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NEXT MEETING: September 2, 1979, 7:30 p.m. (Beginners' Class, 6:30 p.m.)

PROGRAM: "Gems of the Bible," by Blossomae Campbell

Lunch Committee: Vina Anderson, Verna Gleese, and Hilda Metcalf

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi, Everyone!

I was surely glad to see so many Central Dakota people at the Federation Gem and Mineral Show in Rapid City. I know everyone had a great time. We surely did.

We got a lot of good trades and I purchased a lot of very fine specimens and material at the silent auction. I also bought Pat a very realistic beaver puppet and an otter for myself, which we had a great time with. If we don't forget, we'll bring them to a meeting some time.

We also ran across a large petrified turtle for sale further on during our vacation. He is approximately 18 in. x 24 in., weighs over 100 pounds, and is many millions of years old. When we got home I decided we had to have him for our collection, so I called and they said they still had him. They told us to send a money order and then to come and pick up this new member of our family. This means we'll get one more mini-vacation around the end of August or at least some time before our show.

Speaking of the show, have you built your showcases yet? It's later than you think, but still not too late to get that show case ready and your specimens lined up. Let's give Earle and Bill a big surprise and have twice as many show cases.

I am making one more plea for donations to the "Hospital Rock Bank." Small items of rough material, slabs, or finished material is acceptable. If we don't get some of this material soon, we'll have to resort to some other means of cheering up our hospitalized members.

I'll see you at the next meeting, September 2.

H. A. Brady

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 2 Bismarck, ND--7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society, Capital Electric Bldg., Highway 83 North of City
- Sept. 8-9 Aberdeen, SD--South Dakota State Show, Lakota Glacier Rock Club
- Sept. 14-16 Williston, ND--Williston Gem & Mineral Show
- SEPT. 28-29 MANDAN, ND--NORTH DAKOTA'S FIFTH ANNUAL SHOW, CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

AT THE LAST MEETING--THE PICNIC

Thirty-one adults and five children attended the annual picnic at Sertoma Park on Sunday, August 5. There was a generous amount of delicious food and the weather was perfect, so everyone stayed late and left in the best of moods.

Among the adults was one guest, Mary Sprague of Ainsworth, Nebraska, the mother of club member Alvin Campbell of Elgin, ND.

During the meeting that followed the picnic, Field Trip Chairman Rodney Hickle reported that there are no field trips scheduled for August or September, but that he is trying to arrange one for October.

Show Chairman Earle Campbell reported that the contract for the show at the Community Center in Mandan has been finalized, that the publicity packets have been mailed, and that TV and newspaper publicity has been booked for September. He also enumerated the list of dealers who will be present at the show. The list appears in another column in this issue.

The membership voted that the club urge the Show Chairman to earmark the proceeds from this year's silent auction during the show for the Rocky Mountain Federation Scholarship Fund.

After some discussion of the depleted supply for the "Hospital Rock Bank" and other alternatives, the president suggested that the program be given one more chance, with the hope that the members, with continued urging, will make more contributions to the hospital rock bank in the way of rough material, slabs, or finished gems and jewelry. These contributions will be given to members who are hospitalized.

The door prize, a ring with a tigereye setting donated by the Ewald Mugglis, was won by John Dosh.

PLAN TO EXHIBIT AT THE SHOW! : !

"KIDS' DAY" AT THE SHOW

On Friday, September 28, the first day of the 1979 Show, all students coming in small groups and accompanied by an adult will be admitted free.

Don Campbell, who is in charge of this activity, has been contacting area schools and in particular inviting the art and earth science classes and teachers.

ANNUAL SHOW EXHIBITS

It's only six weeks before show time and just an even dozen of exhibitors' applications have been received so far. Even though your display may not be completely planned, mail in your application to me now or bring it to the September meeting.

Rodney Hickle has supplied us for the past two years with the plywood for the risers for the show cases. At the picnic he asked about the number of sheets of plywood that would be needed this year. All I could say was, "Only three so far, compared to sixteen last year."

It is obvious that it is difficult to plan space for display cases when the number of exhibits has not been determined.

If you have any questions about exhibits, please call me.

Bill Buresh
Show Exhibit Chairman

MORE GREEN JACKETS?

For those who inquired, the material purchased for green jackets (vests) last year was all re-sold to members, except for one size 46 ladies' vest. It could be used as is or the material could be used for a smaller size. See Gen Buresh if you're interested in this.

Others wishing to make vests will need to purchase material directly from a fabric shop. "Kelly green" polyester was used for both vests and lining.

G.B.

DEALERS FOR THE 1979 SHOW-- By

Farle Campbell, Show Chairman

BROWN'S ROCK & LAPIDARY SUPPLY
Art & Lucille Brown
Moorhead, Minnesota 56560

DOAN'S OPAL & GEM
Clayton Doan
Bay City, Michigan 48706

ENNIS ROCK HOUSE
Neil & Ida Brandon
Ennis, Montana 59729

F&F SALES & SERVICE
Stan & Darlene Fairaizl
Mandan, North Dakota 58554

FRANDSEN'S AGATES
Aaron & Eve Frandsen
Sidney, Montana 59270

HOBBIES UNLIMITED
Ray & Esther Deardorff
Los Angeles, California 90045

ROCK CRAFT OF IOWA
Don & Emma Dricken
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

ROLENE ROCK SHOP
Roland & Lorene Rasmussen
Wabasso, Minnesota 56293

UNCLE TON'S ROCK SHOP
Tom & Linda Stockwell
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

THIS-N-THAT

Bob and Sue Randall and Mel and Viola Anderson are presently touring the state of Alaska. The Randalls expect to be back home by the end of August, while the Andersons plan to return before show time in September.

Ted Giese has been hospitalized again since the July meeting, this time for back surgery, and is now at home--resting, hopefully.

Ida Mae Ramberg also spent several days in the hospital recently and is scheduled for further tests at a medical facility in Fargo later this month.

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The John Dosch family announced at the picnic that they have purchased a variety store located on the Main Street in Carrington, North Dakota, and they will be taking over the operation of the store on September 1. The enterprise will be known as "Dosch's Variety." John extended an invitation to all club members to stop in to see them when in Carrington.

John and Cecelia are charter members of the club and John is a past president. John and his boys, Jim, Paul, and Tom, are enthusiastic rockhounds and have contributed much to the success of the club and its annual shows. Their absences will be keenly felt. A number of families accepted John's invitation to stop at their home after the picnic to view the rock wall they have installed around their patio.

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Pius and Emma Fischer and Don Campbell with his two youngsters attended the Mitchell, SD, show on August 11 - 12. Pius reports that they had thirty-six displays and six dealers. Emma was the lucky winner of a door prize.

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Emma Fischer is again managing the Farmers' Market for the summer season. It is located this year in the parking lot of Northbrook Shopping Center. Garden produce and craft items are offered for sale on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

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The Bureshes are planning a move across the river. Their address after Sept. 1 will be 44 Captain Marsh Drive, Mandan, ND 58554.

SAVE CANCELED STAMPS FOR FOOD-FOR-THE-NEEDYBRING THEM TO THE MEETING***

A TRIP SOUTH, by Clara Muggli

Our trip took us to Asheville, North Carolina, to an Army reunion for Ewald. We (Ewald, Clara, and Holly Muggli) saw some interesting sights and did some rock hunting on the way.

In Kentucky the most impressive sights were at Bardstown, where Stephen Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home," and the Bernheim Forest close by.

Probably the most beautiful area on this trip was the Cumberland Gap area. It is the place where Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky meet. The view from the overlook and the mountain music will long be remembered.

The Great Smoky Mountain National Park was truly as it should be---very smoky. The high humidity and the rainfall make the mountains appear smoky.

No trip in Tennessee would be complete without stopping at Nashville, the music city. This we did half way through our trip.

We realized we had traveled through eight states and nowhere could we do rock hunting. In the Smoky Mountain area we visited a couple of rock shops, but they weren't of much interest. As in most rock shops we visited, they have very little local material. It is always from Mexico or some other place.

Arkansas proved to be a little different, with a lot of quartz crystals around Hot Springs, Arkansas. We stopped at two places where they had mines, but because of road conditions we didn't go out into the mines. There are many rock shops in the Hot Springs area and we stopped at about ten of them. We did see a Wright's much-advertised shop.

Oklahoma is a good rock-hunting state, but when we stopped at one shop it was much like many other places--they had no local material. We were privileged to be able to see the Midgley Museum in Enid, Oklahoma. This is a private collection of antiques, rocks, and trophies. Here we were given some barite roses and horn coral from Oklahoma. The tour was arranged by Wilson's Rock Shop of Enid, Oklahoma.

On July 21st we attended the Columbus, Nebraska, Rock Show. It was held at the beautiful Holiday Inn at Columbus, where we stayed. It was a good show, but attendance was poor. There was no silent auction or trading table, so our extra time had to be spent at the pool instead of the show.

On our way home through South Dakota we stopped at some of the dams on the Missouri River. The visitor centers, films, fish hatcheries, sights, and rock hunting should prove to be an excellent short trip for anyone who wants to take a sightseeing trip for a few days. We also did some rock hunting in South Dakota.

The tourist industry was hurting terribly wherever we went. Many of the motels were almost empty. The restaurants also needed more people. We tried to do our part in eating southern chicken, biscuits, grits, and country ham.

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MIMEOGRAPH DONATED

This issue of the "Diggin's", as well as the previous two issues, have been printed on a mimeograph that was donated to the club by Past President Stanley Fairaizl. The results, as you can all see, are good.

There are still a few adjustments about which we need to seek professional advice, but in time we hope to have it running at full speed.

The editors are happy with the machine and we are sure that the other club members also appreciate Stanley's generosity.

We also wish to thank Earle and Blossomae Campbell for the use of their mimeograph for use in publishing the "Diggin's" for the past two and one-half years.

--The Editors

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SAVE STAMPS!! SAVE STAMPS!!

ON TO ALASKA

By Ida Mae Ramberg

Across the prairies, with fields of sprouting grain,
Through perpetual parks, made by plentiful rain;
Up the mountains, with white caps showing,
Down to the valleys, with waterfalls flowing.

The Canadian Rockies put on a fantastic show--
With each turn in the road, a scene above or below.
The spring flowers were in their colorful attire;
Watching for each one you'd never tire.

The "Oh's" and "Ah's" as we traveled never stopped
As each new vista the last view topped.
God surely built the grand ALCAN for us to see
With purple mountains, falls, glacier or tree.

The sights along the ALCAN are hard to explain,
But we hope to be able to see them again.
From Pink Mountain and Clutch you can see far and wide;
Then nearing Fort Nelson, there are views on either side.

Steamboat Mountain caught us in a storm of deep snow,
But in twenty-four hours we were ready to go;
Friendships made here could last a lifetime.
Each time we pass that way, we'll think of them.

Along Muncho Lake with the shoreline drive;
By Folded Mountains where moose and fish thrive;
Then past the rocky ledge where the big goat stands,
Guarding his family to the salt in the sands.

The mineral springs at Liard are primitive and refreshing--
Over the bridge, across the river that is ever rushing.
At Contact Creek the crews from north and south did meet.
We always stop here, and at the cafe nearby to eat.

Then Watson Lake, with its signs from far and near--
We look for those we recognize and wonder how they got here.
The long bridge over the Teslin
Is a welcome sight and good for picture taking.
Along the lake are many places to admire and stop
And places to get tires fixed and shop.
Then the Johnson Crossing, followed by lodging and store;
Beyond, more scenery, mountains and vales by the score.

Whitehorse the largest city and capital of the Yukon,
Is a thriving, modern, and historically interesting town.
From here you can go to Dawson, the city famous for gold,
Past relics of early days, each with a story to unfold.

At Palace Theater we watched the Follies with Klondike Kate,
Saw dancing, and heard the works of Service they relate.
The cabins of Service and London are there to be seen,
As are the relics and replicas of bygone days on the Museum Green.

Across the Yukon, on a ferry that's free;
Up the mountains quickly, where for miles you can see,
Until we come to the border on the high mesa,
And are again in the USA and the state of Alaska.

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ON TO ALASKA, cont.

Or we take the regular route, from Whitehorse to the border,
East Haines Junction, with breathtaking views of Kluane Range in many an order,
Their white-capped peaks and beautiful lines from a distance are inspiring.

Then we camped by Lake Kluane, where on bordering mountain slopes Dall
sheep you're spying;

Mt. Logan, seen in the distance, as you travel on a plain;
Other scenes continually unfold, with each change of terrain.

The campsites along the way are plentiful and clean;
The friends you meet there you hope to see again.
The fresh air, running streams, trees, and ranges in a shelter
Have lured us five times by tent, station wagon, and lastly by pickup camper.

The greatest thrill comes when you get to the border, so free;
Moone guarding, just six feet of trees cut, as far as you can see.
We hope and pray that this phenomenon will never cease,
And that Canada and the United States will always be at peace.

Then after customs it's Tok, a division of the ways--
To Anchorage or Fairbanks in one or two days.
The Anchorage road is scenic, with glaciers to be seen;
The Fairbanks road's more level with sights along the Tanana.

Down from Anchorage, along Cook Inlet, past Alyeska, skiing;
With Portage Glacier and Whittier railroad you'll be seeing.
To Valdez by ferry, past Columbia Glacier, so great;
Back to Tok by mountains, valleys, falls, and many a lake.
Or to drawn-out Kenai and quaint Homer, with off-shore drilling;
Fast mountains, clamming on beaches, is as far as you can get by driving.

There's more and more that could be told,
But you have to see it to believe the beauty to behold.
So here's to the ALCAN, with scenery so rare,
Still primitive and wholesome for all to share.
May we all protect it and have it to be seen,
With God's greatest paintings of so many a scene.

P.S. We've traveled to Alaska ten times for conventions and to visit family;
We've gone by air, car, camper, and on the Inland Passage by ferry.
We like best to go on the ALCAN and see improvements each year.
It's the best way we know of to use camping gear.
So here's hoping that next year we can still get gasoline,
And along the ALCAN some time, we'll be seen.

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COOK'S CORNERBARS

Base: $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. brown sugar. Mix well and pat down in bottom of pan. Place in oven and bake at 350° until a delicate brown (about 10 min.).

Filling: 2 eggs, 1 c. brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. shredded coconut, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped nuts, 1 tsp. vanilla, 3 tsp. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped cherries. Beat eggs, add sugar, mix well. Sift flour and baking powder together into egg mixture. Add other ingredients. Spread over base, return to oven at 350° and bake about 20 min. Spread with butter icing when cool.

Butter Icing: 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. powdered sugar, $\frac{1}{3}$ c. butter, 1 tbsp. vanilla. Mix and spread over cooled bars.

Donna Glazer

(Printed by popular request of picnickers. Donna used pink frosting. Super! GB)