we boast a membership of 144 members- Pebble Pups included. Many fine careers have been started from - just a field trip for the kids, "picking up a pretty rock". The study of the Earth Sciences starts there!

The Blue and Gold colors of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club are beautiful! We hang our banner high along with our country's flag, which we as citizens of our United States are proud of. Some of our "Pebble Pups" grew up to serve our nation- to wars overseas, as their fathers did. To these we say we are proud of you- You rate very highly.

The accomplishments are many, many more- the list is long; and a "book", altho there is enough material for one! Many have given of time, talent, and expenses, too- To those we have not mentioned by name, any over-sight is un-intentional, please forgive. To all goes a credit for a job well done..

Now on to other things, other dates and plans- to continue the most fascinating study in the world- the earth's treasures, so many yet un-discovered.

Good Rock-hunting to You!
Good Luck to the L.G.M.C.

By Marie J. Carveth
January 1977

THREE DAYS OF FURY - J.D. Young

BLIZZARD- " violent windstorm with dry, driving snow and intense cold." One who has never experienced an old-fashioned 3-day monster cannot realize the intensity of the inescapable, directionless, stinging blast. Be advised to avoid such a blinding maelstrom if possible; precaution pays!

The famous blizzard of January 12, 1888 has been vividly described by survivors, and is now memorialized by organizations. Because of its suddenness, following good weather, it caught many unprepared, especially school people. Even today, with our fine warning systems, this is not unusual. In 1888 there was no warning- we've "come a long way." Many heedless travelers venture out without adequate personal protection and proper equipment. Disastrous!

At the Blizzard of 1888 Club Annual Meeting in Lincoln a few years ago, the program featured our LGMC honorary member, the poet John G. Neihardt. He thrilled the audience by reciting excerpt from the blizzard scene in his Song of Hugh Glass, 1915. Neihardt was a "wordsender", and his account of a typical 3-day norther experienced by Glass in the early 1820's gave the listeners a feeling of reality. The pattern of that storm has been oft repeated.

For readers unfamiliar with the Hugh Glass story, here is a brief account of the epic, which has been documented, even though partly legendary. In late summer 1823 a party of 80 trappers and adventurers under Major Henry ascended the Grand River in northern South Dakota enroute to the Yellowstone River country to obtain beaver pelts- not Montana agates, you Rockhounds! (Incidentally, our 700 lb. cycad which represents the Eternal Tree of Life in the Neihardt Cultural Center at Bancroft, Nebraska came from that area.)

Near the Grand River forks Hugh Glass, the hunter for the party, was horribly mauled by an angry grizzly. Major Henry selected two men to remain with the injured one to await his recovery or death, and then continued the journey. Some time later they rejoined Henry's party, and falsely claimed the old hunter was dead and buried.

Deserted in the wilderness with no survival gear, the old man revived enough to crawl 150 miles to Ft. Kiowa, near modern Chamberlain, South Dakota. After further recovery he returned to the upper Missouri River country, seeking his betrayers. Neihardt presented in verse the full impact of the Hugh Glass story in The Song of Hugh Glass, which has been retold by other writers and moviemakers.

For the blizzard scene described by Neihardt a few selected lines from the book are given here. We now join Hugh Glass as he travels alone on foot up the Yellowstone River, seeking a showdown with his faithless "friends".

'Twas warmer now; the sky grew overcast
And all day long the whispering weavers wove.
And close on dark he came to where a grove
Of cottonwoods rose tall and shadow-thin
Against the northern bluffs, He camped therein
And with cut boughs made shelter as he might.

THREE DAYS OF FURY continued

Close pressed the blackness of the snow-choked night
About him, and his fire of plum-wood purred.

He wakened to the cottonwoods' deep boom.
Black fury was the world. The northwest's roar,
As of a surf upon a shipwreck shore,
Plunged high above him from the sheer bluff's verge:
And, like the backward sucking of the surge,
Far fled the sobbing of the wild snow-spray.

Black blindness grew white blindness and 'twas day
All being now seemed narrowed to a span
That held a sputtering wood fire and a man;
Beyond was tumult and a whirling maze..
The trees were but a roaring in a haze;
The sheer bluff-wall that took the blizzard's charge
Was thunder flung along a hidden marge
Of chaos, stridden by the ghost of light.
White blindness grew black blindness- and 'twas night
Wherethrough nor moon nor any star might grope.

The third dawn, oozing through a smudge of gray,
Awoke him. It was growing colder fast.
Slowly the sense of distances came back
As with the waning day the great wind fell.
The pale sun set upon a frozen hell.
The wolves howled

Hugh Glass survived the storm and lived a decade before Ree Indians
finally finished him.

Let us now enjoy our cozy fireplace- and let the blizzard blizz!

J.D.Y.

FREE MAPS AVAILABLE

Recreation Guide Maps- SD-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9
South Dakota Resource Area Manager
310 Roundup Street
Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717

Recreation Guide Map of Pine Ridge Area
(Include in your request the PASTURE NUMBER MAP FOR
OGLALA NATIONAL GRASSLANDS,)

Forest Supervisor
Nebraska National Forest or

Pine Ridge District and Oglala National Grassland
270 Pine Street
Chadron, Nebraska 69337

Our Nebraska Tour

By Flossie Litzenberg

Glen's sister, Ruby, and her husband, Dayle Sinnett, picked us up at 8 A.M. on Friday, October 1, in their car. We started out on Highway 6 and bypassed Omaha on our way to Blair. We took secondary highways because we wanted to travel slower to better view the scenery, which was the reason for taking the trip, to see the fall foliage colors. We hit it at just the best time, for the leaves were fully colored in their fall colors and had not begun to fall.

From Blair we drove over to the DeSota Bend Game Refuge. It was closed for the season, but we had seen some geese landing in a field a little farther on. We drove on to that area and parked beside the road. We saw over 500 snow geese and blue geese feeding in a harvested milo field. We had our binoculars and had a great time watching them feeding, fly and land again.

We drove back to Blair and went south to Fort Calhoun. On our way we saw a most unusual house. As we drove by it we thought it was a big old-fashioned barn with a silo attached to one end, but closer inspection showed it had curtains at the windows and the windows in the shingled silo allowed a view into the barn which showed us hanging plants, curtains and furniture.

We were disappointed in Fort Calhoun. There wasn't much in the way of buildings there, but it was kept up with decorative plantings like a park.

We headed north to Blackbird Wayside Area where we ate our picnic lunch of fried chicken, baked beans, Jello salad and apple crisp. The Area is high on a hill overlooking the Missouri river. Looking to the west the draws between the hills were filled with color; the red of sumac, the yellow of cottonwood, ash and locust trees, the apricot of chokecherries, the maroon of the wild dogwood shrub, the red of woodbine climbing the trees and a few cedar trees in green. Even the wild grasses were of many hues. After lunch, the drive north through the hills by the river was a beautiful drive.

We by passed Sioux City and went on to Ponca State Park. We drove in and viewed the Missouri River from their high point. Then we drove over to Gavin's Point Damsite. There we were met by more highway patrolmen than I have ever seen all in one spot at once. There were Nebraska, South Dakota and local patrolmen. They motioned for us to keep right on driving. We saw a new building, a platform with a band playing, some bleacher seats set up and a few people sitting there. I asked what was going on and they told us they were dedicating a new Information Center at the top of the Damsite. We drove east along the river, but we wanted to drive over the Dam. So, we drove back and over the Dam. Most of the dozen or so patrolmen were gone and a bus was leaving with the musicians and the few people were heading back to their cars. They still wouldn't let us drive up to where the Center was.

We then drove all around in the Devil's Nest Development and saw quite a lot of different buildings. When we drove out of the

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Our Nebraska Tour - continued:

Development we saw a group of University of Nebraska Geology students scrambling over the highway embankment. They were finding Selenite Crystals and they gave us some..

We drove on to the town of Niobrara hoping to stay at a motel there. We saw a patrolman drive into an abandoned motel. We asked him about a motel. He advised us to drive on to Lyons. We could see the new town of Niobrara up on the hill, but we were in a hurry and didn't drive up there. The lower part of town still had some businesses located on Main street, but I suppose they didn't have any basements. It was marshland all around. Three pheasants flew up out of the marsh as we drove by. Before we got to Lyons, the muffler on the car dropped down. We stopped and wired it up temporarily. Lyons did not have a motel. We had to drive on to Spencer where we spent the night. Dayle got the muffler fixed at a filling station. We ate supper in a very nice steak house in town. We visited with the folks and told them of our experience at Gavin's Point. They informed us it probably was safety precautions against Indian trouble. They said any kind of get together along Nebraska's north border, you can expect Indian trouble.

We started out Saturday morning at 8 A.M. for Fort Randell Dam. It was quite foggy. We could hardly see our way across the Dam. But the sun was shining brightly and when we came back the fog had lifted. We saw a pheasant take off beside the highway and a flock of geese took off the river. On the south side of the Dam we saw many hunters in their orange coats with their dogs. We think their pheasant season had opened in South Dakota.

We drove over to naper, Nebraska looking for the White Horse Ranch which we had visited many, many years ago, but the owner had died and the property sold, so there was nothing to see there.

We headed south on a small road and came out on highway 20. We turned south on highway 11. We ran into a small cattle drive on the highway, but only two cowboys were on horses. Another rode a motorcycle and one drove a small truck. They were going south, so we poked along behind them. Finally another car came toward us. The truck driver drove amidst the cows and calves scattering them into an unfenced area beside the road. We sped on our way.

Just before we got to Burwell, we turned into a recreation area for lunch. We had planned to have pancakes outdoors for breakfast but it was too cold and foggy, so we had them for lunch. They always taste better out of doors. After lunch, we drove on to Burwell and over to their dam. There we saw three huge great Blue Herons on the marshy part above the dam and the biggest brown goose I had ever seen.

Continuing south, we visited Fort Hartsuff which we found very interesting. Many buildings were standing and repaired and furnished.

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Our Nebraska Tour - continued:

We traveled along the North Loup river, south and visited the Chalk mines near Scotia. We continued south to Grand Island. We took highway 80 to Lincoln. There had been a football game in Lincoln that afternoon and Dayle had a CB radio which we listened to on the way home. The truckers kept everyone informed just to the exact mile marker where the bears were and even one in the sky. We first heard them start out with Lincoln being a star city. Then the bears started out at Milford, then Seward and York. It was amusing to hear their talk and joshing.

Instead of coming in on "O" street, Dayle thought he would miss some of the crowd by turning on highway 180, hit the cornhusker highway and come in on 14th street and on to 17th and Holdrege. He stopped at the stop sign at 17th and Holdrege and waited for three cars to go north. The way was clear and he made a left turn onto Holdrege street. A car came over the viaduct and ran into us broadside. Glen and I could see the car heading for us and we turned our faces away. The jolt was so severe, Glen's glasses flew off his nose and onto the back window ledge. My face hit the car door and I got a gash on my forehead. Dayle called an ambulance and the police on his CB. They came almost instantly. I was the only one hurt. They rushed me to the hospital, took eight stitches in my forehead and sent me home. The car was totaled and had to be brought home by a wrecker.

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FROM THE AMERICAN FEDERATION NEWSLETTER -

THE OIL SHORTAGE: IS IT OR ISN'T IT? - Scientist from Dow Chemical Corporation of Midland, Michigan have reported an estimated 2.5 trillion barrels of oil is trapped in Michigan's lower Peninsula. Federal funds have been requested for a pilot project to be in the Crosswell area of Sanilac County, Michigan. Crosswell is north of Port Huron. Sanilac County is on Lake Huron east of the Bay City-Saginaw region. Dow Chemical has been mining salts from ancient seas in Michigan for many years. If it is found that the Michigan oil can be feasibly obtained, the discovery will rank with the greatest oil discoveries ever made.

SEVERAL CLUBS CONTRIBUTE TO BORGLUM MEMORIAL FUND - Several clubs have made contributions to the Borglum Memorial Committee, a non-profit organization which has been set up to help save the Borglum Ranch, studio, and Museum near Mount Rushmore as a National Historical Site. It is hoped that some day a school for sculpture can be established here where one of America's great sculptors lived and worked. Federal matching funds will be available if the committee meets its goal. Your club can have a free brochure about the project by writing June Zeitner, Mission, South Dakota 57555. A gift book or a Gutzon Borglum print for framing will be sent to those contributing \$25.00 or more to the Memorial Fund. The book is a limited edition and is numbered and has the autograph of Lincoln Borglum who finished Mount Rushmore when his father died.

R E M E M B E R - -

American Federation Convention will be
in Ogden, Utah August 18-21, 1977,
with the Northwest Federation Show/Convention

Nelda's News



In the next couple of months, we hope you will get your news items to me, as I will again be filling in for Glenna while she is 'down south'.

Art and Hazel Howlett left for California with a return date about the 23rd of this month.

Tom Simmons and Caroline journeyed to South Carolina, where its about as chilly as it is here.

The Nebraska Recreation League will be working with the Game and Parks Commission on a program called NORDA and would like you to be prepared for contacting your senators to help vote this in. They are also working on the parking ordinance that we have petitions for.

We could use more club participation on the NRL meetings. Frank Rule and I are the delegates for 1976, but 1977 we will need to have volunteers for delegates again. You can attend the meetings even tho you are not a delegate. If you would like to attend the meetings let me know and I will call you when I am notified. These are not regular scheduled meetings, they are only called when the NRL has something to report to us or if the membership has something to bring to the meeting.

January meeting will be the Birthday party for the club. We will have Birthday cake this month and be prepared to bring a pie for February meeting. It was suggested we have Cherry Pie for the month of February, but your own special will be great.

Jim and Phyllis Parks had family and grandchildren from Christmas Eve Day thru New Years. They also have a new ceiling in the shop so be sure to lock up when you go in the shop, With thanks to their son who helped work on it during all the football games.

WE NEED YOUR CB CALL LETTER AND CALL NAME, (if you use one) FOR A SUPPLEMENT IN THE BACK OF THE WHO'S WHO. Call the Secretary at 489-5222 with your information.

Frank Rule is also south looking for some good rockhound material for his shop.

PLEASE CHECK THE 1976 WHO'S WHO TO SEE IF YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER IS OK. This will be going to press February 1, 1977 and we will need all corrections by then. Also DUES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1, 1977 IF YOU WISH FOR YOUR NAME TO APPEAR.

If there are any errors, please contact one of the club officers with your correction.

LATE NEWS FLASH - Nelda just called to inform us that she has 200 pamphlets from Nebraska Recreation League which you can obtain at her house or at the January club meeting. Please be sure each family obtains one and/or if you have more than one please pass along to a friend or neighbor.

N O T E - Hey Juniors - no contributions this month so no Junior page - if we are to have our own page you'll have to get busy and help find materials to use.

Linda Parks

Cold Exposure --- By Virginia Green R.N.

Prolonged exposure to extreme cold produces the following manifestations:

Shivering- numbness- low body temperature- drowsiness- marked muscular weakness.

First Aid-

- Give artificial respiration, if necessary.
- Bring the victim into a warm room as quickly as possible..
- Remove wet or frozen clothing and anything that is constricting.
- Rewarm the victim rapidly by wrapping him in warm blankets or placing in a tub of warm water- But NOT HOT to the forearm.
- If the victim is conscious, give him hot liquids by mouth (no alcohol).
- Dry victim thoroughly if water was used to rewarm him.
- If frostbite occurred- follow appropriate procedures.

Prevention of Injuries from Extreme Cold -

Frostbite occurs when skin tissue is subjected to extremely cold conditions long enough to result in actual freezing of tissue fluids. Prevention involves limiting or avoiding the duration of exposure to extreme cold, avoiding personal practices that may actually contribute to the freezing of tissue, wearing proper protective covering, recognize the early symptoms of the start of frostbite and removal from such exposure.

If you must go outdoors in extremely cold air temperatures, especially if high wind or humidity is also present, limit exposure time as much as possible. The danger of frostbite increases if you are tired or your body's normal resistance is low because of a recent illness. DO NOT drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, or bathe immediately prior to going into extremely cold air, but avoid overexertion.

The right kind of protective clothing is most important. Thermal type underclothing, outer garments that will repel wind and moisture, face helmet and head and ear covering; extra socks, warm boots, and woolen mittens worn under gloves made of wind and water repellent material are all basic items of protective clothing desirable for use in extremely cold weather. Make sure clothing, particularly footwear, is not so tight that circulation is apt to become restricted. Keep clothing dry.

Cold Exposure - continued:

Learn to recognize the symptoms that indicate possible onset of frostbite. Rest, shelter from wind and moisture, hot drinks, and an opportunity to warm cold body parts or to change damp clothing should be sought quickly when early symptoms are noticed. Cold hands may be given some relief by placing them under dry clothing against the body, such as the armpits.

You may look wierd wearing the protective face mask, such as available at most drugstores, but they really do help raise the temperature of the air you breathe. They are similar to many of the face masks the Hospital operating room personnel wear every day. From personal experience I know you have no difficulty breathing with the mask on. That is unless you had difficulty before putting the mask on.

V.G.

Ref: Standard First Aid and Personal Safety- The American Red Cross 1973.

SLOW DOWN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Almost everyone has the problem of feeling pushed and it seems to get worse! Get off the speedway! Acknowledge that there is a problem; decide to do something about it; Then do it. People who are on the rush all day, everyday, and far into the night are not living fully.

To avoid too much pressure you must have rest and relaxation. Establish your home as your castle for a personal retreat. Shuffle off "all the tasks that do not require your personal genius". Keep your mind free for decisions that matter. Learn to find simple things charming; learn to observe and appreciate, and finally meditate.

The person who keeps his balance realizes that he can't do, be, and have all he would like. Time, ability, and opportunity limit what is possible. Realize your limits and learn to keep within those limits.

Via The Viewer

Then there is the woman who appeared on a television program, holding aloft the can opener which she said she had been using since her honeymoon. She hugged that can opener to her bosom as if it was a precious symbol of the most wonderful way of life, not realizing that it represented a sorrowful degeneration in our eating habits. She was not aware that we are digging our graves with our can openers.

J.I. Rodale via Prevention

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, HAZEL KUNTZ

1977 - A YEAR FOR PROGRESS

We've this whole new year before us, and so many things can be done with it. What are your plans? During these winter months you are probably promising yourselves that you'll get all the materials accumulated during the spring, summer and fall months into their proper order and place and that you are going to get a lot of work done in the lapidary field, too. If you are like me, you'll find that there isn't as much extra time in the winter as you thought there'd be, and it's hard to get everything you want to do squeezed in.

In the area of our Federation association there are some items that should certainly be given prompt attention. By this time the State Directors will have sent out the Directory forms to all clubs. Now is the time to get those forms completed and sent to Jean Reynolds by January 10. Don't forget to send with it your check for membership dues based on your club membership as it stands on December 31, 1976. If those of you in each club who are responsible for getting these forms in will really get on the ball and complete this job, it will surely make the work of preparing the Directory much easier for the committee in charge and speed the delivery date. So, let's get this material in on time so that we can report a full and complete club membership in the Federation with no delinquent clubs. THANK YOU!!!

Our Directory is probably the most important book we produce for club and every member use. There are so many advantages to having it. It is a must for interclub use, as it contains a listing of all clubs with the name of the president, liaison officer and bulletin editor if a bulletin is published, also, time and place of regular monthly meeting, so that, if you are in the area, you may attend the meeting or contact someone for area hobby information. There is a listing of materials and programs available with information for obtaining them. The calendar of events section is useful in determining dates and places for shows, swaps, etc., in your area or along your vacation route. Names and addresses of all officers and committee chairmen are included whom you may wish to contact for special information in their line.

Two directories are sent free to each club at the time of publication. These should be made available to all members of the club for their reference. Or, if you would like your own copy, it can be purchased from the Director of Supplies, Clinton Heckert, or at the Midwest Federation booth at shows. So, won't you please help our committee put out a fine and complete Directory and then use it. Again THANK YOU!

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WELCOME NEW CLUB

Geology Society of Brunswick High School
President, Cathy Klesta
Adult Sponsor, Mr. R. W. Fabiel
141 E. Sprague Rd.
Seven Hills, Ohio 44131

CARL BOXELL

has been named as Assistant State Director
for the state of Indiana. Carl lives at 513 W.
Elm St., Hartford City, Indiana 47348.

MERIT AWARD TIME

There are many reasons for entering the ALL AMERICAN and MERIT AWARDS program of AFMS and Midwest, but the main one is that it helps you. Your club should analyze what it has done each year, so it can keep track of its history and so it can see where it is headed. It should let the Federation officers and the other clubs know what it is doing. The members should be reminded that they are important to the club and that their club is important in the Federation.

Every club cannot get an award, although many more deserve awards than we are able to give. Sometimes your club may feel they are equal to many of the award winners and that is probably true. But isn't it a good feeling to know that your group is just as active, and involved and successful as the winners? Perhaps your club was the inspiration for the winner. This could be your year! The judges have an unenviable job trying to choose, and of course their choices must be made from what you report you are, which may be understated! While perhaps your neighbor has overstated his report.

All clubs which enter are awarded certificates, since AFMS considers the All American a worthy program, and hopes for high participation. Midwest traditionally has the highest participation, and this has been a "feather in our cap." Midwest will also honor the state with the highest participation.

Please get the person in your club who has the best knowledge of your club's activities, and the person who has the best way with words, and a few other leaders together and fill out the All American blank from the November AFMS Newsletter. This is also the Midwest Merit Award blank. Just the blank will do - and your bulletin - but the more we know about you, the better your chance to be a "club of the year." If you can't find a blank, or have any questions, write June Zeitner, 2205 S. 281, Edinburg, Tx. 78539. Phone (512) 383-3163.

YOU'VE GOT A DATE IN DAYTON (Ohio) JULY 21-24, 1977 - MWF SHOW AND CONVENTION

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year November 1, 1975 to October 31, 1976

Thanks to the wonderful support the Foundation continues to receive from the AFMS membership, the Fund has made substantial growth again this past year. This growth is manifest by the fact that we were able to increase the regular grants from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 per student per year, and were also able to provide three special one-year "Wild Card" grants. These special grants, made for the 1976-77 school year, were for \$750.00 each. In addition, we will be providing a one-year "Wild Card" grant of \$1,000.00 for the 1977-78 school year.

Many of our Societies have now reached percentage heights which would have been considered practically impossible just a few years ago. This past year we not only issued three 2000% Plaques and three for 2500%, but recognized two achievements which merit special mention: the Glendale Lapidary & Gem Society of California reached 3500% and the Foothill Gem & Mineral Society of LaCanada, California reached 3600%. That represents a total contribution of \$35 and \$36 by each member of those Societies!

Regular Grants for the 1976-77 school year are all for \$1,000.00 while the other Grants are all for \$750.00. This brings to 64 the total number of students receiving assistance from the Foundation since 1965.

The Officers of the Foundation would again like to thank all the members who made this possible. And my special thanks to the Society Chairmen and Editors, and especially the Regional Chairmen, upon whose support and untiring effort our success depends. *Glenn Lee, AFMS Scholarship Foundation President.*

OZARK EARTH SCIENCE CLUB

of Mountain Home, Arkansas celebrated its tenth anniversary as a member of the Midwest Federation last month. This Arkansas club is also a 500%er in the Scholarship Foundation. Mrs. H. B. Irby is President

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There are two other projects that require your prompt attention, the Bulletin Editor's Contest has a deadline of December 31, 1977. We urge all of you who publish bulletins to try for these awards. This year there are three categories: large, 6 sheets, 12 or more pages; small, 5 sheets, 4 to 10 pages; mini, 2 sheets, 4 or less pages. The rules and suggestions for this are printed in the November 1976 AFMS Newsletter. The other project is the All American Federation Club Award Contest. The Application Form for this is in the AFMS November Newsletter. Please enter this. Last year we were tops in the number sent in by any federation and more than half of those sent in by all federations. Let's keep it that way. This deadline is March 31 in the Award Committee's hands.

I would also remind all committee chairmen to send the complete list of their assistants, name and address to Charlotte Ferguson as soon as possible, so that she may complete those pages of the new Directory. Again, I would thank all of you for your sincere efforts in helping make 1977 a banner year for the Midwest Federation.

IN PREPARATION: NEW UNIFORM RULES BOOK

After a three year moratorium and a year's period with new rules, the 4th edition of the rules book is now in preparation and scheduled for distribution in January. It will supercede the orange book issued in 1973 and the supplement used in 1976. The revised rules are to be used at all Federation Shows in 1977.

The more important changes adopted at the Uniform Rules Committee meeting at Austin are described below. This should give advance help to exhibitors planning to enter at Dayton or the AFMS Show at Ogden, Utah.

Two new classes for traditional domed cabachons were added, one for cabs of one material, the other for cabs of more than one material. Classes CC-1 through CC-5 remain for "Modern" cabs. The minimum number of cabachons to be shown has been reduced to 25.

In the Mineral Division, the restricted classes, B-3X to B-11Y, will newly require a minimum of 20 specimens. Inspection of micromount minerals has returned to the traditional 10 mounts rather than all specimens.

The Jewelry and Art Metalcraft Division added a new class, D-7, for jewelry using lapidary material not necessarily cut by the exhibitor.

The rules for educational exhibits were completely rewritten. Exhibitors should study them carefully in preparing their displays.

In an effort to induce more exhibits of faceted stones the minimum number has been lowered from 30 to 20.

For some time conscientious exhibitors have been bothered by seeing other exhibitors win ribbons or even trophies although the applicable requirements were not met - such as fewer specimens than the minimum called for. This was possible because the penalty for duplication or out of class was only 2 points per specimen. Under the new rules 5 points will be deducted from the total score for each duplication or out of class specimen. All exhibitors should make sure they know the requirements of the class they enter!

Two new AFMS Trophies were approved: one for Minerals - Restricted Classes B-3X to B-11Y, and the other a Junior Trophy for Jewelry and Art Metalcraft. There is also good news for those juniors who have already won an AFMS Trophy - now they may compete for the same trophy without having to wait three years as long as they enter a different subdivision than the one in which they won the trophy.

When the new books are received each club will receive a copy and announcement made as to ordering, READ THE RULES CAREFULLY. The summary above is not intended to substitute for the complete book. If you have any questions on the rules, write to the MWF Uniform Rules Chairman, Calvin George, 5 S. 144 Webster St., Naperville, Illinois 60540.

FRED LABANN

has been named the new Historian and Archives Committee chairman. Fred's wife, Esther, will be his assistant. The Labann's live at 4420 Jean Street, Alsip, Illinois.

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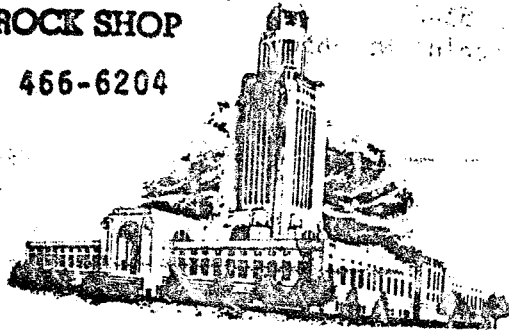
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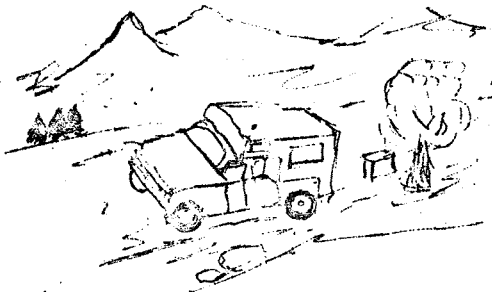


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JEWELRY AND CUSTOM CUTTING

Remember - Dues ^{are} Due!!

If your dues are not paid by January 31, 1977, you will not be receiving a Pick & Shovel in February and will not be listed in the 1977 Who's Who of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

A change in our By-Laws as of September 1974 provides that dues become delinquent on January 31 each year and reinstatement is required after that date. Keep current. Send your dues to Mrs. Joella Olson, 4831 South Haven Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516 or attend the January meeting and pay.

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