



CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
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- AIMS:**
1. The study of Minerology and Geology
 2. To foster field trips to collect minerals, gems and fossils
 3. The improvement of ots members in the art of cutting, posishing and mounting gem material.
 4. To provide opportunity for exchange ,purchase and exhibition of specimens and material.

MEETINGS: First Sunday of each month in the Hospitality Room of the Capital Electric Building on Highway 83, north of Bismarck

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME: at the club functions, meetings, field trips, Annual shows, etc.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

'Tis the season to be jolly -- Yes, it is the season of Santa Claus and it is also the month ending the year 1975. We of the Central Dakota Gem and Mineral Society have reason to be jolly and also are thankful for a fruitful year.

I wish to thank every member and in particular all the committees and their chairmen for making 1975 a year to remember.

I also wish to thank the membership for the confidence expressed in reelecting me your president for another year. I hope that after a year's experience I will be able to improve in my upcoming administration.

The refreshments chairperson, Sue Randall, and her helpers deserve a special thank you for engineering the delicious Christmas dinner. It was very obvious that it was enjoyed by all.

A very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Properous New Year to all.

Bill Buresh

THIS AND THAT FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

DICK MERRILLS called Bill and sent greetings to the club- wishing they could be here for the Christmas party. They have joined the Thermopolis Club and enjoy their new surroundings. We miss them too!!!

BLOSSOMAE CAMPBELL sent well wishes to the club- but came up with a very interesting contribution for the bulletin even if she is incapacitated. Thank you, Blossomae!!!

The election was finished quickly, with all four accepting and being elected. They are: President, WILLIAM BURESH Vice President, DUANE ROBNEY; Secretary, STAN FAIRATZL, and Treasurer, DICK BERGANTINE. Committee chairmen and other personel will be appointed at the next meeting, JANUARY 4, 1976. There were 44 adults and 15 juniors at the meeting.

MR. & MRS. MELVIN ANDERSON are now members and we welcome them. We were also gald to see MRS. AL WHITE who has been missing for quite a while.



Your 1976 Regional Show Schedule

TIE THEM IN NOW

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

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

ROCKS...HOSPITALS?????

When some women are patients in a hospital their husbands give them flowers, (lovely) or candy, (watch those calories!) or maybe a book to read to while away the long hours. My husband, Earle, is different. Oh, he gives me flowers which I enjoy, but he also gives me a new specimen for my mineral collection.

Last spring when I spent a few days at St. Alexius he gave me a nice specimen of chalcantite from a mine in Missouri. This time it was a specimen of pyrite from the tri-state area. I had the pyrite on my bedside table at hospital. Nurses and other staff members noticed it and would ask me about it. One day while lying in bed staring up at the blank, white ceiling I suddenly had a bright idea!! I immediately called Earle and asked him to bring me several specimens from my collection which I thought might be interesting to the uninitiated public.

Earle brought me an eggshell quartz, a marcasite dollar and two halved of a quartz lined Brazilian geode. Several days later I received a trilobite in the mail. This was also added to my little collection. During the four weeks I spent in St. A's I had many an interesting conversation with staff members who came in to take care of my needs. Sometimes a therapist or nurse would be too busy at the moment and merely glance at the minerals but later when they had more time they would come to my room and look at the specimens more closely and ask many questions.

Even the boy who came around every evening selling the Bismarck Tribune took time out to discuss fossils with me. One day an inhalation therapist came dashing into my room. "I was told I should see your rock!" she exclaimed.

"I have several," I told her. "Which one did you want to see?"

"I want to see the rock," she told me. After looking them over I decided it was the eggshell quartz she had heard about. Sure enough, that was the rock she had been told about.

If any of you are so unlucky that you have to spend some time at one of our local hospitals I would suggest taking along some of your choice specimens. But be sure you can answer any questions about them. It is surprising how a few rocks can ease the boredom of a long hospital stay.



Greetings

Blossomae Campbell

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society for the lovely carnations I received while in the hospital. I would also like to thank the members for the cards, visits, well wishes, gifts and prayers while I was a patient. It is so nice to be remembered!



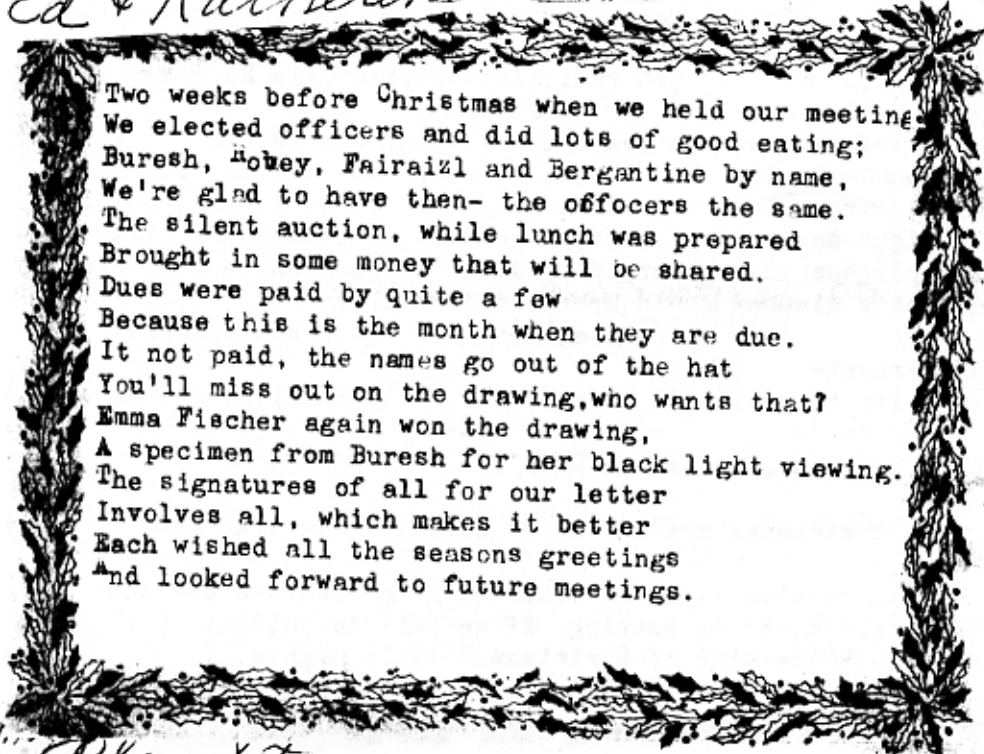
Blossomae Campbell

RING OUT THE OLD! RING IN THE NEW! IN JANUARY THE DUES ARE DUE !!!

Forget the hasty unkind word! Forget the slander you have heard!
 Forget the quarrel and the cause! Forget the whole affair because
 Forgetting is the only way of getting through an arduous day.
 Forget you're not a millionaire; forget the grey streaks in your hair.
 Forget you ever had the blues, BUT DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES
 via THE HOURGLASS NEWS.

Earl Campbell
 Blossoma Campbell - SHE MISSES
 BEING HERE!!!
 Owen E. O'Neil Mae Fairair
 Sally O'Neil Mrs Al White
 Jennifer Robey
 Dedores Robey
 Melvin H. Anderson
 Ed & Katherine Munn
 Duane A. Roby
 Henry H. Dolberg
 Viola Anderson

John D. Dosch
 Katherine Anderson
 Vina Anderson
 Cecilia Dosch
 Nettie Nelson
 Evert Nelson
 Bill Collins
 Leon Opp
 Denise Giese
 Ted Giese
 Mr & Mrs H. A. Brady
 Sue Randall
 Dena Roby
 Linda Bergantine
 Barbara Bergantine
 Karen Bergantine
 Brian Bergantine
 Fran Bergantine
 Tom Dosch



Two weeks before Christmas when we held our meeting.
 We elected officers and did lots of good eating;
 Buresh, Robey, Fairair and Bergantine by name.
 We're glad to have them - the officers the same.
 The silent auction, while lunch was prepared
 Brought in some money that will be shared.
 Dues were paid by quite a few
 Because this is the month when they are due.
 If not paid, the names go out of the hat
 You'll miss out on the drawing, who wants that?
 Emma Fischer again won the drawing,
 A specimen from Buresh for her black light viewing.
 The signatures of all for our letter
 Involves all, which makes it better
 Each wished all the seasons greetings
 And looked forward to future meetings.

Ole Stavem Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
 Al White John Anderson
 Ernest Knudson Albert Anderson
 Pat Broady - We miss you, Mrs. Campbell.
 Mrs & Mr Gus A. Fischer Merry Xmas & happy
 new year to all club members
 Julie Howe - Merry Xmas & happy new year
 Mr & Mrs Joe Lamberg & Bill Buresh
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Strand
 Verna Giese Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
 Sophia Halvorson
 A Merry Christmas and a
 happy New Year Verne A. Peterson
 Robert H. Randall

Andy Dosch
 Jim Dosch
 Dick Bergantine
 Mary Ann Dosch
 Kathy Dosch
 Diane Dosch
 Paul Dosch
 all those who
 Couldn't make it
 say "Ho"
 Robert H. Randall

RAMBLINGS FROM OTHER ROCKHOUNDS

THE T-TOWN ROCKHOUND: Petoskey stones--interesting and unique type of fossil coral--mainly calcite-- somewhat difficult to polish. It is well known that calcite, being soft may not give a high glossy finish like agate. For an attractive finish try grinding, coarse sanding, then etch for 15 to 20 minutes in hydrochloric solution to which has been added a small amount of oxalic acid. The solution should be 30%. After washing and drying there is usually no need to polish. (Rocky Times, Rockette, The Lapidary)

THE GEO-LOGIC: Southern Minnesota good area for fossils--Fossils from the reefs of a primordial tropical sea are easily accessible from many highways in southwestern Minnesota. One good place to find fossils, according to the state highway department, is in the bed of a stream crossed by Highway 56, just south of its junction with 246 North of Kenyon. Other excellent collecting sites on Hwy 56 are the Decorah shale outcroppings immediately north of the highways junction with Hwy 246. Fossil hunters may also have luck on the bluffs along Hwy 60 near and east of Dumfries. Further south on Hwy 14, rock hounds will find that the quarries between Rochester and Kasson contain fossils.

(St Paul Pioneer press, via Rock Rustler)

THE ROCKHOUND SCOOP: Diamonds in Magic-

Centuries before a diamond was cherished for its beauty, the stone was valued for the magic powers it was believed to possess. In olden times, as today, it was considered the gem of reconciliation and the strengthener of marital love. If set in gold and worn on the left hand, it prevented night mares. It was believed that possession of diamonds gave the owners immunity to the plagues that scourged medieval Europe, and a 14th Century French alchemist even claimed that a diamond could make him invisible.

(Allen Gentzler, Pick and Chisel)

SOONER ROCKOLOGIST: Rockhound's Prayer-

Lord, please give me the opportunity to collect a rock so big, so colorful, and so rare that when speaking of it, forever afterwards, I will never have to exaggerate, nor swe rve from the truth. Amen (Chips off the Old Block, Magma)

LAKELAND GEMS CHIPS & BITS- Many tombstones are carved by chiseling in traffic.

"God has given us two hands- one to receive with and other to give with. We are not cisterns for hoarding, we are channels made for sharing. If we fail to fulfill this divine duty and privilege, we have missed the meaning of Christmas." Billy Graham

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Your editor wishes one and all the
merriest and most blessed of holiday
Seasons. She is including her letter
to her friends- and your are among
the greatest.
"Christmas is a gift of God that a
man cannot keep until he gives it to
someone else." Dorothy Cameron Smith

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Merry Christmas

December, 1975

JENSON FAMILY REUNION



Front row-Left to right-Ruth (Mrs. Lauren) Smith, Spokane, Wa.; Fredonia (Mrs. Kenneth) Hemmerly, Tunkhannock, Pa.; Mrs. Alta Waldner, Yankton, S.D.; Dorothy (Mrs. Fred) Dunn, Falls Church, Va.; Violet (Mrs. Leonard) Ochsner, Paramount, Cal.; Josephine Dammel, Bismarck, N.D.; Middle--Edna (Mrs. Harvey) Jenson, Bismarck, N.D.; Back Row--Miss Norma Jenson, Annandale, Va.; Norman Jenson, Las Vegas, Nev.; Harvey N. Jenson, Bismarck; Ida Mae (Mrs. Joel) Ramberg, Bismarck; Helen (Mrs. Ted) Pfeifle, and Ellen (Mrs. Edwin) Hochhalter, Renton, Wa. The mother passed away twelve years ago.

The Jenson Reunion was held in Bismarck, June 13-15 with members coming early and leaving late. The father, Harvey N. Jenson, was ninety years old on July 12. An Open House was held for him on Sunday, June 15. Ida Mae and her daughter, Lola Mae hosted the affair at Lola's home.

There are many reunions being held but this one unique in that it was the first time all ten sisters and one brother had been together. There is a twenty-five year spread between Ida Mae and her youngest sister, Josephine. An attempt was made in 1942 to get the group together, but one, Dorothy, was missing. It was a great thrill when the last one arrived-Violet-who was met by all of her nine sisters. Many pictures were taken and exchanged. The reminiscing was great and plans were made to repeat the event in the not too distant future.

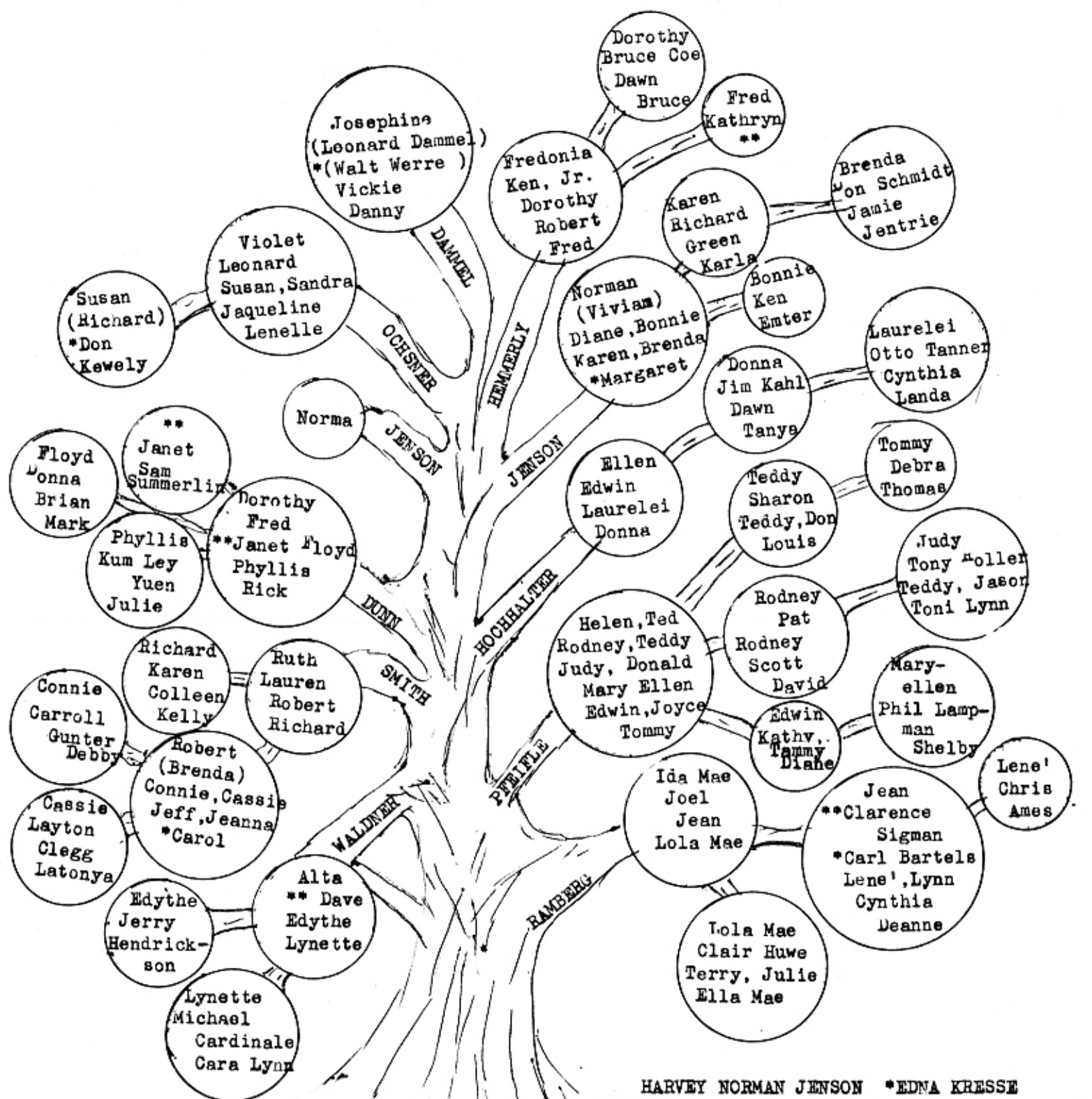
If all had attended there would have been 125. Others present were grand-children: Lola Mae (Mrs. Clair) Huwe and family, Bismarck; Jean (Mrs. Carl) Bartels, Anchorage and her daughter, and son-in-law, Lene' and Chris Ames, Joplin, Mo; Donna (Mrs. Jim) Kahl and family, Darby, Mont.; Richard Dunn, Falls Church, Va.; and Dan Dammel, Bismarck. Messages were had from others.

THE RAMBERG FAMILY



Front row- George, Mother Ramberg, Ruby Pearson; Back row- Lawrence, Joel, and Ernest. All of Tioga, except Joel who lives in Bismarck. One brother, Sylvester, passed away and the father in 1942.

On September 30th Joel's mother had her 97th birthday, with many friends and all of her children there. She was alert and knew everybody. She enjoyed the cake and ice cream and the music and the fellowship. She had calls from friends and relatives who could not come. On October 11, she suffered a stroke, and left us that evening. The family was thankful that she didn't suffer. Many relatives came for the funeral. All of the grandchildren but Jean, who visits her in June, were there. Many great and one great-great grandchild as well as her sister, Julia Aardah and many of her family were present.



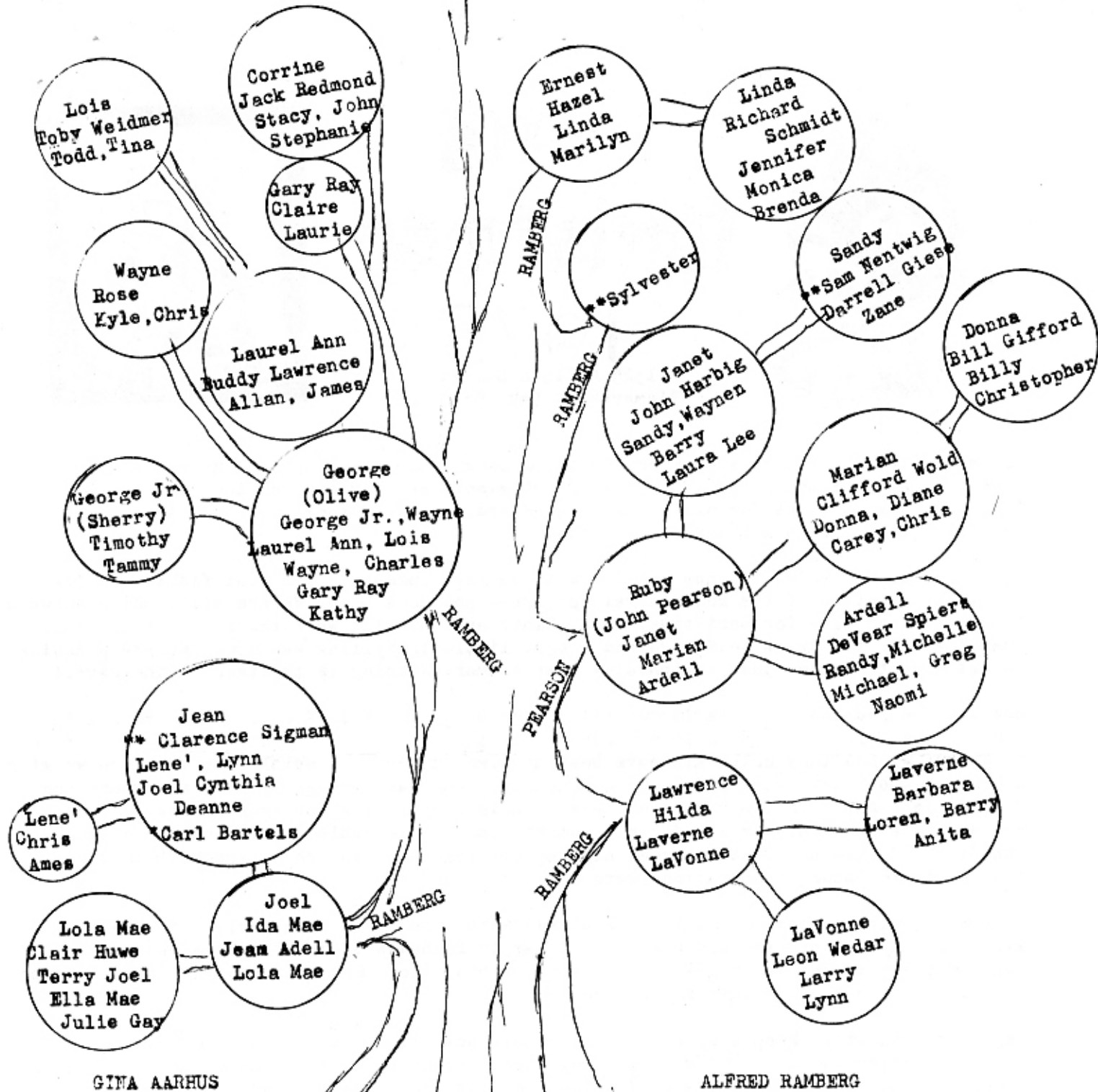
JULIA ADELL PETERSON
LARS PETERSON
BERTHA

HARVEY NORMAN JENSON *EDNA KRESSE
FRED JENSON ALTA BENTLEY
ANNA HORAB OLE JENSON NORMAN BENTLEY CLARISSA SWAI

Reunion, June 13, 14, 16, 1975

JENSON FAMILY

() Divorced
* Second Mate
** Diseased



RAMBERG FAMILY



Merry Christmas

1975

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This year will be long remembered for the Jenson Family Reunion, and Mother Ramberg's ninety-seventh birthday. Both of these great events are printed on the cover sheet. They were joyous times for all of us. It was sad to lose Mother, but she had a good and full life. We all thank God for that.

Joel and Ida Mae were at Donna and Jim's twice last summer- where Joel fished and Ida Mae took advantage of the Hot Mineral Springs-- and Rock Shops. We are all looking forward to having them here for Christmas. Lola, Clair and the kids were there this fall. Other than that and the trips to Medora and Tioga, little travelling was done. We are planning to set a month aside- just to travel - next summer. Nothing is to stand in the way!!!

Besides the reunion, we were fortunate to have Helen and Ted, Ellen and Ed, Ruth and Lauren, and Dorothy and Fred return for more visiting. We were glad to have Jean here so long, but wished they could all have been here, which wasn't possible, as all were working. She had a good visit with Lene, who came early. Donna and the girls were also here and were indispensable in the help they gave Lola in preparation for reunion festivities. Ray and Lola Wager also visited in November. Their friendship is treasured and long-standing. Ida Mae and Lola attended high school together. We are so thankful that her double hip replacement operations were so successful.

Lola and Clair had many of Clair's relatives with them in June and July. His sister was very ill and Lola and another sister took her to Rochester. Clair's mother was there most of the time and was a great help. Many of his sisters and brothers and families came to visit, so they had a busy summer too.

Papa and Edna still keep busy with all of their activities. Right now they are practicing for the Messiah and he is singing at many functions in the Nordic Chorus. He has been in these for over thirty-five years. They seldom miss church (on administrative board) Farmers' Union (Publicity and delegates to state convention); Civic Music and High School Concerts and many other functions. Edna is right with him and a great help.

Ida Mae is the editor of the Central Dakota Gem and Mineral bulletin, "Diggins from Dakota". She and Joel went to Custer on a field trip on Memorial Day Week end. They visited with Wagers while here. She is program chairman for Retired Teachers and Educational Secretary for ALCW (church women). She has also given demonstrations in Denver at the national convention of National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and at NDEA on the Metric System. She has been showing slides of Alaska to Senior Citizen groups.

In July, Ida Mae finished her term as state president of Delta Kappa Gamma and attended the Regional in Sun Valley. This was a great thrill for her as she Regional Director fourteen years before when it was held there.

Joel spent some time at the farm again this year. He was glad to be near his mother and help with some of the farm work. We enjoyed our camper while there- as a home away from home.

May God be with you all and bless you in the coming year. Joel & Ida Mae Ramberg

ABOUT THE NEW COVER OF THE NEWSLETTER

When the subject of a theme for the RMFMS 1976 show was first brought up, suggestions flew fast and furious. It was the bicentennial year, then there is the energy situation, the turquoise boom, the Trinity site, the potash and copper mines, even Pecos diamonds; all suggesting themes. Yet all of these things are current events when one considers man's utilization of minerals in what is now the state of New Mexico.

Humans have lived in this area a long time. What little we know of the ancient residents is information gleaned from the mineral artifacts of their culture. Sandia man, approximately 25,000 years BC, used quartz minerals to make tools and weapons. Clovis man circa 10,000 BC, Folsom man circa 7000 BC and the Plano culture circa 4000 BC did the same. The archaic Indian and modern Indian culture used mineral for adornment, tools, weapons and as trade goods. We in modern times are no different when one thinks of copper, coal, uranium, petroleum and potash; not to mention Rockhounds. So--we chose as our theme, "Our Mineral legacy" with a little subtitle of "Man's Utilization of Minerals".

Wayne Whiting, a member of the host club was asked to design a cover for the RMFMS Newsletter depicting the theme. He chose Clovis man in the upper right to represent the ancient cultures; the Navajo at lower right to represent all Indian cultures; the Spanish Conquistador at lower left to represent the Spanish and Mexican cultures; and last, the uranium prospector at upper left representing our present culture -- over 25,000 years of man's mineral utilization depicted on one page.

Using that long a period of time as a theme is going to be quite a challenge. However, the host club, The Chaparral Rockhounds, expects to do a creditable job. Come visit the RMFMS show in Roswell, NM June 25-27, 1976 and judge for yourself. Let us know you are coming and what your mineral interests are. New Mexico still has a few mineral specimens lying around and I understand there is still a little cutting material to be found. We will try to direct you to a place where you just might acquire a souvenir of your visit with us.

Howell T. Whiting, Show Chairman
P.O. Box 1696, Roswell, N.M. 88201

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LET US SAVE BETTY CROCKER COUPONS, AGAIN

I hope you have all had the habit long enough to still be saving your coupons. We cannot cash them in as before, but we still can use them to get premiums as we always have. If each club collected them as you have for the last 12 years and turn them in on stainless or silver items, they have many items beside the flatware. Each club chairman should order a catalog from General Mills to know all the items offered.

Several clubs have used these items for auctions, silent auctions, raffles, (or maybe you have a better idea, we would like you to share it with the rest of us.)

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The profit turned in to the Scholarship Fund. We need them badly, our reports have been very small since the coupons were discontinued. Let us try this idea and see if we can do better. Each Club should have a Scholarship Chairman to take care of this.

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<u>Colorado</u>		
Canon City - Canon City Geology Club	\$149.66	900%
Denver - Colorado Mineral Society	44.84	
Fort Collins - Fort Collins Rockhounds, Inc.	35.00	300%
<u>Oklahoma</u>		
Tulsa - Tulsa Rock & Mineral Soc., Inc.	<u>55.60</u>	
Total	\$285.20	

Lois Reeves, RMFMS Scholarship Chmn.

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ATTENTION! --- DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Letters containing the information sheet for the 1975 RMFMS Directory will soon be mailed to every club in the Rocky Mountain Federation. Since many clubs have recently elected -- or will be electing -- officers for the coming year, we would like to have as much current information about your club as may be available at this time. Please check your mail for this letter, fill out the enclosed form and return it to the Directory Committee. The Deadline for returning these forms will be February 10, 1976.

Mrs. Louellen Montgomery,
Directory Committee Chairman

P.S. Don't forget to name your Federation Representative (formerly F.A.#.)!

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE of the information concerning the All American Federation Club Contest which appears in the November issue of the AFMS Newsletter. See that it gets into the right hands so it can be acted upon.

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DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER -- DECEMBER 10TH!!!

(Note from the Editor)

Please remember the Newsletter is our line of communication, it is impossible to send each and every member a copy of the newsletter so the recap sheet does help. But the recap sheet cannot contain all the information and news that each and member should be aware of, so it is up to the officers of each and every club who does receive the newsletter to pass on the information.... If you do have problems with your newsletter reaching you, let us know, maybe it is an incorrect address, at any rate we could check it out. One more reminder, please all editors send me a copy of your bulletin! ----- mad

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