

# THE PICK & SHOVEL



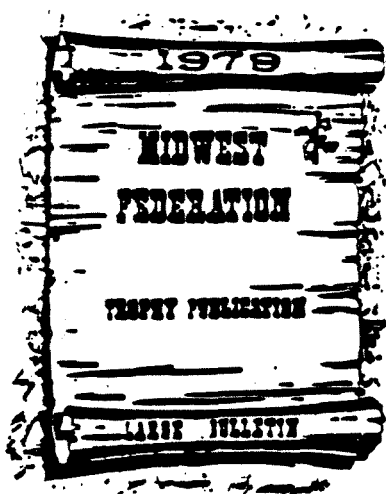
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The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various earth sciences including but not necessarily limited to geology, paleontology, and mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose 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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At Nebraska Center, 33rd & Holdrege

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3 years - Claude Scott, Phyllis Parks  
Claude Scott, Chairman

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Field Trips.....	Tom Simmons	Publicity.....	Roger Pabian
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Jr. Activities.....	Nelia Miller	1986 Annual Show.....	Fred Holbert
	Janet Wright	1987 Annual Show.....	Jim Marburger

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CALENDAR PAGE

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING: Joint meeting of 1986 & 1987 Boards plus '87 Show Committee - December 20, 1986 (Saturday) Antelope Shelter (near Capital Parkway & A Sts.) 7 to 9:30 P.M. Coffee and cookies. All club members invited!!!!

JANUARY BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, January 6th, 1987, 7:30 P. M. At American Charter, 40th & South Sts.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: January 24, 1987 - 9th Annual Indoor Swap Nebraska Center, 33rd & Holdrege, 2nd Floor Swap 12 noon until 6 P.M., Regular meeting 7:30 P.M. More details in January Pick & Shovel



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES FOR 1987 to our newly elected Officers & Board:



President Kevin Schwartman  
 1st Vice. Pres. Janet Wright  
 2nd Vice. Pres. Jim Parks  
 Rec. Secretary Vera Lyman  
 Treasurer Phyllis Parks  
 Board Members Fred Holbert  
 Shirley Rockel  
 Tom Simmons  
 Marie Taylor



Nominating Committee 2 years Claude Scott  
 Nominating Committee 3 years David Heffelbower  
 Bill Rockel

From your 1986 Elected Officials, Pick & Shovel Staff, & All Members LGMC

S H O W S & S W A P S F O R Y O U R N E W C A L E N D A R

Jan 10-11, 1987 SHOW Pharr, Texas, Magic Valley G & M Society (for our Texas'Sno birds')

Jan 15-18 MALL SHOW Denver, Colo., Denver G & M Guild

Feb 4-8 COMMERCIAL SHOW Quartzsite, Ariz., Quartzsite Improvement Assoc.

Mar 13-15 SHOW Kansas City, Mo., Assoc. Earth Science Clubs

Mar 28-29 OUR SHOW Lincoln, Nebr., 29th Annual LGMC , Ag. Hall

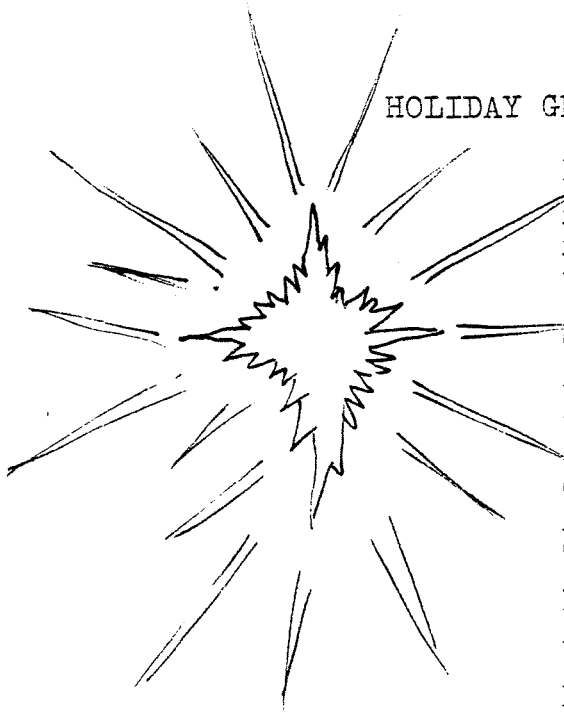
June 11-14 NATIONAL SHOW Oklahoma City, Okla., Rocky Mt.Fed. & A F M S combined show & convention

June 25-28 MWF SHOW Dearborn, Mich., Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society of Dearborn hosting

**DUES ARE DUE**

Please make special note that 'DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1, 1987'. They will become delinquent January 31, 1987 after which they will require a reinstatement fee of \$1.00 each family. Dues structure is found on the inside of the back cover of each Pick & Shovel. Mail early to insure that your name will be put in the new Nebraska Directory which is to be published in February by the Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc.

*Phyllis Parks*



HOLIDAY GREETINGS from the SUNSHINE CORNER

Please accept my sentiments  
At this time of year  
For a Merry Christmas  
Full of hope and cheer.

I would wish you gladness, too,  
To lodge within your heart,  
And the spirit of Christmas  
A new peace to impart.

I would wish you ample parts  
Of good health and cheer,  
Adequate enough to last you  
Through another year.

May your path be paved with stars--  
A new light your way wend,  
I would wish God's best for you;  
Merry Christmas, my friend.

Georgia B. Adams

Well wishes have been sent to Lloyd Tanner. Happy to report that he is well on the way to good health after heart surgery.

Our sympathy wishes have also been extended to Albert & Olga Olson on the passing of their son.

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Christmas

For every Christmas candle  
That glows on Christmas night -  
May some gladness come to you,  
To make your Christmas bright.

And may the pleasant memories  
Of this yoyous season last,  
To cheer your heart long after,  
It's happy hours are past.



Wishing you a beautiful world through all the seasons of the year!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the entire Board  
and all the Pick & Shovel Staff!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Members and friends:

By the time you read this I should be home for Christmas, relaxing and planning for the second semester at Washington University School of Law which commences January 7, 1987. The stress of finals and reports will be over.

I hope that all of you will try to make time for the 'Joint Board' that is planned for December 20th when we transfer properties and jobs to the new Board, and make any necessary decisions. Except for the Board you can come as late as 8 or 8:30 and enjoy some coffee and goodies and visit a bit.

As you plan for 1987, I want you all to get behind your new officers and committees and help make 1987 a "Good Year" for Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. As we plan for our 29th Annual Show in March and our 9th Annual Indoor Swap on January 24th, lets make them bigger and better by all pulling together and having a fun time doing it.

See you soon. Lyn

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From your 1987 Show Chairman:

We recently had a 'Mini' Show Committee meeting to assist in answering some of the questions that keep coming up and feel we accomplished a good deal.

Publicity Chairman reports success in plans for our next printing of fliers and will be asking all members to help in local circulation of promotional materials at our January meeting. Be there for her.

Special Features Chairman has leads for some quality features in addition to our usual excellent displays and will be sharing the information soon.

Dealer Chairman already has signed contracts from dealers in seven states and they will be featuring diamond equipment, findings, general supplies, Fluorite Octahedrons, Pyrite Suns, faceting rough and supplies, gold, beads, gems, Spencer Idaho Opal, Laser Gems, Choice Laguna, Morrisonite, and more.

The Floor Chairman has exciting plans for a totally new and different approach to set up and will be asking members, friends and others who plan to display to pre-register their space, lighting and special needs in order to make 'Set-up Friday' a fun, smooth and easy day.

Remember January is sign up month so all be prepared as the Committee will have lots of reports for you by then.

Sincerely,

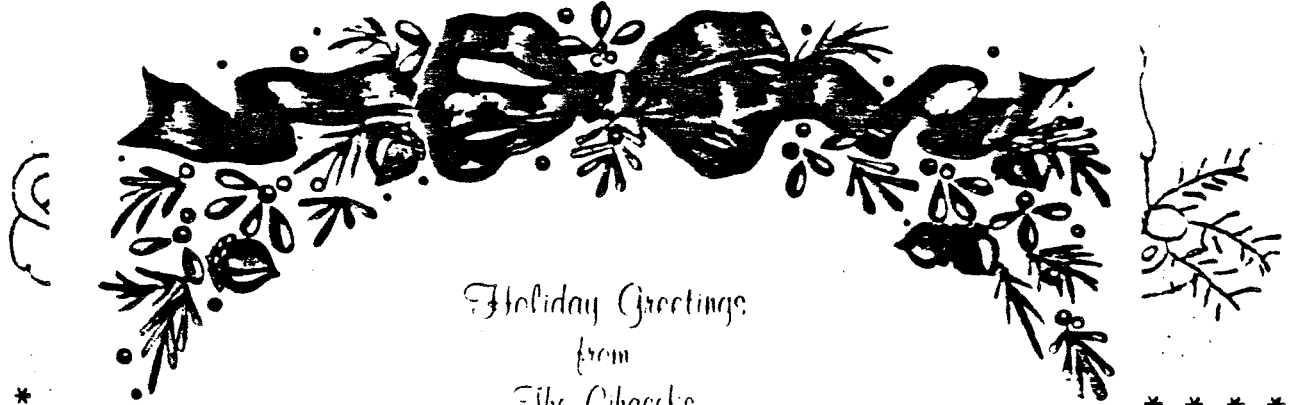
Jim Marburger

Copied exactly from one of our 'favorite' exchange bulletins, and the same to you Editor 'Chic', and members of Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Society.

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THE LOUP SCOOP

DECEMBER 1986



Holiday Greetings  
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The Chicks

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CATHY HUSS displayed an assortment  
of tooth fragments, petrified wood,  
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local sand and gravel pit.  
CHIC CIHACEK furnished a case of  
small cabochons ranging from 6x 8  
to 13 x 18 in size.



To the editor and all of the members  
of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club  
my wishes for a Blessed and Joyous  
Christmas and a New Year filled with  
good health, good fellowship, and good  
hunting!

The Pick and Shovel ranks among the  
best of our exchange bulletins and we  
enjoy every issue. Keep up the good  
work!

With Warm Regards,

*Chic*

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(On behalf of all of our members,  
We thank Jack for serving us so  
capably as president and wish him  
well. The Loup Scoop staff.)

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Nov. 6, 1986

The Board Meeting was scheduled for Nov. 6, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at Gere Branch Library.

However, to our dismay, only Vera, Phyllis and Janet were in attendance. And Janet had a hard time finding us!!!!

Due to lack of having a quorum, no business was conducted. There was a short miscellaneous discussion and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Vera Lyman*  
Vera Lyman, Secretary

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - GENERAL MEETING - Nov. 29, 1986

NE Center - Norfolk Room - 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Linda Parks.

Motion for approval of minutes as printed by Virginia Green, 2nd by Dave Heffelbower. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of treasurer's report as printed by Shirley Rockel, 2nd by Dave Heffelbower. Motion carried.

31 members, 2 Junior members and 3 guests were present.

Treasurer reminded members that Dues are Due and will become delinquent on Jan. 31, 1987.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jr. Activities - Janet Wright - Reported that the Juniors had earned a little money - Some of this will be used to pay the way for Jr. members to the Christmas Party.

Christmas Party - Janet Wright - Reported that the annual Christmas Party will be Sat. Dec. 6 at 6:00 P.M. Menu was printed in the Pick & Shovel. Excellent program will be presented on "Iceland" by Jerry Lippincott.

SHOW REPORT: Jim Marburger, 1987 Show Chairman

Read the names of the various Committee heads. Said everything is "GO". Sign-up sheets and volunteer requests will be submitted at the January meeting. He called on Janet Wright, Publicity Chairman, requested that anyone wishing Show Posters in stores get locations to her. Be sure and check with each store if poster can be displayed.

#### ELECTION:

Pres. Parks presented the slate of officers to the members. No new nominations were received from the floor. Slate as follows:

President - Kevin Schwartzman

1st Vice Pres. - Janet Wright

2nd Vice Pres. - Jim Parks

Secretary - Vera Lyman

Treasurer - Phyllis Parks

Board of Directors (4) - Fred Holbert

Shirley Rockel

Tom Simmons

Marie Taylor

Motion by Irl Everett that we accept slate of Officers as printed on the Ballot. 2nd by Marie Wells. Motion carried.

## LINCOLN GEM &amp; MINERAL CLUB, INC. - General Meeting - continued

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Three positions needed to be filled.

Phyllis Parks nominated Claude Scott to fill remaining 2-yr slot for Richard Miller, due to his illness. Marie Wells made motion to accept Claude Scott. Motion carried.

2 - Threeyear positions:

Irl Everett nominated Dave Heffelbower

John Harrison nominated Wm Rockel.

Jim Marburger moved nominations cease, 2nd by John Harrison. Carried.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pres. announced she will not be able to attend Christmas Party. It's "TEST TIME" for Law students! We wish her well.

Secretary announced that Richard Miller is very ill. Family requested that they be excused from Club functions at present time. Secretary suggested that all remember him with prayers and cards.

A special "THANKS" from the Johnson's and Young's for remembering their Wedding Anniversaries! Mrs. Johnson indicated that was the first time in their 64 years of marriage they had ever had an Anniversary Cake!

Being unable to attend the meeting, they submitted a written THANK YOU for the secretary to read, as follows:

J.D. and I wish to thak you for honoring our summer-time, 63rd Wedding Anniversary at the October Club Meeting.

Also, thank you for the trophy our Youngite jewelry brought to us that Hall-o-ween night.

It is always good to be with friends we have known so long --

Sincerely

Myrtle & J.D. Young

Meeting was adjourned.

An excellent program was presented by George Corner on the Ogallala Dig this summer; which we had a part in making possible. A great reward for our small efforts to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vera Lyman*

Vera Lyman, Secreatry

P.S. There will be a meeting of the 1986 Board and the 1987 Board on December 20th. Location will be announced later.

### LONG'S PEAK, COLORADO, CLIMB

My stories often are inspired by other writers' current articles. Their experiences and some of mine are sometimes similar. This one goes back to the summer of 1919 during my attendance at the Rocky Mountain States Student Conference of Y.M.C.A., Estes Park, Colorado. I was one of three delegates from Wayne Nebraska State Normal (now State College).

Anyone contemplating a similar mountain climb may need some advice. I have at hand the October 26, 1986 Omaha World Herald Magazine, Midlands (Pg 12-15). My Long's Peak climb 67 years ago seems mild by comparison, but the above article is much appreciated. Mr. James Cleary, the author, is fortunate to have survived the ordeal. It is a very dangerous climb, as anyone having done it knows by experience.

I remember my Long's Peak climb of nearly 7 decades ago with delight, but still mindful of its possible horrors. In a small register rolled up in a protective metal tube housed by a simple structure on its summit, my name is No. 13 from Nebraska up to that time. Evidently few "Cornhuskers" had been there yet, but many have since. Some years later I heard a Swiss Alpinist lecture at U.N.L. He had lost several fingers and toes by freezing, on Long's Peak, in summer! He had attempted to rescue some unfortunate slimbers caught in a sudden storm, similar to one described by Mr. Cleary in his Midlands article. Such storms are unpredictable.

Near the close of the 1919 Y.M.C.A. Student Conference some of us joined a Long's Peak Climb and engaged a professional guide service. We left the campground in the evening and followed an easy foot-trail some miles to Long's Peak Inn, operated by well-known naturalist, Enos Mills. This put us several miles on our way toward the Peak the next day; after some rest at the Inn our guide was engaged to meet us there at 4:00 A.M. for the next day's big experience.

I do not recall any very strict requirements of health, fitness or clothing. We were permitted to take a very small lunch for the entire day, necessarily not a gourmet's delight. (a few gluttons slipped in an extra candy bar and another juicy lemon to quench thirst). I foolishly wore a brimless beanie skullcap, resulting a severe sunburn from intense ultra-violet rays at high altitude, 14,255 feet. My canvas shoes had suction-cup soles; fine for non-slip on rocks.

Each person was provided with one wool army blanket for comfort while trying to sleep on the Long's Peak Inn's plank floor patio while awaiting the 4:00 A.M. arrival of the guide, as previously arranged. I used my small camera for a pillow, and shivered, under brilliant starlight.

Long's Peak is not the kind of front range mountain to have a cog-wheel railroad or a 28 mile auto road up to its summit like well-known Pike's Peak, and there never was a "Long's Peak or Bust" gold rush there. Our group of over 20 was the largest ever up the Peak with only one guide. Yet, Some attempt the climb without a guide - - very difficult. Our guide rode his horse up to the "Boulder Field" and tied him to a large rock to await our return. The rest of the trail was "off limits" to horses, and that was well understood by all.

## LONG'S PEAK, COLORADO, CLIMB - continued

Beyond the Boulder Field is a very unique feature well-named "The Keyhole", and it is important because it is about the only access to the Peak for most climbers. This natural formation is changeless with time. My 1919 camera snapshot of it matches Mr. Cleary's recent artist's picture of it in every detail.

After passing through the Keyhole one gets the first view of the real climbing ahead for each individual. The faint-hearted may decide to turn back to less hazardous activity. The single-file path is along the face of a sheer rock wall facing the abyss. The climber avoids looking down, and yearns for something suitable to grab on the sheer wall side of the trail's narrow ledge. Some climbers suddenly become dizzy; one just ahead of me was stricken. Two of us removed our belts and made loops for him to grasp. We steadied him until he regained his sense of balance for the rest of the way through every nauseous stretch of the path until we reach the summit. We found it to be nearly flat, stoney, and only a few square block of area with precipitous edges.

We had left Long's Peak Inn about 4:00 A.M., on schedule and eight hours later were on the mountain's top at noon; time for the meager lunch each of us carried suitably attached to our clothing. We signed the crude "guest register", not fancy but functional and without a "Hall-Mark" label. (That is when I discovered I was the thirteenth Nebraskan to sign the document since its obvious beginning; no omen!)

The Peak's top was unusually void of snow; only a few small patches, and practically no vegetation except a few lichens sticking to the rocks. I remember no visible animal life; possibly a few insects. The sunlight was intense and replete with ultra-violet rays. (My beanie gave no facial protection). The air was pleasant and cloudless; no wind.

After a brief rest and the light lunch we began the tricky descent, which some find more hazardous than the ascent. Part of the down trail passed over the "glacier field", somewhat mushy from noonday sunshine. We slid down slowly on our natural "toboggans", heels first in the slush.

Finally we saw the welcome homeward view of the faithful Keyhole, and then the stoney Boulder Field. The guide untied and mounted his horse, and we were free to return to camp as we wished. A few of us, hoping to get back in time for evening meal, took short-cuts across sharp curves on the homeward trail, by-passed the Long's Peak Inn, and arrived in camp a few minutes too late!

We were fortunate. Many of the regular customers had been sickened by food poisoning, and were seeking relief in the woods. What a day!

- Submitted by J. D. Young

From your Librarian -

New books in the Library courtesy Irl & Lois Everett - - -

Facts Concerning "The SunRise Mine", C F & I Steel  
Opal in South Australia, Dept. of Mines  
The Summer it Rained, Roger L. Welsch  
420 Ways to Clean Everything, by Harriet Wylie  
Crystals and Crystal Growing, by Alan Holden and Phyllis Singer  
Rocks and Minerals, by Richard M. Pearl  
Manual of Spectroscopy, by Theodore A. Cutting  
Minerals, by Herbert S. Zim and Elizabeth K. Cooper  
Ultraviolet Guide to Minerals, by Sterling Gleason, M. A.



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'Gems' from our Exchange Bulletins -

Best of all possible worlds: when your home looks like a mansion to prospective buyers and a hovel to the tax assessor.

via T-Town Rockhound

Some things never change, like the taste of the glue on a postage stamp.

via Gems of Kalamazoo

#### BLUE TEETH! or SAPPHIRE STEMS NOW FAVORED BY DENTISTS

Dentist and dental lab technicians have been slow to accept them, but sapphire stems to hold replacement teeth are favored over metal implants, oral surgeons say. Sapphire, a gem usually found in expensive jewelry and more recently used in microchips, is ideal for use as a dental implant, said Dr. Francis Howell, chairman of Oral Medicine at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla.

The colorless man-made sapphires are chemically identical to the real gems. They are more tolerant to the mouth tissue and transmit hot and cold sensations at about the same degree as a tooth would to the nerves in a bone, Dr. Howell said.

Results of a 5-year study showing that the synthetic sapphire is successful in almost 95% of the cases examined were discussed at an international meeting of oral implantologists in San Diego. The implant operation using synthetic sapphire costs \$400 to \$500, about the same as one unit of bridgework. The operation involves a thin sapphire post or stem, measuring about a quarter-inch, being screwed or wedged into a socket in the jawbone where cracked or decayed teeth once were.

Researchers found that within a few weeks the gum grows around the sapphire post that acts as a support for a crown, which is added later to complete the replacement of a tooth.

Within a few months the jawbone also grows around and develops an affinity for the sapphire.

In contrast, the implant of metal is often rejected by the body or causes an infection and has to be replaced.

The sapphire has been used in Japan for 15 years, and has been approved for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the last five years.

via Agate Picker of Carlton, Minnesota

A sidewalk interviewer asked a man what he thought of the 2 candidates running for office. "When I look at them," he replied, "I'm thankful only one can get elected."

via Breccia



# 1986

Saturday, December 6, 1986 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Nebraska Center, 33rd & Holdrege

There were 44 people in attendance at the annual Club Christmas Party. This included the following guests:

Mrs. Dorothy Hornung, Mrs. Tom Simmons, Mrs. Wm. Taylor and Jon, and Gerald Moore, friend of Claude Scott. Jerry and Janet Lippincott and 2 daughters, with Baby Lippincott being the youngest person in attendance at the age of 2 months.

The evening opened with everyone enjoying their dinner and casual conversation.

Acting President Jan Wright then presented the 1986 Board and presented the Rockhound-of-the-year award to Dave Heffebower. The President could not be in attendance to receive her plaque, but Jan commended her on a job-well-done and showed the plaque honoring her presidency to all members in attendance.

The gavel was then turned over to the new President-elect, Kevin Schwartman. He in turn, introduced his new Board for 1987 and announced that the first Board Meeting will be held on Jan. 6

Phyllis then announced that Linda sends her greetings, and also that there will be a joint Board Meeting on Sat. Dec. 20, at Antelope Park Shelter at 7:00 P.M.

Jan then lead in drawing for table favors for each family in attendance. Gift exchange was held for those who wished to participate.

Jerry Lippincott then presented an interesting and informative program on "Iceland". A very special "THANKS" Jerry!

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# MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

Member of The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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## President's November Message

I would like to thank all of the people who have made this past year a very enjoyable one for me, as I served as president of the Mid West Federation. This year has been an especially good one, due to our hosting the National Show and Convention. For me, it was a change to make new friends from all parts of the country.

To all the clubs and societies that have participated in and contributed to the operation and programs of the Federation, a big "Thank You". I sincerely hope that more of you will get involved in this next year and future years.

If you would be willing to serve on any committee, then let your officers know your preference and they will try to utilize your talents. The side benefits include working with others who have the same interests and learning from each other.

A very special THANKS to the clubs who have donated to both the scholarship and endowment funds. Bill Farch, MWF President

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To All Program Chairmen:  
From Louise Stinnett--MWF Film Library



It is time to remind you of basic rules on ordering a program. Send your order 60 days in advance of date of use, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice films for that date. Please include \$5.00 rental fee with your order. Order in club name, addressee on second line. Yes, I need zip code and phone number if R.D. or Box number in address.

When returning by the post office, you must insure for \$100.00. It only costs 50cents per \$100.00 and saves money and heartache. If you could only see uninsured packages! It costs from \$50.00-100.00 to replace a program.

In case you must, please order by phone. I'm happy to serve you. My phone number is in the MWF directory. You can no longer obtain it through directory assistance. To all who read this: I hear from many program chairmen that they never see this newsletter! Let them know we have five new programs--announced in the last two newsletters.

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To The Editors:

There is another note to you on page 4+3. However, I wanted to tell you that Diane Dare says if you want to win next years contest that you should go over your last score sheet and see what improvements you can make. Read and heed the comments on your score sheet. Enter good copies! And the best thing to do. FOLLOW THE RULES. Provide all information desired. And good luck.

# Midwest Federation NEWSLETTER

The National Academy of Science Committee on Guidelines for Paleontological Collecting met on September 14, 1986 and approved unanimously a set of 10 recommendations for Congress and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service as required by a law introduced by Senator Pressler of South Dakota. The committee recognized the value of amateur collecting and their preservation of specimens that could be lost forever due to natural elements or the stone crusher. Many of the specimens collected by amateurs are donated to universities and museums or displayed at shows for the education of the public. For this reason, the committee favorably voted to recommend "all public lands should be open to fossil collecting for scientific purposes. Except in cases involving quarrying or commercial collecting, fossils on public land should not be subject to permit requirements or other regulation". Hobby collectors, by definition, are included as collecting for scientific purposes. State owned land and private land owners are encouraged to follow these guidelines.

They also recommended that "a uniform national policy on paleontological collecting should be adopted by all federal agencies. Existing statutory authority is adequate for implementation of such a policy. Fossils of scientific significance should be deposited in institutions where there are established research and educational programs in paleontology".....

The full text (35 pages) of the committee recommendations is expected to be published in 6-9 months. A 3 page summary of the ten recommendations can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to John Boland, 2211 Valley Road, La Crosse, WI 54601.

To All Bulletin Editors who have sent me their monthly efforts: A Very BIG THANK YOU! I've read them all and wished many times that I could use some of your work. However, the 3½ pages left no room for even all officer's material. However, send them on to Lois McMahon now. and may you all have continued good luck in your contests. Happy Thanksgiving!

SPECIAL & SINCERE THANKS TO LOIS BLACKBURN!

When the M.W.F. was in immediate need of a Newsletter Editor, Lois Blackburn volunteered to help out until a permanent replacement could be found. From the very beginning, there were problems. Lois took them on, one at a time, and forged ahead bravely. When traveling south for the winter months, she took the work with her.....No time to rest! The Newsletter had to be delivered! For having to cope with these and many other inconveniences as well as all the effort of producing a paper, our sincere thanks.

The M.W.F. has a new Newsletter Editor, Lois McMahon of 2S621 Gray, Lombard, Illinois 60148. Her first Newsletter will be published in December. Her deadline for materials is the first day of the month of publication. It is the responsibility of officers and committee chairmen to see that information which must go out in a certain issue, is received by Lois ahead of the deadline. Information on the activities of the various committees is appropriate and welcome. It will be included as space permits. Let us all help in making a smooth transition of information to all the clubs in the Federation. Thank you.

Esther Mullaly

And Lois replied: It is always fun to be of service--if one can be. So, I thank all for their help and I thank Diane Dare for the Certificate of Achievement awarded to me in South Bend.

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION REPORT--Marian Parch, MWF Chair

Since my report at the Convention in South Bend, we have received more than \$2,099.00 from 41 clubs and individuals, including proceeds from the Silent Auction at the show. Because of this generous support of the American Scholarship Foundation, 19 clubs have advanced their scholarship status as follows:

Peru Rocks & Minerals Club	6700% - 6800%
Gen City Rock Club	2600%
Independence Gem & Mineral Soc.	900% - 1000%
Dayton Gem & Mineral Soc.	2000% - 2100%
Richland Lithic & Lapidary	2200%
Wisconsin Geological Society	3400%
Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club	1800% - 1900%
Corn Belt Lapidary & Geological	400%
Calumet Gem & Mineral Soc.	2500%
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* Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals	2000% - 2100%
* Driftless Area Gem & Mineral	1200%
* Duneland Rock Club	2600%
* Michiana Gem & Mineral Club	2600% - 2700% - 2800% - 2900%
* Mid-Iowa Rock Club	500% - 600% - 700% - 800%
	900% - 1000% - 1100% - 1200%
	1300% - 1400%
* Neville Public Museum Geology	1000%
* Muncie Rock & Gem Club	2200%
* Siloam Springs Earth Science	500%
* Valley Rock & Mineral Club	400%

\* Denotes they advanced from auction donations.

Our sincere thanks to all of you for your generous support of the Foundation. Through your efforts, another two students in the Midwest will receive scholarships to further their education in the Earth Science Fields.

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Paul Harvey continued--Sometime in the 1930s Verne built the Leonidas Elementary School then the Community Church in Wakeshma. He also built the post office in Climax with stones collected by the very first rural mail carrier in the U. S. Willis Lawrence.

For his own family, he built two houses. His widow continues to live in the last one. The exterior is an artistic masterwork. The interior includes a stone fireplace, a 35-foot rock planter and an 8 foot deep aquarium. Inside as out, each stone is placed with the contemplation and care of a jeweler creating a crown.

These two counties of Michigan are a living monument to Verne Harman.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION--From Lloyd Brown, Safety & field Trip Chair

Fear of liability for injuries, deters many landowners from allowing use of their property for rock collecting. A new law which took effect on October 1, 1984 in Wisconsin, limits the liability of property owners who allow the use of their land for recreational type activities provided they are paid less than \$500.00 for it. This law generally exempts landowners from liability when they allow the use of the land for hiking, bird watching, rock collecting, and most other recreational uses. This change has opened up collecting sites previously closed to collectors. Another change in the "Trespass" law made trespass a civil offense, not a felony, making enforcement simpler. It is very important to obtain the permission of the landowner before entering private lands. What are your state statues on landowner liability and trespass? If changes are needed, contact your elected representative and tell him about Wisconsin's new law.

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COLLECTING PROBLEMS IN CANADA--Lloyd Brown, Safety & Field Trip Chair

In Ontario Canada, a new obstacle to collecting has appeared. On a trip there this summer, I found two excellent road cuts posted by the Highway Department against rock collecting. Protesting the postings does make a difference. When Haliburton County posted the Fluor-richterite location road cut, a vigorous protest by just one local rockhound resulted in the signs being removed the next morning. If you see this problem, write to James Snow, Minister, Ministry of Transportation & Communications; 1201 Wilson Avenue; Downsview, Ontario, Canada M3M 1J8. Tell him of your disappointment upon learning of the posting of road cuts on Ontario Highways 41 and 62. Send a copy of the letter to John Eakins, Minister, Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation; Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M7A 2E 5. This will help.

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HAVE YOU SEEN??

The Jeffers Petroglyphs, north of Windom, MN? These are a group of 2,000 rock carvings and drawings made by several different Indian tribes over a period of 5000 years. One of the largest petroglyph areas in the world, it is carved into a 20 mile long outcrop of red quartzite in the middle of a plain. Designs of people and beasts vary from a few inches in size to several feet. Scandinavian Cookbook #2

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ATTENTION ALL EDITORS!!! ATTENTION ALL EDITORS!!!

To get you started on the Bulletin Contest: Please send the May issue plus one of your own choice to Lois McMahon no later than Jan 2, 1987. Her address: 2S621 Gray, Lombard, Illinois, 60148. Lois will have more in the December newsletter. This is to get you started.

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LUCKY MICHIGAN--Houses of Stone--Paul Harvey

Paul Harvey in a column in The Bulletin for April 16, 1986, tells of houses and public buildings in Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties, in Michigan which have a legacy in stone. It seems that a Verne Harman was apprenticed to his craft at the age of 17. For years, he built multi-hued stone houses which were elegant in harmonious colors. He placed each stone so that you could back off from the house and not detect one note of discord. Laverne Harman of Fulton, MI gave five decades to producing a permanent legacy of homes and buildings of fieldstone. Many of his works are in Leonidas and Mendon as well as Fulton. He also built a stone wall around Nazareth College in Kalamazoo. His wife Ruth says it was long enough ago that "he was paid 30 cents an hour."

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