

# DIGGINS FROM DAKOTA



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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 the members in the art of cutting, polishing 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. 7:30, April to Oct.; 2:30 rest of year

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

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North Dakota's Annual  
**GEM AND MINERAL SHOW**  
 Mandan Community Center  
 OCTOBER 1 & 2, 1977



Another year has come to an end. Looking back we see that we have grown in numbers and we have had another successful show. Most of us participated in and enjoyed a number of field trips. We have had many interesting sessions, ending the season last Sunday with a hearty ham dinner topped with all the trimmings. For this feast we are thankful to Emma Brady and her committee. All in all, I think that we can say that we have had another successful and progressive year. This was possible only through a cooperative spirit and a harmonious effort on the part of everyone, and that we surely have had throughout the year.

I have enjoyed serving the Society as its president for the past two years and wish to thank you for the privilege and your perseverance.

Last Sunday you selected a capable new slate of officers for the coming year. If you will continue to give Stanley Fairaizl, the new president, and the other officers of the Society the same cooperative effort that we have enjoyed in the past, the Central Dakota Gem and Mineral Society cannot help but continue to progress and grow.

Bill Buresh

#### GLEANINGS FROM THE MEETING

Forty-five adults and five Pebble Pups showed up for the Christmas Party, December 5. Among them were the following guests: Elaine and Jim Garrett, Ron and Rick, 1903 Grant Drive, Bismarck, who joined the Club; Bonnie Volk, 911 1/2 N. 15th St. Bismarck; and Jean (Ramberg) Bartels, 7742 E. 20th, Anchorage, Alaska, 99504.

Some adults joined the Pebble Pups group to learn more of the basics. SO BEGINNING NEXT MONTH, JANUARY 9, at 1:30 PM, AN HOUR BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING, THE PEBBLE PUPS AND ADULTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BASIC INFORMATION ON ROCKS AND MINERALS WILL MEET SO THEY CAN ATTEND THE REGULAR SESSION. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!! The regular meeting will be held at 2:30 at Capital Electric, JANUARY 9. Please Note Change Of Time and Date, due to the regular day being the day after New Years. Furnishing refreshments will be Emma Fischer, Sharon and Alice Springer.

The new officers, elected at the December Meeting are: President, Stanley Fairaizl, who has been secretary for eleven years, since the Club was founded; Vice-President, Harold Brady, a past president; Secretary, Donald Larson, the one who successfully finished out the term as treasurer, when Bergantine moved to Dickinson; Treasurer, Bob Randall, who has been Show treasurer. Appointments for other responsibilities will be made at the January 9 meeting.

Earle Campbell reported the four dealers have signed up for the 1977 Show, in October.

The door prize was won by Owen O'Neill- a petrified clam from Ron Campbell.

The pot luck supper was most lavish and enjoyable, as usual. The Club furnished the Ham and everyone must have brought for more than enough for their family. It was delicious.

A sad note was added to the meeting in the message from Dr. McClellan of Mobridge, one of our members. Those of us who were on the trip to Custer in 1975 to the mine of Lorenz Burg for Teepee agate and on the Memorial Day trip this year will remember Lorenz Burg. His home and yard were opened to us in 1975 also. He was killed instantly by a falling tree.

Bill Buresh sent a card from the Club, but if anyone would like to write to the widow, her address is Mrs. Marie Burg, Custer, SD 57730.



# HEAR YE HEAR YE



THE JANUARY MEETING

WILL BE JANUARY 9 AT 2:30

BECAUSE THE REGULAR DAY

WOULD BE THE DAY AFTER NEW YEARS!!!!!!!!!!!!

COME AND PAY YOUR DUES TO BOB RANDALL!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Members of Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society -

I wish to congratulate Mr. Campbell and club members on putting on the Second Annual State Gem & Mineral Show which I term a great success. A lot of hard work was put into this show by everyone, and that's what made it such a success. I enjoyed displaying - visiting - swapping - and silent auctions and acquired some very nice specimens. You had a nice group of dealers - something for everyone in the rock hobby - from which I purchased quality specimen material. You all are to be complimented on a job well done! Thank you for letting me be a part of this years show.

I am especially proud that my nephew and wife, Fred and Sharon Sprenger, of Bismarck, and my sister Alice Sprenger, of Fort Yates, became members of your club over the Show's weekend. I know they will enjoy being a part of your group and the hobby.

Editor's note- 'his was missed but the sentiment is the same and I am glad to publish it in its entirety. It is great to get this kind of praise and I am sure that Earle and all deserve the congratulations. We will have another great one on October 1 and 2, 1977.

Happy Rockhounding,  
Mrs. Wilma Hilgemann  
Assist. State Director of S.D.  
to Mid-West Federation  
Leola, South Dakota  
Member of Lakota Glacier of  
Aberdeen, S.D.

ODE DUES ARE DUE VIA Golden Spike News and Rock-A-Teer

I fell asleep the other night  
and while I had mu snooze,  
I dreamed each member stepped right up  
And promptly paid his dues.

And then I found it was a dream,  
I nearly had a fit!  
It's up to you to make it true,  
So won't you please remit???



## The Little Things at Christmas

Gertrude B. Holman

Especially at Christmastime  
We find great joy in little things . . .  
The melody of carols sung,  
The memory an angel chorus brings.



The tiny candle from the window seen  
Burns with a certain holy light;  
It brings to mind the one bright star  
That shone on that most holy night.

The gifts we wrap for those we love,  
No matter whether big or small,  
Are tokens of our love for them  
As wise men's offerings we recall.

The happiness and love on this one day  
Bring thoughts which warm and cheer.  
May we keep Christmas in our hearts  
Through every day of all the year.



William A. Buresh  
Ira Mae Kamberg  
Elsie Garrett  
Jim Lavett  
Harold O. Larson  
Evert Nelson  
Nettie Nelson  
Wally R. Brink  
Bonnie Volk  
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Stanley Fischer  
Corrin A. Sold  
Edna Mauschus  
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Fred Ramsey  
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Emma Brady  
Blasencia Campbell  
Pico A. Dischert  
Garry Jensen  
Genevieve Buresh  
Vina Anderson  
Helen Nelson  
Albert L. Anderson  
Viel Mauschus  
Earle Campbell



I am indebted to the Lake Agassiz Rock Hound via Pick and Chatter for the following Gem

A ROCKY ROMANCE,, by Low Roudon

ASBESTOS we can, we shall attempt to describe the ROCKY romance that flared and flamed between our GAL-LENA and a Desert Rat named CAL-CITE.

Now, our GAL-LENA was a gneiss little DESERT ROSE, who would bake a PUDDING-STONE PY-RITE this minute, if she so much as guessed that you had an APATITE.

But CAL-CITE was a JASPER who was adept at ADVENTURINE and did not want to give up his PRESIOUS OPAL, or RHODACHROSITE, or even ROSE QUARTZ for that matter.

One night he approached the pueblo of our GAL-LENA calling in his most IGNEOUS VOICE. "MEMATIVE!! WOOD you like to go to the CINNA-BAR and have a couple of QUARTZ of OLD PHOS<sup>2</sup> PRHATE MAGMA (beer) that flows there?"

"I WOOD not ZINC of such VULCANISM," our GAL-LENA retorted. "And you'd better not AGATE-tate me again by such erosteGE<sup>2</sup>ODES, or I'll SCHIST mave to aall a COPPER!

Now this was an ONYX-spected answer! Anyway, he'd ask RHODACHROSITE to accompany him instead.

True to her reputation as a GOLD-DIGGER, RHODA-CHROSITE said to herself: "I'll get this FOOLS<sup>2</sup>COLD and I'll maybe have a chance to GYPSUM-body else, if these SEPTARIA take me too much for GRANITE'. And, who knows? I might just LEAD him on TILL we have a TIFF. Maybe then I can work him for a DIKE-ful of ANTIMONY, TOO!"

So they decide to go to ARSENIC and OLD LACE cafe. Here, Bud GEIGER, COUNTER man understanding RHODA-CHROSITE'S GLACIAL character, called DAN-DRITE, the owner, who told BUD not to serve anything stronger than CHRISO-COLA at their MARBLE topped table.

Realizing that her plans were foiled, RHODA-CHROSITE gave DAN-DRITE the TIGER-EYE and left in a cloud of GOLD DUST.

So, CAL-CITE saddled up OLD FLINT, and RHOD-A NITE and a day toward the SILVER HILLS, ZINCing it all over.

"GARNET!" he thought. "I shoulda known that them gals WOOD ALBITE if they can get you PETRIFIED. Its-LATE, but I'm gonna show tham that I'm worth my SALT and I'll save every NICKEL so's I can buy the BARITE Ranch. Then I'll ask that GAL-LENA to marry me."

Finally he bought a DIAMOND ring and after polishing it on his BOLA TIE, he showed it to her. She told CAL-CITE COAL-ly that unless he threw away his MICA BOOK withall the addresses of such SEDIMENTARY gals as ROSE QUARTZ and RUBY CULLET and PEARL, the INDIAN BEAD maker, that he'd better percolate right out of her life.

To this METAMORPHESIS CAL-CITE did agree. He swore that from this ERA on, he WOOD look at her RUBY lips and her AZURE eyes onley. Iso he vowed that she could sic her old dog, GABRO (who is old but he can STIL-BITE) on him if he SEAMED TO ever show an APATITE for any other gal's pies. To tell the truth, he was afraid that she might FRACTURE hiso dome, if they ever had another TIFF. In the end, our GAL-LENA decided that CAL-CITE was a good CACHE. So they were married by Rev. CHERT, who was a FLINTY character before he received "the call". His wife and daughter, PRECIOUS OPAL, shed APACHE TEARS as CAL-CITE and GAL-LENA rode off into an AMETHYST sunset to a BAR-RITE Ranch.

MORAL OF THE ROCKY ROMANCE

Notice HOW-LITE the world SEAMS when you don't BER-YI toward anyone.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 26-27, Linclon Gem and Mineral Show, Nebraska State Fairgrounds.  
June 10-12 Rocky Mountain Federation Show, Salt Lake City, Utah  
August 18, 19 National Show, Ogden Utah  
Sept. 3-5 Nebraska Gem and Mineral Show Omaha, Neb.  
Oct. 1, 2 Third Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Mandan, ND

FROM THE EDITOR.

I have enjoyed being your editor and have learned from it. I enjoy the communications from the other clubs throughout the country, and the chance to share some of it with the members. I am enclosing a copy of my Christmas message that I have sent to family and friends, as I feel you all all part of an interested family. May you all be richly blessed- Ida Mae Ramberg.





Peace  
on Earth

## A Blessed Christmas

Nadine Brothers Lybarger

May the star that shone in triumph  
O'er the manger where Christ lay,  
Be your guiding light to happiness  
This blessed Christmas Day.

May each gift exchanged with fondness,  
As a token of your love,  
Bring remembrance of the blessed gift  
God sent from heaven above.

So the gentle Christmas spirit may  
As Yuletide days depart,  
Leave a glow of everlasting joy  
To linger in your heart.



### FAMILY

Lola Mae is here and so handy to have around. For some time she has had only Ella Mae, a senior and Julie, sixth at home during the week. Clair works in Tioga as foreman on the building of the Nursing Home and Terry is a welder in Fargo. Both are 200 miles away, but in opposite directions. They both are home week ends though.

Jean, Carl, Lynn, and Deanne, in Anchorage, were visited on our seven week trip to Alaska. Cindy was with Lene' in Joplin. Lynn went there in August. Carl drives a big 18-wheeler; Lynn works in a store; Cindy, Deanne and Joel work and go to school. They all keep Jean busy keeping house. They are building a big garage on to the house which will be a great help.

We visited Lene' and Chris in Missouri, twice-April and August. On Easter Sunday we went for a ride after church and lunch. We were in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas before returning to Missouri. Following the August visit, Lene' with Cindy and Lynn, who were there, took me home to Bismarck. That was a fun trip. We stopped over at Alta's.

On the jaunt to the South we visited many dear friends and relatives: Lola and Ray in Custer; Cousin Verna in Tyndal; Sister Alta in Yankton; Cousin Millie in Sioux City; Buddy of long standing, Ethel Park and Willis Harman in Kansas City. They were married the day school was out, when she retired. I saw them again in August. We stopped and took Alta with us to see Aunt Anna in Alcester, where my mother was born. We saw cousin Helen in Aberdeen and stopped in Osceola where we visited a high school classmate who I hadn't seen for 50 years. How the words flew!!!!

Of all the trips we ever took-I enjoyed this fellowship the most. Generally we don't do much visiting-just enjoy each other- and find interesting places to camp.

### RAMBERGS AND FARM

Surprisingly we had a fairly good crop in spite of the lack of rain. No price though! We camp at Ernest's ranch or in Ruby's house when we are there. LaVern still farms for us. He is Lawrence's son. Hilda and Lawrence took a trip to Norway this summer. We are anxious to see the pictures they have. Hazel is working in Minot. George and Junior enjoy fishing, we see them nearly every time we go to Tioga. With family to see, we seldom see other friends- but did take one trip up just for that. See Francis and Virgil.

### JENSON RELATIONS

We have seen three plays with Danny, Jo's boy, who is really a good actor. He was quite a lion in "Wizard of Oz"

Papa and Edna are fine. Although he's 91, he is still active in Church, Nordic Chorus, Messiaen, Civic Music, Singespionage, Farmers' Union, politics and others. Some weeks they go every night. He does a lot of remembering of former pupils. Edna goes with him and has her prayer band and other volunteer work. His hip bothers some,


Visiting in Bismarck this summer were Ruth and Lauren from Spokane, with all of the pretties she makes. Helen and Ted were here from Seattle- I missed them as they were here while I was in St Louis, but they make themselves to home and Joel was here.


Donna and Jim have been here a few times to visit Jim's mother, Liz Kahl, as well as to see the rest of us. We enjoyed a visit at their place in Darby Montana where Joel fished and I spent time in the medical Hot Springs. Ellen and Ed were heret at the same time, on Labor Day. The Hochhalters had a big camping jamboree at Ft McKeen with an array of campers and many who came out during the day.


We were at Alta's in Yankton four times this year, April-twice, August with Lene', Lynn and Cindy on the way home from the convention. Lola, Julie and I went to Alta's when she had her sale in September. She's going to California to be near her two girls. It's pretty tough to pull up stakes after 42 years in the same place. She had the U-Haul truck loaded Monday, November 22 and was leaving the next day, so she could be with the family for Thanksgiving. She won't be far from Violet either.

We have heard from most of the rest of the family, but after the reunion last summer, we couldn't expect too many of them. Phones and mail are great things to keep in touch though. We love to get letters and I try to answer immediately.

### ORGANIZATIONS

 DELTA KAPPA GAMMA. I am state editor for the bulletin, which I put out three times a year. I attended the International Convention in St Louis and had the thrill of seeing the flags of more countries brought into our great International Society. The greetings of such dear and long-standing friends as Zora Ellis, Jeanette Fair, Birdella Ross, Bea Conley and other past regional directors and officers that are faithful in attendance. This is the thrill of conventions as well as the inspiring messages and ceremonies.

 RETIRED TEACHERS: We meet monthly and I am one of the program chairmen. I enjoy the fellowship of former co-workers. We also attended the state convention. A bicentennial project was the printing of a book of Memories "IN RETROSPECT", with interesting anecdotes of experiences of teaching--different from those of today. All the states had the project so it was quite a success.

 CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY; I am still editor and put out a paper each month. When we were gone this summer Bill and Gen Buresh helped me out. It is fun to be with other rockhounds, but we were not here for the field trips.

TRINITY AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN- As education Secretary, I have had charge of planning programs. I attended the women's retreat at the Bible Camp. It is a joy to be working for the church. I hope to be able to help make quilts next year.



This is quite an itinerary of activities of the year. But we have been really happy to see so many we hold dear. All the way to Alaska, where scenery is so great. Going to Missouri, with so many friends to greet.

So-especially at Christmas, we send greetings to all And wish you a Merry, Blessed Christmas again this fall. We're looking forward to your messages of love and concern, And pray God's richest blessings in Christ's dear name.

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