

CALENDAR

Regular Meeting



October 23, 1999, 7:30 PM, Bethany Park Shelter, Cotner & Vine Sts. This will be our Annual Halloween Dessert Supper with club furnishing coffee and club members each bring dessert of your choice to share. Please join the Youth Group in Costume Fun dressed as your special Gem, Mineral, Crystal, Fossil or just plain rock.

The Nominating Committee will report their slate of officers for the year 2000, election to be in November.

PROGRAM NOTICE

This was scheduled to be one of our "Silent Auctions" but due to circumstances we will not be having one this month.

November Meeting has been moved ahead to the third Saturday, November 20, 7:30 P M. Nebraska Center for Continuing Education (to keep from having conflict with the Thanksgiving Weekend.) This is our club's annual meeting at which our officers for 2000 will be voted on.

December Meeting: Sunday, December 12, 5 to 9 P. M. Pot Luck Buffet with Club furnishing the Coffee and Meat Dish and club members bringing vegetable, salad, or dessert and their own table service We hope to have a very good program for your enjoyment Installation of Officers & Board of Directors for 2000.

Club Members--Please see Page 4A for a very important message from your Board of Directors. Be prepared to take action on these matters very soon!

NEXT LGMC SHOW - MARCH 25-26, 2000, Pershing Auditorium
(Our 42nd Annual Show)

Nearby Shows to Visit

October 16-17 **STATE SHOW** GI Earth Science Society 25th Annual Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE They are hosting the MWF's Fall Council Meeting on Saturday and the Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs Annual Meeting on Sunday. There will be many special displays and lots of activity.

November 19-20 **SHOW** Rocky Mountain Federation, Tuscon, Arizona

August 18,19,20, 2000 **SHOW**

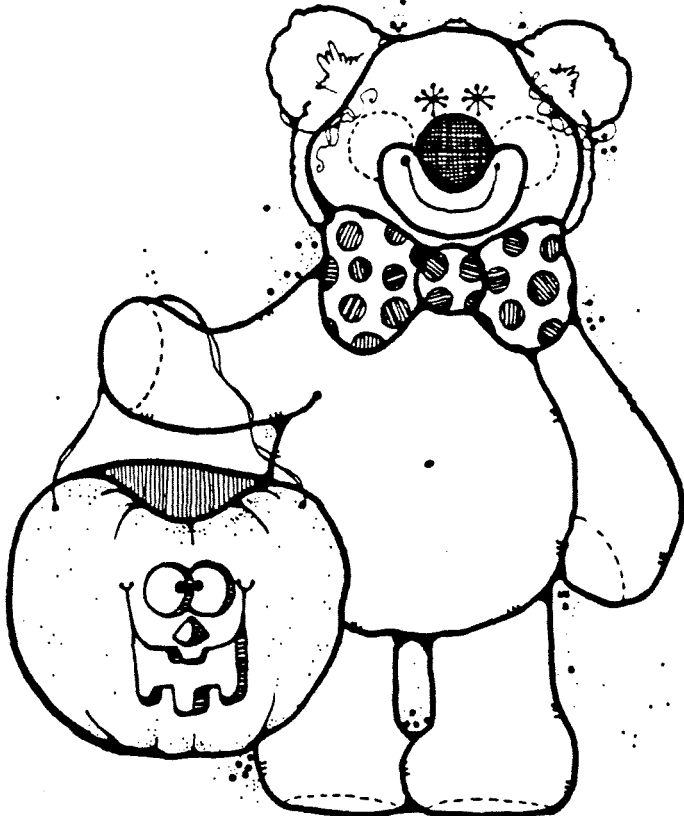
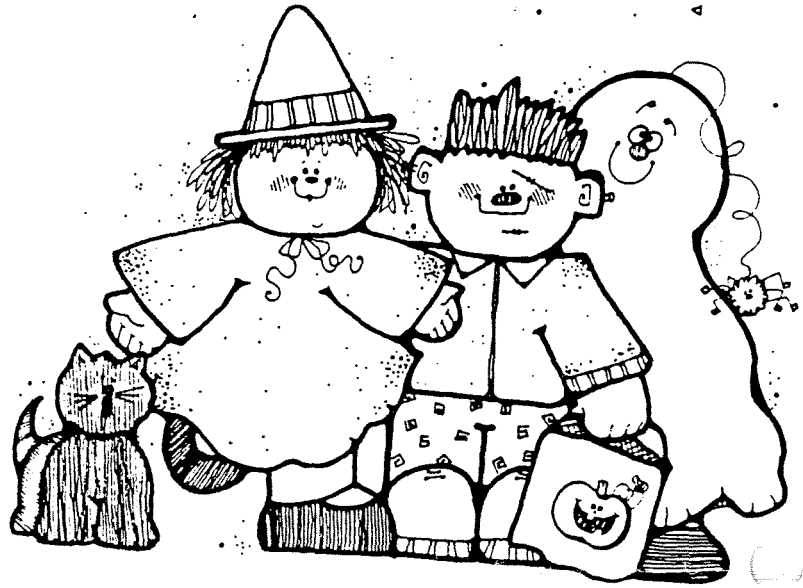
Midwest Federation, 60th Anniversary Gem & Mineral Show, St. Louis, Missouri, Hosted by the St. Louis Associaion of Earth Science Clubs, Inc.



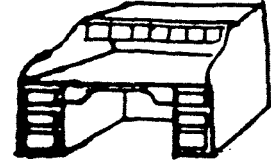
YOUTH NOTES

BY KAY JURGENS

HALLOWEEN IS ALMOST HERE! COME TO OUR PARTY! YOU'LL HAVE A GHASTLY GOOD TIME! MEANWHILE, COLOR TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.



From The President's Desk



Hello LGMC Members

I want to give a special **'THANK YOU!'** to Karen and Charles Messenger who gave a program on their recent trip to Australia and the 'Opal Fields'. Members present enjoyed the program and the samples of Opal and other Australia materials which they had with them.

Our next meeting is October 23rd at Bethany Park Shelter. This will be our annual dessert supper with the Halloween 'Come as your favorite stone' Costume.

As for me I am taking Robert Fixter's class on Diamonds, Gems, and Jewelry at Southeast Community College. I will tell you more about it in the next message. I also will begin my 20plus years in the Lapidary Class at The Auld Center.

Edward Ridge

As President, I receive the 'Midwest Federation Newsletter' and wish to share a letter-questionnaire that was in the October Issue since it explains parts of our club minutes from September meeting.

WANTED: HOST CLUB FOR 2001 & BEYOND SHOWS

I have a very simple couple of multiple choice questions for all of the clubs belonging to the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies!

First question: Is everyone afraid to host the Annual Convention/Show?

- A: It's too much work for the number of members my club has.**
- B: My club has alot of older members who can't help much anymore.**
- C: At a loss of word.**
- D: All of above.**

Second question: Been to any good Rock, Fossil, Mineral, Gem and/or Jewerly shows lately?

- A: There aren't any in my area.**
- B: There is not any interest in a club show in my club, but we used to hold one.**
- C: Yes, but it was a commercial type show.**

Third question: How can my club step up and say "We will host an Annual Show"?

- A: Vote on hosting a Convention during a club meeting.**
- B: If motion passes the club, form a show committee.**
- C: Select a date, time and place.**
- D: Notify Your State Director.**
- E: Submit a bid purposal to the MWF Convention/Show Advisory Committee.**
- F: ALL OF THE ABOVE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

I have asked and begged several clubs who have hosted the MWF in the past to host them again, but the only thing I've gotten is the same old songs: to old & to much work. So, now I am reduced to gravalng, I don't graval very well, and pleading on bended knees. Who will be so kind as to take this "monkey" off my back and please host a show/convention in the years following the 2000 Show in St. Louis!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ADVENTURES

By Grant

Here it is the 10th of September and I am off to another show. Only 350 miles this time. It was the Sac & Fox Lapidary Club Show held in Fairfield, Iowa. The travels went very well this time. Maybe because I grew up in this general area many years ago.

Checked into our motel and took a quick trip to where the show was being set up. Lucky it was very close to our motel. Met the Show Chairman, Bill Rathbun. He was very pleasant and showed me the area I could set up. The show was small but well thought out, space was utilized to the best. There were 11 dealers and 2 Demonstrator Dealers. 12 cases of some beautiful crystals and agatized Florida Coral. Also in the rough some Lake Superior Agates. The polished Lake Superior Agates were polished on a treadmill machine in 1930. Many hours must have been spent on such a machine. A bookstore that had every kind of book that you could ask for. A silent auction that did very well for itself. The really biggest attraction was the 'Glory Hole Mine.' It was interesting, you sent a dump truck, on a rail, into the mine. It came back out with a load of gravel salted. This was dumped into a bucket and spread out on a table. A lot of goodies were to be found in that load of gravel. My table was not far away, it was interesting, all ages tried their hand at it. As stated before the show was small but well attended both days.

Thanks to Bill Rathbun and his wife Dorothy and to the many other hard working club members. They almost doubled last years attendance.

The first day was slow for the Old Timers Mineral Club. A lot of people did show an interest. The second was better for me. Gained a number of new members.

Show closed and Ruth & I headed south to Boneparte, Iowa. Visited with my Aunt for a few hours. Checked in with the owner of our old homestead to rockhound on his property. Up bright and early the next morning. Off to the creek looking for Keokuk Geodes. Yes, I brought back home about 200 pounds of the geodes. Ruth was a good supervisor on the hunt. Headed back to Lincoln, Nebraska, Ruth's only question was, "What are you going to do with more rocks?"

See you down the road at a future show.

Grant D. Bennett
Director YOTM



United in
Marriage

CONGRATULATIONS

On August 28, 1999, James A. Marburger and Sharon R. Gillett spoke their vows before family and friends at The United Methodist Church in Humboldt, Nebraska.

Jim has been a member of Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club since the late 60's and is well known as one of the J's in J J & L.

We all wish Sharon and Jim a very long and prosperous life together and many Happy Field Trips along the way.

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sep. 8, 1999
7:00 P.M. @ Kinkos - 48th & Vine - Conference Rm.

The Board Meeting was called together by the President with 5 members present.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved along with the Treasurer's report with a motion by Grant Bennett, 2nd by Dave Heffelbower. Bills were presented and unanimous approval for recording & payment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Representative from NE Academy of Sciences wishes to discuss Scholarship accounts and their dispositions. Wish to have Marie & Susan Taylor set up a time for meeting with representative, for discussion re; Scholarships. Request that Pres., Treasurer, & Secretary be in attendance at Meeting to present discussion to General Membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Bennett brought up question of LGMC hosting a Federation Show in year 2001. Board members present not in favor, however, it will be presented to General Membership for discussion.

Four Delegates are needed to attend State Assoc Meeting in Grand Island at their Show on Oct. 16. Dave Heffelbower and Grant Bennett have volunteered thus far. Two more are needed plus 2 alternates. Will check again at General Meeting.

Grinding Party went well in July. A special THANK YOU from Karen Messenger @ Pioneers Park for hosting the Grinding Party. Approximately 60 people attended.

☞ attended the summer Picnic and also one of the Field Trips.

Board Meeting Oct 6, 7:00 P.M. @ Kinkos and also deadline/for copy for Pick & Shovel.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman
Vera Lyman, Secretary

NOTICE TO ALL L G M C MEMBERS!!!

The question of Lincoln possibly hosting a Show for the Midwest Federation in the year 2001, or beyond, has been asked. It was discussed at the September General Meeting and a motion made to table it for more research. At our October Board Meeting we were approached by our Show Chairman for 2000, John Harrison, who has been contacted by Mr. Willis Smith, President Elect of the MWF, who takes office in November 1999, and asked if we would consider hosting a MWF Show after 2001. John was very active in both the 1974 and 1980 Federation Shows (they happened to be the National Shows which the MWF was scheduled for in those years.) A few of us who have been through both National Shows and the Rockrama that we hosted in 1967, do not wish to be involved in another one. We feel this would be a venture that would require much planning and cooperation of everyone in the club, not just the dozen or less that show up for many of our activities. Each of you should consider the matter and be ready to vote when the issue is voted on. Along that line - many of you do not get to regular meetings so it should be planned well ahead and every interested voter should be present and ready to follow up with action. As you know the federation still gets a percentage of the net profits from these Federation Shows.

Also please note that it is time to reaffirm our commitment to having an annual show after 2001, and select a site for holding them. Our last signed contract with Pershing is for March 2001 and they need to be settled several years in advance. Please let the Board of Directors and Officers know your desires by attending the regular meeting and assisting in the decision.

1999 Officers & Board of Directors

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - GENERAL MEETING - Sep. 25, 1999
 7:30 P.M. NCCE Beatrice Rm

Meeting called to order with 14 members and 1 Junior member present/
 Visitors present were: David Bingell & Ariana; Karen & Charles
 Messenger, Billie Heffelbower.

Minutes of May Meeting approved with motion by Susan Taylor, 2nd by
 Phyllis Parks. Carried.

Treasurer's report approved with motion by Jim Atkins, 2nd by Grant
 Bennett. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Congratulations & Best Wishes to James & Sharon Mar-
 burger who were married on August 28, 1999.

NEW BUSINESS: Delegates for NAOESCI Meeting. Dave Heffelbower &
 Grant Bennett have volunteered. No other volunteers.

Question by Grant Bennett regarding MWF Show for 2001. Motion by
 Phyllis Parks to table the matter at present. The Board and Long
 Range committee discuss and put proposals in Pick & Shovel. Then
 back to Club, with at least 30% of voting members present for final
 decision. 2nd by Susan Taylor. Carried.

Nominating Committee report tabled until they have a meeting.

SPECIAL THOUGHTS - to Club members who are ill.

O.D. Spencer, Bruce Simon, Marcia Hamilton, Wooly

BOARD MEETING - Oct. 6, 7:00 P.M. @ Kinkos, 48th & Vine
 Also DEADLINE for October Pick & Shovel copy

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - October 23 @ Bethany Park Shelter. It is our
 Halloween celebration with coffee by Club, desserts by Club members.
 "Rock Costume" of your best imagination. SILENT AUCTION

Meeting adjourned.

Charles & Karen Messenger presented an excellent program on their
 trip to Australia. A SPECIAL THANKS TO THEM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman
 Vera Lyman, Secretary

LGMC Treasurer's Report for September 1999

NBC Checking Balance August 31, 1999 \$2211.74

Receipts:

Sale of 40 th Anniversary Show Pins & Patch	22.00	
Show Dealer Space for 2000 AD	<u>1600.00</u>	
		1622.00

Payments:

Sept. Board Meeting at Kinko's	10.00	
Printing Sept. Pick & Shovel & Oct. PS Covers	36.94	
'99 Show Report Mailing	<u>1.78</u>	<u>48.72</u>

NBC Checking Balance September 30, 1999 \$3785.02

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NEIL'S NOTES

It seems like last week I was urging all Executive Committee members to attend the Fall Meeting in Lansing. The calendar says it was really a year ago! Now I'm urging all Executive Committee members to attend the Fall Meeting in Grand Island, Nebraska on October 16. Our hosts have a time of good fellowship planned. There will be some important items to discuss and a good show to attend. While there are some other shows the same weekend, I hope that all committees will have at least one representative present.

The past year has not been dull! Many events transpired - some planned, others unforeseen. I'd like to thank all the Officers, Committee Chairs, and State Directors for their hard work this past year. There are, however, some goals to be accomplished. We still need an Historian and a Lapidary Arts Chair. We need bids to host future conventions in 2001 and following plus Spring and Fall meetings. These events require some planning, but are possible for a lot of clubs.

We must be constantly vigilant to the operations of the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and the National Park Service. In Mid July the National Park Service posted signs "to protect geological resources". Collecting of rocks, minerals and fossils was prohibited. Persons observing these activities are asked to report same to a Park Ranger. This edict applies to the Pictured Rocks National Seashore, an area approximately 50 miles long reaching from Grand Marais to Munising. For 30 years I've looked agates on those beaches and there still seem to be a lot of rocks! I don't yet know the official reason, but will try to find out.

I had hoped to add several new clubs this past year. We have lost more than we added. Total membership is down. There are still people interested in the hobby who don't belong to clubs. That personal invitation is needed to get them involved. We can grow as a Federation: we must.

Finally, I thank all of you for allowing me to serve as President of the MWF. We have met a lot of new people, made new friends, and enjoyed the travel (even found a couple of Trilobites). Best wishes to all for a prosperous and enjoyable year.

Neil

President Elrod's Message for September, 1999:

The 1999 AFMS and SFMS Conventions and gem show are now history. We had a wonderful time in Nashville. The local club members got to meet many of you from over the country and were very impressed with you. Thank you for attending and for all your cooperation with the conventions and the show. I look forward to seeing you again in Moab in the year 2000.

As some of you know there were some problems with the hotel this year. Massive personnel changes were made at nearly the last minute. This caused problems and as we could not change hotels at the last minute we had to live with them. We survived, and prospered, in spite of the problems. Thanks to all of you for your understanding and assistance through this ordeal.

Charles Leach and Glenn Lee announced their retirement from the posts they have held for many years. Each of them was given a plaque in Nashville to say a big "Thank You" for all their many hours of dedicated service over the years. They will be missed but thankfully both have agreed to be advisors to the committees for the future. Their experience cannot be easily replaced.

They raised over \$1500 this year, for the Endowment Fund, by their efforts. This is an important part of our Federation as the income from the fund is used to pay expenses such as the Program Awards Program where the top programs entered are given an award and then duplicated and sent to the Regional Federations for the use of the member societies.

Charley has asked me to take charge of the Endowment Fund and I

have agreed to do so. It will be a challenge, as Charley cannot be matched, but I will do my best. As some of you know I have already begun working on it and have the tickets ready for the year 2000 fund raising. These will be mailed to all AFMS and Regional Federation Endowment Committee members in the near future.

We have the 2000 grand prize that will be given away at Moab in October. Cliff Jackson has donated an amethyst that he cut for a pendant. It will be mounted and then, with a pair of earrings which Cliff is also donating, given as the grand prize. Now, we need two more prizes, for second and third prizes, to go with this. How about it? Would you like to make these donations? The prizes will all be shown on our web site as soon as they are all ready. Think about it and let me know if you would like to take part.

As we have the mail prize, and the tickets, now comes the good part. Selling the tickets. Have you ever considered that if each club sells only ten tickets then we would have raised over \$7,000? What is ten tickets? Bonnie Glismann sold 250 tickets in one night at a Northwest Federation meeting. Now she is an exceptional salesperson, I know, but any one of us could sell many more than ten. Lets all get behind the effort this year and just see what we can do.

In January, on my birthday, an old and very dear friend of mine died. Jack Fishburn was a wonderful example of just what a rockhound should be. Jack was talented and produced beautiful examples of stone cutting and silverwork. He was most generous with the results of his work by giving away many pieces he had made. I have several bolas that he gave me and treasure them highly. Jack was also

generous with his time and efforts in teaching others more about the hobby that he loved so much. More than one location has also benefited from donations of money or equipment that was needed to provide students with tools to further follow in his footsteps. Thank you, Jack, for all you have done.

A few friends of Jacks have decided to pursue one of his dreams. Jack had long thought that the William Holland School needed an elevator to allow disabled persons to attend and take part in the activities. We are raising funds to fulfill this dream. As we have only begun we now have some \$4,000.00 as a start. If you would like to make a donation we would be glad to have you to take part in the program. As donations are made a record is kept and a plaque will be posted in the elevator to show who has been honored by a donation in their name. Several persons have made donations in Jack's name as well as some other persons. How about you? Would you like to honor some friend, rockhound or other person? Send donations to "Friends of Jack Fishburn, P. O. Box 1256, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1256." You will receive an acknowledgement of your donation and a receipt.

Next month is my last article as President. It has been a wonderful year and I look forward to working with your next President, Dan Lingelbach, and all of the other officers and committee persons who make this, your Federation, work. See you next month.

President-Elect Report:

By Dan Lingelbach, President Elect

(Editor's Note: Dan had intended to have a report this month, but Ruby had surgery so Dan has other priorities. Best wishes to Ruby.)

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Nominating Committee

3 years	Jerry Moore
	Kevin Schwartzman
2 year:	Roger Pabian
	Bill Rockel
1 year:	Shirley Roochel
	Kenneth Doe
Chairman: Immediate Past President	

Long Range Planning & By-Laws Committee

3 years	Charles Wooldridge, Chair
	Kevin Schwartzman
2 Year:	David Heffebower
	Jim Parks
1 Year:	Vera Lyman
	Roger Pabian

Standing Committees

Membership:	Shirley Rockel	Programs:	David Heffebower
Education:	Roger Pabian	MWF Liaison:	Vera Lyman
Field Trips:	Jerry Moore, Coordinator	Scholarship:	Susan Taylor
Historian:		Christmas Party	
Hospitality:	Eddie "Lightning" Ridge	1999 Show:	Jim Marburger
Study Coordinator:?		2000 Show:	John Harrison
Housing/Property:	Jim Parks	2001 Show:	
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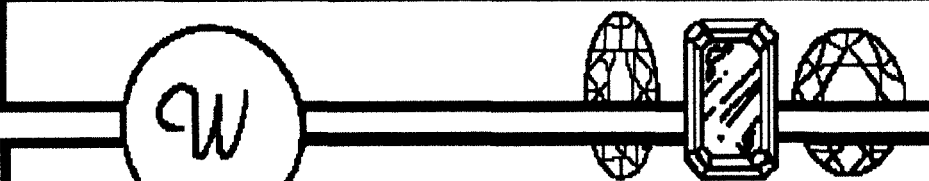
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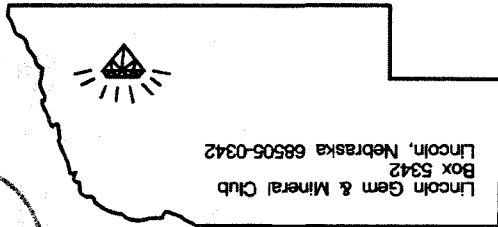
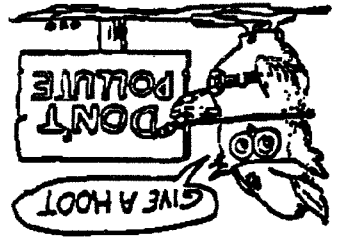
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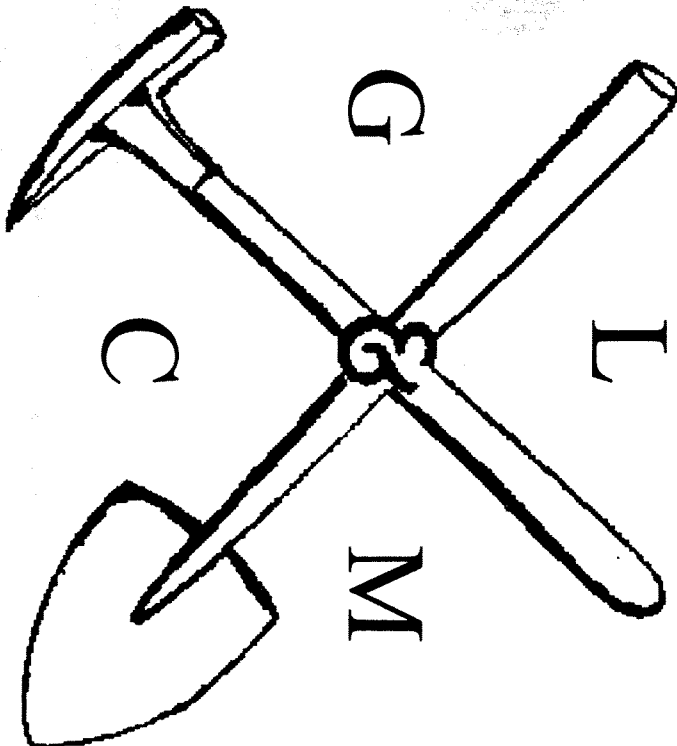
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