

# HISTORY ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

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## ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERATION

*16 clubs*

Early in 1941 an invitation was sent out by Mr. Richard M. Pearl, Secretary of the Colorado Mineral Society of Denver, to all earth science societies in the Rocky Mountain states to meet in Denver in August to organize a Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

The Federation became a reality August 9, 1941, when the first annual convention opened at the Argonaut Hotel. There were visitors and delegates from nearly every section of the country. There were non-commercial displays which showed the variety of interests in the mineral collection hobby.

At the business meeting Richard Pearl, who had been acting as temporary chairman, was elected President; a constitution and bylaws which he composed were adopted. Mr. Arthur Flagg of Phoenix, Arizona was elected Vice President. Miss M. Barrie Berryman of Salt Lake City, Utah was the first secretary-Treasurer.

The Sunday program consisted of an all day collecting trip through the famous early mining camps of the Front Range.

The following is a list of the original founding societies:

Canon City Geological Club, Canon City, Colorado  
Carbon County Mineral Society, Rawlins, Wyoming  
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Colorado Mineral Society, Denver, Colorado  
Grand Junction Mineralogical Society, Grand Junction, Colorado  
Kansas Mineral Society, Minneapolis, Kansas  
Lander Geological Society, Lander, Wyoming

Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona  
Mineralogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Nebraska Gem and Mineral Club, Kearney, Nebraska  
New Mexico Mineral Society, Carlsbad, New Mexico  
Oklahoma Society of Earth Sciences, Mangum, Oklahoma  
Provo Mineralogical Society, Provo, Utah  
Reno Rock and Mineral Study Club, Reno, Nevada  
Riverton Geological Society, Riverton, Wyoming  
Western Nevada Mineral Society, Reno, Nevada

The minutes of the first meeting were meager. We do know that Dr. Margaret F. Boos of the Geology Department of the University of Denver made a brief talk on the "Geology of the Front Range", with special emphasis on the pegmatites and their minerals.

The Colorado Mineral Society furnished a delicious lunch of hot dogs, relishes, ice cream and coffee without charge as a courtesy to the newly organized Rocky Mountain Federation.

The forming of a new organization was a big undertaking, but it was well taken care of by Mr. Pearl, contacting the 16 scattered earth science groups, outlining a program of procedure, and drawing up a constitution, keeping records, planning field trips, and the multitudinous incidental details that go into all activities.

Activities of the Federation were featured in the News Bulletin of the Mineralogical Society of Utah, Rockhound Record of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Mineral Minutes of the Colorado Mineral Society and Mineral Notes and News of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

**Second Annual Meeting  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
August 28, 29, 30, 1942**

The second annual meeting, which in reality was the first convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies was held in the Union Room of the University of Utah. On Friday evening a get-together was held; kodachrome slides of polished rocks from the collection of Jacob B. Gill and John Greb were shown.

The following morning there were lectures, "Geology of Our Back Yard" by Professor Roy E. Marsell, Geology Department of University of Utah and "Utah's Famous Mineral Localities" by Mr. Alfred M. Buranek, geologist.

The delegates to the business meeting were: H. S. Keithley, Phoenix, Arizona, Professor Junius Hayes and Professor E. Marsell, Salt Lake City. Visitors were M. J. Grovesbeck, Porterville, California, Mrs. L. L. Roberson, Seattle, Washington, and Mr. G. Ruegg of LaJunta, Colorado.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Arthur L. Flagg, Phoenix, Arizona; Vice President, Dr. Olivia McHugh, Salt Lake City, Utah and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss M. Barrie Berryman, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The 1943 convention was scheduled for Phoenix, Arizona.

On Saturday a field trip was made to the world's largest open cut copper mine at Bingham Canyon. Sunday, the group went to Pelican Point on Utah Lake. The purpose of this trip was to collect pseudomorphs after pyrite.

The Salt Lake City Tribune gave a wide spread of publicity to this convention; one caption read, "Harvard Geologists Label Utah 'Paradise' " "You people don't seem to realize you have the finest collection of canyons in the world." "The color and texture of your variscite here is unsurpassed anywhere."

## **The War Years 1943 — 1945**

By 1943 World War II was progressing at a fast speed, gas rationing was in effect, traveling was curtailed and families were divided, all these hindrances caused the postponing of a convention.

Fearing a newly organized group could not hold together under inactivity, Mr. Flagg sent out a request that one or two delegates from each society meet, but replies were few, tardy, and unfavorable for a convention. War time conditions were more tense too. Professor Junius Hayes, President of the Mineralogical Society of Utah conducted a mail ballot to select a leader for the duration in order that the Federation might remain intact. One incentive to hold the member groups in the Federation was a reduction in dues to \$1.50 per annum regardless of membership.

By 1944 the war was still going strong. Families were separated, some permanently, others thankfully just geographically. So again Professor Hayes sent out a call, asking that Mr. Flagg be continued in office as President. Canon City Geology Club, Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Reno Rock and Mineral Study Club, Grand Junction Mineralogical Society, Colorado Mineral Society, Western Nevada Mineral Society, Mineralogical Society of Utah, and Oklahoma Society of Earth Sciences all voted in the affirmative.

While the war restrictions were still on and field trips were nil, Mrs. McHugh conceived the idea of having a traveling mineral collection prepared by each Rocky Mountain Federation member group. It was to be circulated to reach the society by the time of its regular monthly meeting, then after inspection and study to be shipped on until each box had made the circuit. It was a new idea and venture and required a lot of correspondence, specimens had to be collected, packed in crates or containers and sent express each month; the order was: Phoenix to Denver to Canon City to Grand Junction to Salt Lake City and back to Phoenix. Some units were of such outstanding quality and received such favorable comment they were requested for exhibit by several states.

After the war ended, August 14, 1945, Mr. Flagg sent out a request for suggestions, dates and meeting place of the next convention. During all the war years he had written 187 letters (some 3 pages long) and 100 form letters from which he received only 19 replies. In commenting on this letter writing, Mr. Keithley said, "There is so much lethargy among the member groups they should either drop out or have the courtesy to reply."

In spite of the many disappointments, the Rocky Mountain Federation came through these trying years. The Federation structure had been preserved but not without considerable effort.

### Third Annual Meeting Phoenix, Arizona March 7, 8, 9, 1946

The third annual convention was held at South Mountain Park, Phoenix, Arizona. The park consisted of 14,000 acres, the largest civic park in the United States. There had been a CCC camp here and arrangements were made to use some of the barracks, however after the contracts were made difficulties set in. A construction (destruction) gang began wrecking the buildings, removing furniture, wiring and plumbing. Mr. Flagg protested, but the wrecking contractors were adamant. It was necessary for Mr. Flagg to call upon the military authority to intercede, who in turn ordered the plumbing and wiring replaced.

The Denver and Salt Lake City visitors had a good time in spite of the wreckers. About 149 persons attended the three day treat. There was no commercial trading in the Park Administration Building but exchanging was permitted outside the building. That night the President's message was called "Collecting in Arizona", it was a living history to the listener. At the business meeting on Friday the election was as follows:

President, Junius J. Hayes, Salt Lake City; Vice President, Chester Howard, Denver; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Lockerbie, Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake City, Utah was chosen for the 1947 convention. Another lecture was, "The Geology of the Moon" by Professor Hayes. A banquet was served at the "Hideout" where nearly 100 enjoyed a Mexican style dinner. Barry Goldwater showed kodachrome slides of his trip down the Colorado River in 1941.

Saturday was an all day field trip to Apache Junction; there was a brief talk on the legends of lost gold mines by Barry Storm. A stop was made at Canyon Lake to collect geodes. Luncheon was served at Tortilla Flats, and another stop was made for agates and jaspers.

By the end of the 1946 convention, members felt the Rocky Mountain Federation was over its first faltering steps and well on its way to maturity.

### Fourth Annual Meeting Salt Lake City, Utah June 12, 13, 14, 15, 1947

The period from March 10, 1946 to June 12, 1947 was long. Many societies were inactive since their activities had been curtailed during the war period.

The secretary sent out two form letters to all the inactive societies requesting suggestions, soliciting cooperation for support of the Federation, that in turn

the Federation could be of assistance to the individual societies. From the 32 letters sent, only one reply was received and that was discouraging. Nevertheless, letters were sent to the three newly formed groups, inviting them to join the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies. There was no response. Later it was learned these groups joined other Federations.

Professor Hayes went ahead with plans for the convention. In the January meeting of the Utah Mineralogical Society, he stressed several ideas for a successful convention:

1. Early advertisement with widespread dispersal of information.
2. Dependable committees.
3. Commodious quarters easily accessible.
4. Short programs.
5. A good banquet.
6. Arrange time between events so that out-of-town guests might see local sights, visit friends.
7. A worthwhile field trip.

Mr. Hayes also advocated a "controlled sales program." This proved profitable to the Federation and brought high class merchants and fine specimens to the convention.

Registration fees were set at \$1.00; space for dealers \$1.00 per day for each linear foot; space for swappers 50 cents per day for each linear foot.

The Mineralogical Society of Utah staked 2 claims in the Topaz Mountain Area so that nothing might interfere with the guests of the RMFMS from ample collecting. A work trip was planned, building a camp site, tables, benches, latrines, collecting wood for fires, etc. Like the meeting place at South Mountain Park, Arizona, the Mineralogical Society of Utah had its problems too. This was the centennial celebration of the Mormon Pioneers, and all available space in hotels and motels had been reserved early. The management of the New House Hotel offered the Crystal and Gold Ballrooms for lectures which was greatly appreciated. Even Mother Nature seemed adverse to the plans of the Utah Society because for days prior to the convention, the skies were dark and grey and drenched the area almost to cloudburst proportions. For a while it was almost dubious whether a field trip could be held, since the roads over the dobeys Bonneville Lake floor were impassable. But on the 11th of June, the rains ceased and the first day of the convention dawned bright and warm.

Each registrant was given a small packet of Utah specimens, pyrite crystals from Park City, gillsonite from Uintah County, and chalcedony in grape-rock formation.



There were 26 exhibits from 7 states, the displays were varied and beautiful.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold O. Weight, assistant editors of the *Desert Magazine*, who published a splendid account of the convention.

The business meeting was routine with only a slight change to the Constitution in the matter of dues. The following RMFMS officers were elected:

President, Chester Howard, Denver; Vice President, Richard Fischer, Grand Junction; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mary (Piper) Allen.

At the close of the business session a group who had come from far and near got together to form a Federation of Mineralogical Societies, with the following first year officers: President, Ben-Hur Wilson, of Joliet, Illinois; Vice President, Richard Pearl, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Secretary, Chester Howard, of Denver; and Treasurer, Jack Streeter, of Tujunga, California. The first national convention was planned to be held in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Federation Convention in Denver in June, 1948.

A carefully prepared program consisting of square dancing couples in pioneer costumes, quadrilles; ladies dressed in ruffled skirts and basque waists who sang parodies on old tunes and danced colonial steps, the modes of pioneers 100 years ago.

The banquet hall was beautifully decorated with roses, delphiniums and trailing vines. Each guest received a hand painted card with the outline of the State, inside the outline was a Sego Lily (Utah State Flower) whose centers were a cluster of sherry topaz crystals. The credit for the lovely work went to Miss Mary Moorhead and her committee.

Saturday the 14th, 47 cars left for the 2-day field trip, dressed in the regalia of rockhounds. Since it was the 14th of June and Flag Day, a crude pole was fashioned and the flag raised over the campsite. At dusk a camp fire was built and at the conclusion of an impromptu program a spotlight was focused on the flag, all stood at attention and sang our national anthem. After this, some went to their bed rolls; others hiked and searched for fluorescent rocks with black lights; this was a new adventure for some and a pleasant experience.

Many articles appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune and Delta Chronicle as well as the earth science publications publicizing the convention.

### Fifth Annual Meeting (First National Convention - AFMS) Denver, Colorado June 13, 14, 15, 16, 1948

In November 1947, Mr. Richard Pearl as general chairman issued his first progress report of pre-convention plans of the big National Convention to be held in Denver in June, 1948. At this same time Mrs. Mildred James of Hayden, Colorado offered a supply of onyx for convention use.

One of the reasons for holding the first National Convention in Denver was because it is just about the center of the mineral collectors — Easterners wouldn't have to cross the high mountains and the Westerners wouldn't have to cross the vast plains.

Convention plans were progressing rapidly. Convention Headquarters was to be the Shirley Savoy Hotel, the Colonial Room to be known as the Lapidary Room; the Empire, Blue Spruce, and Silver Spruce Rooms were for business, educational, and entertainment uses; the Lincoln Room was for the displays and exhibits. Registration fee was set at 25 cents per person. Contributions of many mineral specimens were being received:

520 blue barite crystals, Hartsel, Colorado, by C. W. Hayward; 10 pounds of blue barite crystals, Stoneham, Colorado, by Robert Patterson, and as many more from R. D. Roots; marcasite crystals from Mrs. Casa Bingaman and Raymond Baty; aragonite crystals, Chimney Rock, Colorado, from Chester Howard.

Mrs. Alvinah Pohndorf (now deceased) donated 8 miniature loving cups to be used as awards. A choice specimen of kunzite was donated by Griegers; a complete "Gemlap" including all accessories was donated by the Lapidary Hobby Crafts, Cleveland, Ohio. There were many other donations of lapidary equipment and specimens.

The Geological Society of Minneapolis announced they would attend the convention as their 1948 annual "supper deluxe field trip." The trip was made by chartered bus. A tour of the Pikes Peak ore and mining districts was also made.

Some of the outstanding features of the convention was a style show by professional models displaying gem set jewelry belonging to the dealers of the convention. The Buffalo Barbeque at Red Rocks Park on the evening of June 15th was one of the highlights. The Park is a geological wonder and the finest, most beautiful outdoor theater in existence. The talk for the evening was on "Foothill Geology" by Dr. John W. Vanderwilt.



Typical Colorado entertainment was provided for the banquet on June 16th. Everyone attending the banquet received a favor and place card dotted with Colorado crystals and ore specimens.

Conducted tours to Denver museums, historical, and beauty spots were provided each day as well as a special trip to the United States Mint. Special luncheons were planned for the delegates of each Federation.

Societies joining during the 1947-1948 Federation year were:

Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Tucson, Arizona  
 Yavapai Gem and Mineral Society, Prescott, Arizona  
 Columbine Gem and Mineral Society, Poncha Springs (Salida), Colorado  
 Albuaerque Gem and Mineral Club, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 Dona Ana Rockhound Club, Las Cruces, New Mexico  
 El Paso Gem and Mineral Society, El Paso, Texas

The newly elected officers of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies were:

President, Mr. Guy M. Shockly, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vice President, Mr. Charles J. Hutchinson, El Paso, Texas; and Treasurer, Mr. Jack C. Pierce, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

National officers for the American Federation were selected as follows: President, Mr. Richard Pearl, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Vice President, Mr. Jack Streeter, Tujunga, California; Treasurer, Mr. Ben Hur Wilson, Joliet, Illinois.

Four post-convention field trips were planned so that the visitors returning to their respective states could have the opportunity to do some collecting:

*North Trip:* Auspices of Cheyenne Geology Club, collecting marcasite in the Niobrara Formation and a visit to the Lindenmeier Site of the Folsom man; Sweetwater agates in the Split Rock area of Wyoming.

*Northeast Trip:* Auspices, Junior Rockhounds of Sterling, Colorado, the Nebraska Gem and Mineral Club, and the Colorado Mineral Society, to collect blue barite crystals at Stoneham, Colorado, petrified wood at Chappell, Nebraska, and Fairburn type agate in the vicinity of Crawford, Nebraska.

*West Trip:* Auspices, Grand Junction Mineralogical Society and Colorado Mineral Society, visiting the mining areas of Central City, Black Hawk, and Leadville, the oil shale plant at Rifle, burning spring at DeBeque and a free chuck-wagon dinner.

*Southwest Trip:* Auspices, Gem Village, Columbine Gem and Mineral Society, and the Colorado Mineral Society. (The writer was the leader of this trip, there were eleven cars representing six states — none from Colorado.) After lunch at Fairplay, visits were made to old mine dumps and the memorial to "Prunes", famous early day burro. The caravan then went on to Poncha Springs where jeeps were provided to take the visitors to the Sedalia Mine for almandite garnets; that evening a most delicious dinner-picnic-style was served by the Columbine Gem and Mineral Society. The next day lunch (sandwiches and all the accessories from the picnic the night before) was eaten on Wolf Creek Pass, while looking for zeolites. Some nice specimens of natrolite were found. The following day was spent in Gem Village. Here another wonderful dinner was served by the church ladies of the Village and a side trip to Aztec Ruins National Monument at Aztec, New Mexico. June 20th the caravan proceeded to Durango, Colorado, home of the Four Corners Rock Hounds.

It was the regular meeting night of the club, but in addition it was pot luck supper with home made ice cream night — a feast well worth remembering. Considerable rock swapping was done. Special arrangements had been made for a tour of Mesa Verde National Park; all eleven cars made the trip, then Adios until 1949.

#### Sixth Annual Meeting Albuquerque, New Mexico 1949

The sixth convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation held in Albuquerque, New Mexico was very successful.

Interesting features included a barbeque with Mexican entertainment; a visit to the oldest and largest Indian Pueblo in the State.

Robert D. Roots and I. R. Sheldon of Denver had large attractive commercial displays. Bob won the first prize ribbon for the variety of minerals and two prizes for his book ends.

Clubs joining during the 1948-1949 Federation year were:

Maricopa Lapidary Society, Phoenix, Arizona  
 Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 Douglas Jackalopes Gem Club, Douglas, Wyoming.

The new officers for the next year were as follows: President, Charles J. Hutchison; Vice President, J. J. Brown; and Secretary-Treasurer, Kathleen C. Miller

**Seventh Annual Meeting**  
**El Paso, Texas**  
**June 7, 8, 9, 1950**

El Paso Gem and Mineral Society was proud and happy to be the host for the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual Meeting.

To add interest to the activities, a contest was sponsored on the definition of "What Is a Rockhound?" Mr. J. H. Redd of San Antonio, Texas won the \$10.00 and a nice polished agate slab. His entry read: "A Rockhound is un hombre — who has forsaken home — in arroyas dry and sombre — forevermore to roam. He doesn't seek the Holy Grail — more earthy his inspection — he braves the cactus and the shale — to add to his stone collection. A sort of self-refueler — with Nomadic twist — he's a cross between a jeweler — and a geologist."

Field trips were conducted to the Kelburn Holes Volcanic Pits for olivene bombs, Woodward Ranch for red agate.

The second day of the show was sponsored by the Dona Ana Country Rockhounds of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Good speeches and the Ranchero Supper were the features of the day.

One of the highlights of the 3-day convention was an exhibit from Agricultural Escuela of Juarez, Mexico (our neighbor across the river). Sixty-five of the students in colorful uniforms gave a unique international flavor to the show.

Two new societies affiliated with the Federation:

Rio Grande Rockhound Club, Monte Vista, Colorado

The Rock Club, Cedar City, Utah.

Election of officers for the ensuing year were: President, Arthur Flagg, Phoenix, Arizona; Vice President, Richard Fischer, Grand Junction, Colorado; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Peggy M. Kelly, Phoenix, Arizona.

Thus El Paso said "Adios Amigos" to some 2500 friends.

**Eighth Annual Meeting**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**  
**June 8, 9, 10, 1951**

This was a "beauty show" — gem collections, fluorescent minerals, meteorites from Arizona's Meteor Crater, radioactive minerals, and as reported in the Phoenix Gazette: "It'll be a Hard Subject." Also several thousand members of the RMFMS were expected to attend the show. From the "Arizona Plain Talk": "The

Federation is made of people whose hobby is collecting, examining, reading up on, and talking about rocks, ore specimens, gems, fossils or what have you. Simon-pure amateurs, they all pay their own expenses for three days of the luxury of talking shop." The Arizona Republic reported about 300 persons were served a rockhound breakfast Sunday at South Mountain Park.

Some of the main speakers were: Honorable J. Howard Pyle, Governor of Arizona, who welcomed the members and visitors; Dr. Robert J. Hannelly, Dean of Phoenix College; Mr. Blake, Arizona State Fair Commission; M. J. Benham, President, Mineralogical Society of Arizona; and Mr. Jack Streeter.

The Ajo Rockhounds joined the Federation in the 1950-1951 year.

The convention closed after electing the following officers: President, Dr. H. W. Eckert, Canon City, Colorado; Vice President, Mrs. Charles Lockerbie, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Secretary-Treasurer, F. C. Kessler, Canon City, Colorado.

**Ninth Annual Meeting**  
**Canon City, Colorado**  
**June 26, 27, 28, 29, 1952**

The ninth annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies was the biggest mineral convention ever held in that sector of the State.

The displays and exhibits were outstanding: Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Fresno, California brought 437 cut stones of beautiful plume agate; Mr. and Mrs. Brookerson of the Las Cruces group displayed a lamp shade containing 42 slabs of iris agate. The Robersons of Seattle, Washington brought their collection of silverware and jewelry, all original designs. The Simmons family of Denver exhibited an alabaster totem pole of 25 different minerals. Mr. Parshall of the Colorado Mineral Society had some very interesting blue crystals which he and his wife grew at home from copper sulfate.

The Pebble Pups of Ajo, Arizona entered eleven exhibits and won ten ribbons.

Other highlights of the show, a little trouble — illegal selling by some gem dealers on the sidewalk instead of the high school gymnasium. They were soon chased away by the Chief of Police, Sam Post. Donald Pick's (Denver) collection of star sapphires, the largest valued at \$57,000.00. One of the most popular individuals was "Pop" Kessler. A tour was made to the famous Molly Kathleen Mine at Cripple Creek, Colorado.

At the Friday business session the following were elected for the coming year: President, W. V. Vietti, Houston, Texas; Vice President, Domer Howard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Secretary-Treasurer, Kenneth Fry, Houston, Texas; and Publications, Hugh Leiper, Houston, Texas.

The convention closed with a Buffalo Barbeque, chuck-wagon style, and entertainment by the Koshare Indian Dancers.

**Tenth Annual Meeting  
Houston, Texas  
May 1, 2, 3, 1953**

The annual Gem and Mineral Show was held in the Coliseum Annex at Houston, Texas. As reported by the "Mineral Hobbyist", there were approximately 5,600 paid attendance and the show was a financial success. Dr. Frederick H. Pough, consulting mineralogist, was the featured speaker.

Those societies joined the Federation during the 1952-1953 year:

Pueblo Rockhound Club, Inc., Pueblo, Colorado  
Wichita Gem and Mineral Society, Wichita, Kansas  
Laramie Rockologist's Club, Laramie, Wyoming  
Rex Young Society of Rockhounds, Torrington, Wyoming

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, C. W. Lockerbie, Salt Lake City, Utah; Vice President, W. T. Rogers, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Elliott Bird, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Eleventh Annual Meeting  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
June 11, 12, 13, 1954**

It was a surprise to all three officers of the Federation elected at Houston, since they had not been apprised of their selection until several days after the close of the Houston convention. They began to make plans for the June show, but — February 27, 1954, Professor Junius J. Hayes suffered a fatal heart seizure. Early in the summer Mrs. Bird moved and so resigned as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Jane K. Hearn was appointed to fill the vacancy and then resigned to travel with her husband. Mrs. Lillian Lockerbie offered her services. The Mineralogical Society of Utah was the host society.

Several talks by geological authorities were scheduled during the course of the three day meet.

These societies joined the Federation during the 1952-54 year:

Western Nebraska Mineral Society,  
Black Hills Mineral Society, Rapid City, South Dakota  
Dugway Gem and Mineral Society, Dugway, Utah  
Natrona County Rock Hound Club, Casper, Wyoming  
Rawlins Rockhounds, Rawlins, Wyoming  
Albuquerque Rockhounds, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

At the business Meeting the officers elected were: President, Mr. Ralph Platt, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Vice President, Mr. G. A. Willis, Rawlins, Wyoming; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Lynch, Lamont, Wyoming.

**Twelfth Annual Meeting  
Rawlins, Wyoming  
June 16, 17, 18, 19, 1955**

The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies convention in conjunction with the annual Wyoming State meeting really made the headlines in the Rawlins Daily Times. The first day of the Confab more than 2,000 visitors representing 27 states registered. The final count of visitors was 4,500.

Mr. Platt lectured on the Wiggins Fork, one of the largest petrified forest areas in the world. Mr. Platt's talk was illustrated with colored slides showing the scenic beauty of the area. The exhibits were open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., but due to the large attendance the doors were kept open much later.

All exhibits were outstanding. There was a full program. Mr. A. L. Flagg, Curator of the Mineral Museum, Phoenix, Arizona showed colored slides on micromounts, one picture showed the specimen magnified 126,000 times. Mr. James E. Barlow, Casper, Wyoming geologist discussed the Rawlins "uplift", known to geologists as a "freak formation."

Field trips were scheduled for the Turretella Beds at Wamsutter, Jade Fields at Happy Spring, and to the Schroeckingerite Area.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. L. Roberts, Rapid City, South Dakota; Vice President, Ralph Henry, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Ermaid Cunningham, Rapid City, South Dakota.

**Thirteenth Annual Meeting  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
June 14, 15, 16, 1956**

The setting for the 1956 show and convention at Rapid City was an ideal place, situated in the Black Hills area, which is a Rockhound's Paradise. The



famous Fairburn Agate Fields are close by.

Featured speakers were: Dr. Richard Pearl, Department of Geology, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mr. A. L. Johnson, mining engineer, Keystone-Custer pegmatite area; John MacDonald, "The Big Badlands and Their Extinct Animals."

By this time the member societies in the Rocky Mountain Federation had increased to 42, representing the states of Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. The following clubs joined during the 1955-1956 year:

Arrowhead and Rock Club, Craig, Colorado

Navajo Trails Gem and Mineral Club, Bayfield, Colorado

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Society, Lincoln, Nebraska

Santa Fe Gem and Mineral Society, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society, Ogden, Utah

Wasatch Gem Society, Salt Lake City, Utah

Rock Springs Mineral and Gem Society, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

At the annual business meeting the following were elected: President, Mr. James Hurlbut, Denver, Colorado; Vice President, Mr. Charles Horvath, Denver, Colorado; and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Muriel Colburn, Denver, Colorado.

#### **Fourteenth Annual Meeting**

##### **Denver, Colorado**

**June 13, 14, 15, 16, 1957**

The Colorado Mineral Society was host to the 10th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the 14th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation at the Colorado National Guard Armory.

After months of planning, a fine program was prepared; but Mother Nature wasn't cooperating. About June 10th the 5-day weather forecast was for "above normal precipitation and below normal temperatures". This was indeed heart sickening, for after all the Colorado Mineral Society was counting on a large general attendance to help defray expenses.

Mr. Horvath was handling all the insurance for the show and he suggested "rain insurance": this meant paying out \$300, then if it rained one-tenth of an inch in any four hour period of the show, the host society

would collect \$1,000.00; the first two days were fair and partly cloudy, but Saturday, June 15th (the day we paid for the rain insurance — and the day we hoped would be our largest general attendance) dawned dreary, drizzly, and cold. The mist was fine and in spurts, *never* one-tenth of an inch, but the cold did keep many visitors away. The inclement weather was also responsible for the cancellation of previously scheduled trips, due to snow slides and impassable roads. Mr. "Doc" Walker, field trip chairman, was right on the ball and arranged free shuttle bus tours to the Denver Museum of Natural History and the Colorado State Museum, on the hour every hour. These trips were well attended.

Some of the featured lectures were: "Functions, Aims and Purposes of the American Federation" by Mr. Harry L. Woodruff, President; "The Rare Element Minerals" by Professor Mateer, Colorado School of Mines, Golden; The "Case for Enlightened Mineral Collecting" by E. Mitchell Gunnell, past president, Colorado Mineral Society; "V-Lock Mounting Method" by Gus Brown, Des Moines Lapidary Society; "Colorado Collecting" by Richard Pearl, past president of the American and Rocky Mountain Federations and a well known author.

Besides numerous movies, there were luncheons for the Editors and AFMS Advisory Committee, and the Rockhound Buffet Breakfast where each one attending received a nice favor of a Colorado specimen prepared by Mrs. Calvin Simmons. And last but not least was the "Ye Old Timers Mineral Club" meeting.

National trophies awarded were: Woodruff Trophy for Best Qualifying Mineral Display; A. G. Parser Trophy for Best Individual Lapidary Achievement, and the Henry B. Graves Plaque for Best Qualifying Faceted Gemstones.

The gold-panning contest was won by Bob Roots of the Colorado Mineral Society.

The business meeting of the Rocky Mountain Federation resulted in a slight change in the Constitution regarding the due date for dues. The Uranium Prospector — American Outdoorsman, published by Mr. Wayne Winters in Albuquerque, New Mexico was selected as the official publication for the Rocky Mountain Federation for one year.

Thirty states were represented at the convention by advance paid registrations as well as one foreign country, British Columbia.

At the conclusion of the 1957 National Gem and Mineral Show there were approximately 47 societies and clubs affiliated with the RMFMS and a membership totaling around 5700.

Clubs joining during the 1956-1957 administrative year were:

Mile High Gem Guild, Denver, Colorado

Northeastern Colorado Rock and Arrowhead Club, Ovid, Colorado

Explorers and Rockhounds Club, Holloman AFB, New Mexico

Sourdough Mineral and Gem Club, Belle Forche, founder, South Dakota

Topeka Gem and Mineral Society, Topeka, Kansas

The results of the election for the 1957-1958 year were: President, Russell H. Trapnell, Phoenix, Arizona; Vice President, Mrs. Agnes Host, Phoenix, Arizona; Secretary, Mr. Earl Campbell, Phoenix, Arizona; Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Zimmerman, Phoenix, Arizona; and Historian, Miss Muriel Colburn, Denver, Colorado.

#### **Fifteenth Annual Meeting Phoenix, Arizona March 6, 7, 8, 1958**

The AiResearch Lapidary Club, Maricopa Lapidary Society, and the Mineralogical Society of Arizona were host societies for the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation.

In order to stage a show at the best time for visitors to Arizona, the host societies had only eight short months of preparation, and the three clubs are to be congratulated on their fine show. It was a tremendous accomplishment and a grand example of three societies cooperating for a common purpose. This is our Federation spirit at its best:

The featured Crown of the Andes drew an estimated 20,000 attendance, but the varied and beautiful exhibits brought by rockhounds kept them lingering in admiring throngs.

The cordial welcome extended by the hosts was enjoyed by members from 30 affiliated societies representing their states.

The Prospector Outdoorsman was retained as the official publication. The House of Delegates also approved the adoption of the RMFMS Convention Code as an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws.

New society members during the 1957-1958 year were:

AiResearch Lapidary Club, Phoenix, Arizona

Cave Creek Rock Hound Club, Cave Creek, Arizona

Oak Creek Gem and Mineral Society, Sedona, Arizona

Des Moines Lapidary Society, Des Moines, Iowa

Wellington Gem and Mineral Society, Wellington, Kansas

Officers elected for the 1958-1959 year were: President, Domer L. Howard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Vice President, Mrs. Walter J. Broderson, Wichita, Kansas; Secretary, Norman Flaigg, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Treasurer, Mrs. Lois K. Heister, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Historian, Miss Muriel Colburn, Denver, Colorado; and Executive Committee, Donald S. Barnes, Rapid City, South Dakota, James F. Hurlbut, Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Katherine Trapnell, Phoenix, Arizona.

#### **Sixteenth Annual Meeting Wichita, Kansas April 24, 25, 26, 1959**

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies was held in Wichita, Kansas, Wichita Gem and Mineral Society being the host society. The show was carefully and capably planned.

All exhibits were outstanding and displays exceptionally fine. One of the special exhibits consisted of art objects from the Orient carved from semi-precious stones (Mrs. Frank Ulrey). There was a nine-case exhibit of Kansas Gems and Minerals, a lapidary map of Kansas by the Wichita society, and an old micromount collection (1867) shown by A. L. Flag.

The show was a big success in every way. There had been a healthy growth of the Federation during the fiscal year 1958-1959, with thirteen new societies becoming affiliated with the Federation:

Plains Rock and Mineral Club — Kimball, Nebraska  
Arches Gem and Mineral Society — Moab, Utah  
Manhattan Mineral, Gem and Fossil Club —  
Manhattan, Kansas

Hiawatha Gem and Mineral Club — Hiawatha,  
Kansas

Lawrence Kansas Rock & Mineral Club —  
Lawrence, Kansas

Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society — Colorado  
Springs, Colorado

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society — Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Gemcrafters and Explorers Club — Las Cruces, New  
Mexico

Enid Rockhounds Society — Enid, Oklahoma  
Morenci Gem and Mineral Society — Morenci,  
Arizona

Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society — Orem,  
Utah

Salt River Project Rock Wranglers — Phoenix, Arizona

Oahe Lapidary Club — Ft. Pierre, South Dakota

Business Meeting action included approval of the establishment of a presidential plaque award and the election of the following officers:

President, C. C. (Bill) Williams, Lawrence, Kansas; Vice President, Lois K. Heister, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Secretary, Mrs. Virginia Mitchell, Hiawatha, Kansas; Treasurer, Richard L. Siebenaler, Kimball, Nebraska; Historian (Five Year Term), Miss Muriel Colburn, Denver, Colorado. Executive Board Members, Brace Helfrick, Wichita, Kansas; R. B. Berry, Omaha, Nebraska; Norman G. Flaigg, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Seventeenth Annual Meeting  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
June 17, 18, 19, 1960**

The 1960 RMFMS Convention and Show was known as the El-Gem-boree show. Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Society and Albuquerque Rockhounds were joint hosts. This show was held in Albuquerque's new Civic Auditorium, a unique circular building.

There were many special exhibits, outstanding carvings and intarsia by Mrs. Olive Colhour, fine gem tourmaline from Palo Alto, California, a colorful garden of rocks, and a full room of fluorescents.

There were several unusual field trips: Jack Pile Uranium Mine where the rare uranium vanadium mineral tyuyamunite is plentiful; the Turquoise Trail which included visits to a number of Indian villages, Bernalillo, Santa Domingo, and Cochiti. The old mining areas of the Cerrillos Hills and ghost town of Madrid were visited. The old San Pedro mine is dangerous but still contains fine copper mineral specimens.

These clubs joined the Federation in the 1959-1960 year:

Heart of America Club — Kansas City, Missouri

Chanute Gem and Mineral Club — Chanute, Kansas

Show-Me Rockhounds Association — North Kansas City, Missouri

Southwest Kansas Gem & Mineral Society — Garden City, Kansas

Moab Points and Pebbles — Moab, Utah

Road Runners Gem & Mineral Society — Mesa, Arizona

Flagstaff Gem and Mineral Society — Flagstaff, Arizona

Huachuca Mineral and Gem Society — Ft. Huachuca, Arizona

Four Corners Rock and Mineral Club — Durango, Colorado

Socorro Mineral & Archeological Club — Socorro, New Mexico

State Line Gem and Artifacts Club — Jal, New Mexico

Hayden Rockhounds — Hayden, Colorado

Missouri Valley Mineral Club — St. Joseph, Missouri

Business meeting action included the recommendation that each society appoint a semi-permanent member as its Federation liaison officer; also the recommendation that societies convert to a calendar year basis.

Elected officers for 1960-1961 were as follows: President, Mrs. Lois Heister, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vice President, Dr. H. L. Harvey, Casper, Wyoming; Secretary, Marjorie Tomingas, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Treasurer, Marvin Evans, Phoenix, Arizona; Historian (2nd Year of 5-Year Term), Muriel Colburn, Denver, Colorado; Executive Board Members, John Bergstrom, Chappell, Nebraska; C. C. Williams, Lawrence, Kansas; Mrs. Jean L. Greene, Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

**Eitteenth Annual Meeting  
Casper, Wyoming  
June 9, 10, 11, 1961**

At this meeting the RMFMS House of Delegates approved the adoption of the AFMS Uniform Rules. A resolution specifying RMFMS boundaries was also adopted. The incorporation of the Federation was also approved. Dues were changed to a sliding scale — \$5.00 for member societies up to 25 members through \$30.00 for societies over 175 members.

During the year preceding this annual meeting ten new clubs joined the Federation:

Apache Gem and Mineral Club — Apache Junction, Arizona

Youngtown Rock Club — Youngtown, Arizona

Yuma Gem and Mineral Society — Yuma, Arizona

Fort Collins Rock Hound Club — Fort Collins, Colorado

Newton Gem and Mineral Society — Newton, Kansas

The Prairie Rockhounds — Ogallala, Nebraska

Lea Lap Rock and Mineral Club — Hobbs, New Mexico

Osage Hills Gem and Mineral Society — Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Northern Oklahoma Gem & Mineral Society — Ponca City, Oklahoma



Worland Gem and Mineral Club — Worland, Wyoming

Elected officers for 1961-1962 were as follows: President, Col. J. J. Livingston, Salt Lake City, Utah; Vice President, Sgt. James Brown, Ft. Huachuca, Arizona; Secretary, Mrs. W. R. Anderson, Bingham Canyon, Utah; Treasurer, Stephen B. Lee, Wichita, Kansas; Historian (3rd Year of 5-Year Term), Muriel Colburn, Denver, Colorado; Executive Board Members, Leland Stout, Provo, Utah; Mrs. Ralph Clark, Casper, Wyoming; Clayton Gibson, Tucson, Arizona.

### **Nineteenth Annual Meeting Salt Lake City, Utah June 15, 16, 17, 1962**

Forty-three clubs out of eighty-two were represented at the 19th annual meeting.

There was an outstanding display of native variscite.

During this administration year (August, 1961), the AFMS established uniform trophy awards for national competition.

Business action in the House of Delegates included the appointment of a Long Range Planning Committee to study and recommend Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws changes.

New member clubs during the 1961-1962 administrative year were:

Culebra Peak Rock Hounds — Trinidad, Colorado  
Silver State Mineralogists — Colorado Springs, Colorado

Farmington Gem and Mineral Society — Farmington, New Mexico

Picture City Gem and Mineral Society — Hot Springs, South Dakota

Oahe Rock Club — Pierre, South Dakota  
Custer City Rock Club — Custer, South Dakota

McPherson Gem and Mineral Club — McPherson, Kansas

Beaver Rim Rock Club — Riverton, Wyoming  
Castle Valley Gem Society — Price, Utah

Littleton Gem and Mineral Club — Denver, Colorado

Elected officers for 1962-1963 were: President, Norman Hamilton, Salt Lake City, Utah; Vice President, Norman C. Flaigg, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Secretary, Mrs. W. R. Anderson, Bingham Canyon, Utah; Treasurer, Stephen B. Lee, Wichita, Kansas; Historian (4th Year of 5-Year Term), Muriel Colburn, Denver, Colorado; Executive Board Members, James

C. Brown, Phoenix, Arizona; James F. Hurlbut, Denver, Colorado; Robert Kope, Casper, Wyoming.

### **Twentieth Annual Meeting Oklahoma City, Oklahoma June 13, 14, 15, 16, 1963**

The 20th annual RMFMS convention and show and the 16th annual convention and show of the AFMS was held at the State Fair Grounds in Oklahoma City. This was a spacious building. Thirty thousand square feet for dealers and exhibitors plus another ten thousand square feet for wholesale dealers and plenty of swap table space. This all created a very pleasant atmosphere. Fahrenheit temperatures were on the warm side, but rockhounds can take weather in stride.

There were approximately 300 special and outstanding exhibits, including beryl crystals from the Smithsonian Institute, valued at \$75,000.00. There was a kunzite crystal valued at \$4,500.00 and many, many other displays which added up to a fabulous experience for all those viewing the exhibits — rockhound or not. This was the friendliest show ever attended by thousands of rockhounds. Programs were well planned and varied so that each of the thousands who attended could find something of special interest.

Several field trips were scheduled. Probably the best attended was the one to the barite rose location near Norman, Oklahoma. This was patterned after the Oklahoma Land Rush. There were 108 cars in the caravan which transported over three hundred rockhounds. City police escorted the caravan through Oklahoma City and then the Oklahoma State Patrol took over on the Freeway for about forty miles. Each rockhound was permitted to stake out a claim approximately ten feet square, all types of stakes were used including some ten-penny nails furnished by the Oklahoma Gem and Mineral Society. At the sound of the bull horn some three hundred people dashed to a promising spot and proceeded to dig for roses. Needless to say everyone got a pay load.

Other trips were to the Salt Plains for selenite crystals, sponsored by the Enid Gem and Mineral Society; geodes, calcite and barite at Lawton, sponsored by Southwest Oklahoma Rock and Mineral Society, Altus Oklahoma; fossils, Bartlesville, sponsored by Osage Hills Gem and Mineral Society of Bartlesville; galena, calcite, sphalerite crystals, Commerce, Oklahoma, sponsored by Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society; petrified wood, jasper, agate, fossils, sponsored by Wichita Gem and Mineral Society.

The following societies joined the Federation in the 1962-1963 year:

Mile-Hi Rock and Mineral Society — Denver, Colorado

Okmulgee Flintstones — Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Casper Gem and Mineral Club — Casper, Wyoming

Gates Rock and Mineral Club — Denver, Colorado

Alva Gem and Mineral Society — Alva, Oklahoma

Mile-Hi Rockhounds — Lead, South Dakota

Southwest Oklahoma Rock & Mineral Society — Altus, Oklahoma

At the annual meeting of the House of Delegates a new RMFMS emblem was adopted which showed the Rocky Mountains in the background, a gem a crystal, and a rock pick to represent all facets of the various groups. The Federation administrative year was changed to begin November 1st through October 31st of the following year. Operating Procedures and establishment of officer and committee manuals was approved. The AFMS plan for suggested permanent regional and national show dates was also approved.

This was the first year for awarding the RMFMS Dealer Plaque to the best all-around dealer.

Elected officers for 1963-1964 were as follows: President, Albert L. Kidwell, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Vice President, Calvin B. Simmons, Denver, Colorado; Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Gibbon, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Treasurer, LeRoy Dumler, Wichita, Kansas; Historian (5th Year of 5-Year Term), Muriel Colburn, Denver, Colorado; Executive Board Members, Fred W. Schupp, Tucson, Arizona; C. C. Williams, Lawrence, Kansas; W. L. Roberts, Rapid City, South Dakota.

**TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
LITTLETON, COLORADO  
JUNE 12, 13, 14, 1964**

The 21st annual RMFMS convention and show was held at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Littleton, Colorado. Host for the show was the Colorado Mineral Society. Show Chairman was Walt Payne of Denver.

Among the exhibits was a collection of Mrs. Olive Colhour, whose outstanding craftsmanship in the lapidary field is internationally known, a collection of miners lamps - paintings and other interesting items relating to early mining activities in Colorado and a collection of excellent antique purple glassware from the ghost towns of Colorado.

There were 22 Retail Dealers. Among the activities were a demonstration of Indian Arrowhead making by Henry M. Houston of Pueblo, Colorado. A field trip on Monday, June 15th to Sedalia Mine, near Salida, Colorado.

It was voted at the annual meeting to adopt the procedure used by the other regional federations and assess dues on a "per member basis" rather than on the sliding scale used to date - thus making the dues 25 cents per member, including juniors (12 years and older). This will insure that RMFMS will at least be able to continue the aids and services now being made available to member clubs.

Also brought to attention of the members was the fact that the Petrified Wood Bill has been amended to a day's collection of 25 pounds plus one piece. This was brought about by the alertness of rockhounds and the active interest of the editors of Gems and Minerals and The Lapidary Journal. Without them, our petrified wood bill would have limited us to 10 pounds per day.

Another point of interest to the members, it was reported at Littleton that commemorative stamps collected by members and known as "Stamps for Milk" have provided over 1600 tons of powdered milk and food for needy children overseas.

There were 47 member clubs represented at the annual meeting.

Al Kidwell, President has accepted with regrets the resignation of C. C. (Bill) Williams as Director of the Central Areas of RMFMS. Bob Sledge of Newton, Kansas was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Hugh Derham, La Tuna, Texas has been appointed Zone Coordinator for New Mexico and El Paso by F. W. Schupp, RMFMS Southern Area Director.

**New Societies added in 1964 are as follows: (15)**

San Manuel Gem and Mineral Club - San Manuel, Arizona

Weld County Rock and Mineral Society, Inc. - Greeley, Colorado.

Portales Gem and Mineral Society - Portales, New Mexico.

The Newton Gem and Mineral Society (Reinstated) - Newton, Kansas.

The Lowry Gem and Mineral Society - Denver, Colorado.

Hayden Rockhounds - Hayden, Colorado.

Culebra Peak Rock Hound Club - Trinidad, Colorado.

\*Farmington Gem and Mineral Society - Farmington, New Mexico.

Cheyenne Mineral & Gem Society - Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Moab Points and Pebbles Club (Reinstated) - Moab, Utah.

Wichita Mountains Rock Club - Hobart, Oklahoma.

Flatirons Mineral Society - Boulder, Colorado.

Sturgis Rock & Mineral Club - Sturgis, South Dakota.

The Denver Gem and Mineral Club - Denver, Colorado.

Douglas Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. - Douglas, Arizona.

\*Name changed to: San Juan County Gem and Mineral Society.

#### New Programs added in 1964: (14)

16-M (a) and (b). Calcites (a) and Pseudomorphs (b); 17-E, Junk to Jewelry; 18-S, Des Moines Show, 1962; 19-M, Crystals, Twinned, Unusual and Rare; 20-G, Let's Look at Rocks; 21-M, Twinning; 22-M, Micromounting; 23-S, National Show - Oklahoma City, 1963; 24-T, Oklahoma "Rose Rocks"; 25-T, Salt Plains Hourglass Selenite; 26-GP, A Colorado Journey in Geology; 27-T, A Field Trip in Western Nebraska; 28-M, Gems and Gem Carvings; 29-P, Animals of the Ancient Seas.

At the annual meeting of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies held at Des Moines, Iowa in 1962, it was resolved to establish an AFMS Scholarship Foundation, Inc. which would establish and administer funds to assist worthy students who were working on their college Masters degree in one of the Earth Science Categories. The assistance would be in the form of scholarship grants. This Scholarship Foundation Fund started with a goal of \$50,000. This represents only about \$1.00 for each member of the American Federation. Based upon our own present membership, the share for RMFMS is \$5,000. Collecting Betty Crocker coupons was also started at this time to help out in this project. General Mills, Inc. has agreed to refund to the Foundation one-half cent (1/2 cent) for each Betty Crocker coupon turned in to their office.

In 1964 Mrs. O. R. (Elsie) Klemp of Kansas was made Chairman of the Scholarship Fund Committee for RMFMS. From now on all contributions of coupons and cash should be sent to her and she will forward them to Bill de Neui, Treasurer of the Scholarship Fund.

The first two RMFMS clubs to turn in Betty Crocker coupons were Colorado Mineral Society with 139 and the Tulsa Club, 205. As of the end of the year we have eight (8) clubs with 100% (that is \$1.00 cash payment per member).

Membership of the RMFMS has now grown to 5223 a gain of 342 from 1963. Federation has now been in existence for 23 years.

The following officers were elected for Nov. 1, 1964 - Oct. 31, 1965; President, Calvin B. Simmons, Denver, Colorado; Vice President, LeRoy Dumlér, Wichita, Kansas; Secretary, Mrs. Dee Belsher, Boulder,

Colorado; Treasurer, Michael T. Sullivan, Pueblo, Colorado; Historian (1st year of 5 year term) James C. Brown, Jr., Phoenix, Arizona.

Directors: Southern Area - Fred W. Schupp, Tucson, Arizona. Central Area - Dr. B. D. Bennion, Salt Lake City, Utah. Northern Area - W. L. Roberts, Rapid City, South Dakota.

#### TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

WICHITA, KANSAS

JUNE 11, 12, 13, 1965

The 22nd annual RMFMS convention and show was held at the Broadview Hotel in Wichita, Kansas. Host for the show was the Wichita Gem and Mineral Society. Chairman was Alice Young of Wichita. There was camping space available at the Silver Spur Trailer Park, 1915 West McArthur, Wichita, Kansas. Charge \$2.00. Two free public camp areas located at Lake Afton, approximately 15 miles southwest of the Wichita City Limits. Also camping was permitted in the roadside Park just north of Highway 81.

The House of Delegates meeting was Saturday afternoon with 38 member clubs represented followed by a banquet that same night. A breakfast meeting for the Old Timer's Club was held Sunday morning June 13th. All activities were held at the Broadview Hotel.

Almost \$800 was turned over to the RMFMS as its share from the Wichita Gem and Mineral Society, host to the Convention show, in addition to the approximately \$175 registration fees. The inclement weather which occurred before the show date had a definite "dampening" effect on attendance - too many floods, too many tornados - delayed harvests all had a hand in cutting down the anticipated attendance.

At the annual meeting, under "Unfinished Business", President Simmons presented the problem that although dues had been increased to, 25 cents per each dues-paying member, less dues were being received because some societies consider a family membership as one dues-paying member. Delegates approved having a Committee look into the Federation Liability Insurance, and will be voted on at the next House of Delegates meeting.

There was no "New Business".

#### The following societies joined the Federation in 1965 (7):

Rock Springs Gem and Mineral Club - Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Clovis Gem and Mineral Society - Clovis, New Mexico.

Lander Gem and Mineral Society - Lander, Wyoming.



Tooele Gem and Mineral Society - Tooele, Utah.  
 Roadrunner Rock Club - Carlsbad, New Mexico.  
 Crook County Rocks and Mineral Club - Devils  
 Tower, Wyoming.

Campbell County Gem and Mineral Society -  
 Gillette, Wyoming.

#### Clubs dropped from RMFMS as of August, 1965:

Rock Wranglers, Phoenix, Arizona  
 Yuma Gem and Mineral Society, Yuma, Arizona.  
 Arroco Club, Craig, Colorado.  
 Okmulgee Flintstones, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.  
 Mile-Hi Rockhounds, Lead, South Dakota.  
 Dugway Gem and Mineral Society, Dugway, Utah

Winners in the RMFMS *Color Slide Contest* are as follows:

Society Entry, **1st Place**, "Rock Hunt in Western Nebraska by the Praire Rockhounds, Ogallala, Nebraska.

Society Entry, **2nd place**, "The National Gem and Mineral Show" Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Individual Entry, **1st Place**, "A Journey in Geology". by Martha Jo Johnson, Colorado Springs Mineral Society, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Special Award**, "Salt Plains Hourglass Selenite" Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society, (Photography by Norman Flaigg).

Because of the greatly increased use of digging selenite crystals on the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge in Jet, Oklahoma, it has become necessary to establish controls on the amount of crystals removed from the area.

The crystal area will be open between April 15 and October 15 of each year on weekends and holidays only. Another new regulation is that each person is allowed to remove only 10 pounds and one cluster from the area.

The crystal area will be patrolled by Refuge Personnel during the period of use. The rest of the regulations shall continue to apply to the area.

The following Programs were added in 1965 (2):

- 30-M Minerals in the Harvard Museum
- 31-M The Lizzadro Museum Story

The AFMS Scholarship Award for 1965 was presented to Professor Richard M. Pearl, Professor of Geology at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Professor Pearl is a co-founder of the AFMS.

The award is to be given annually to an individual for outstanding contributions to the understanding, acceptance, methods, or knowledge of earth sciences. The award consists of a plaque and a \$300 grant annually for

a two-year period. The grant will be given to an institution selected by the award winner to establish a scholarship in his name, sponsored by the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, Inc., and is to be used to aid a post-graduate student who is specializing in Earth Science towards a Master's Degree. The recipient will also assist in the selection of the student. Professor Pearl, who has been selected to receive this year's award, is a graduate of the University of Colorado and Harvard University. Scholarship grant was awarded Mr. Victor Lee of University of Colorado. He is a past president of RMFMS. He is also the author of 20 books in geology including "Rocks and Minerals"

He was selected by the Jury of Awards to be the first to be honored.

#### Officers elected for 1965-66 were as follows:

President, LeRoy Dumler, Wichita, Kansas; Vice President, Dan McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Secretary, Mrs. M. F. (Dollie) Mizell, Wichita, Kansas; Treasurer, LeRoy A. Penton, Englewood, Colorado; Historian (2nd yr. of 5 yr. term) James C. Brown, Jr., Phoenix, Arizona.

**Directors:** Northern Area - W. M. (Bill) Guthrie, Casper, Wyoming. Central Area - Dr. B. D. Bennion, Salt Lake City, Utah. Southern Area Elmer Craft, Jr., Eldorado, Oklahoma.

#### Of Interest to member rockhounds:

On October 2, 1965, New Mexico formed a State Federation known as the New Mexico Association of Gem and Mineral Societies.

#### TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

JUNE 11, 12, 1966

The twenty-third annual RMFMS convention and show was held at the Hobbs High School Symnasium, 1300 E. Scharbauer Street, Hobbs, New Mexico. Host for the show was Lea-Lap Rock and Mineral Club with Mr. Adell Galle as show Chairman. Admission, Adults 50 cents and Students 25 cents.

Theme for the show was "Under the Sun" using the sunshine colors and the Zia Symbol, both typical of "NEW MEXICO, THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT".

Exhibits consisted of rocks, minerals, arts and crafts of lapidary work. Indian artifacts and related interests of educational value. Special exhibits were W. H. Caudle's sphere exhibit which won Grand Award in the First New Mexico State Show in October, 1965. Also

Bart W. Mann's "Imaginations in Gold" as featured in a gem magazine. Mrs. Mary Aspaas, Cornville, Arizona demonstrated her musical ability on phonolitic rocks found near her home. After three years of testing and sorting she was finally able to find a scale of 13 whole notes with sharps and flats

Adell Galle, Show Chairman displayed his many bolo ties made in his rock shop. A clock made by W. H. Caudle, Jal New Mexico, was given away as a door prize.

Field trips were to Potash Mines, Carlsbad Caverns and to a Peco diamond hunting area.

At the annual meeting it was voted to raise dues to 35 cents per member, and to have the Western Rockhound magazine as the official publication for the RMFMS. Cost per year \$4.00. Address: P. O. Box 42, Hastings, Nebraska, 68901.

Also it was voted effective October 15, 1966 all Societies and their respective individual members who are affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies will be covered under the Comprehensive General Liability form which will insure the legal liability of the society. The policy limit in the amount of \$300,000 will apply to any one accident as to bodily injury, property damage, or a combination of both. By endorsement the policy will provide the society with non-owned automobiles liability coverage. This insured agreement of the policy would protect all members should anyone be operating a privately owned vehicle on activities involving the society. The Comprehensive General Liability policy will provide products liability coverage for the same limits and in the aggregate of \$300,000.

This liability insurance program protects the Federation, the individual societies and its members from redress or lawsuit damage claims by outside parties. This policy must not be construed as life or medical insurance on our own members, neither does this cover robbery, theft or pilferage of valuables usually on display at our many annual shows.

Our agent will be: Harris-Burns & Co., Inc., Suite 212, 120 South Market, Wichita, Kansas 67202.

This insurance program will be at the cost of eight cents per dues-paying member.

Our liability insurance will be handled by a domestic insurance carrier. Within a reasonable length of time each society affiliated with our RMFMS will receive a certificate of insurance coverage with appropriate information attached.

Out of 92 clubs of the Federation, 50 clubs were represented at the meeting.

#### **The following societies joined the Federation in 1966 (8):**

- Cambria Rams Rock Club - Newcastle, Wyoming.
- Laramie Peak Rockhounds - Wheatland, Wyoming.
- Montrose Rock and Mineral Society - Montrose, Colorado.
- Sierra Rock Club - Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.
- Deming Gem and Mineral Society - Deming, New Mexico.
- Grant County Rolling Stones - Silver City, New Mexico.
- Cotton County Gem and Mineral Society - Walters, Oklahoma.
- Mitchell Rock and Gem Club - Mitchell, Nebraska.

#### **Additional new Clubs (2):**

- Northeast Oklahoma Gem and Mineral Society, Miami, Oklahoma.
- Panhandle Rock and Gem Club, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

#### **Club dropped from RMFMS (1):**

- Rex Young Society of Rockhounds, Torrington, Wyoming.

#### **New Programs added in 1966 (6)**

32-TV, Mexico "A Look at Rocks and Minerals"; 33-MP, "Petrified Wood"; 34-M, "Copper Country, Its Mines and Minerals" (Michigan); 35-T, The Tri-State Mining District, Above and Below Ground; 36-T, Some Arizona Mineral Localities; 37-M, Micromounts Minerals.

#### **Comparison Of the Program Use In The 4 Years Since The Start of the Service.**

No. of Programs Available.	No. of Clubs Using Service	No. Of Showings	No. Of Viewers
1962-63 11	23	57	2000
1963-64 20	43	101	3668
1964-65 30	50	124	4485
1965-66 33	50	128	4694

This report dated April 18, 1966.

The AMFMS Scholarship Award for 1966 presented each year for Outstanding Achievement in the field of Earth Science, will be presented to Dr. Frederick H. Pough. Dr. Pough is currently the Director of the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum, Santa Barbara, California.

Mrs. Elsie Kane White, President of AFMS presented the award to Dr. Pough at the Federation Banquet on Saturday May 14, 1966, in conjunction with the Convention and National Show held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This year the award consists of a plaque and a two year grant of \$400.00 per year.

Dr. Pough is a graduate of Harvard University, earned his Master's Degree at Washington University (St. Louis) and his PhD at Harvard. He is a well known author, "Field Guide to Rocks and Minerals" is his best known.

Dr. Pough chose Mr. Richard Bideau from Harvard for the 1966 award for his graduate work toward's a masters degree. Mr. Bideau is from Bisbee, Arizona and is well known in the state for his rock collection.

The RMFMS has done very well with their contributions to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Fund. As of the end of 1966 there were 149 clubs with 100%. Of these 149 clubs, 38 were from the RMFMS.

Southwest Kansas Gem and Mineral Society became the first RMFMS club to reach the goal of 500% in contributions. It is second in the country, the first club being the Miami Gemcrafters from Miami, Florida.

#### **New Officers for 1966-1967 are as follows:**

President, Dan McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Vice President, William (Bill) Guthrie, Casper, Wyoming; \*Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Adair, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Treasurer, O. Reid Klemp, Garden City, Kansas; Historian (2nd yr. of 5 yr. term) James C. Brown, Jr., Phoenix, Arizona.

\*Mrs. Louise (Vona) Burns of Oklahoma City will be the new RMFMS Secretary, taking the place of Mrs. Adair who was forced to give up the job because of illness.

We say good-bye to Alice Young for her fine work as Editor of the Rocky Mountain News. Alice has been Editor since 1963. New Editor will be Mrs. E. J. (Vera) Gibbon, 6780 East 28th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74129.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

#### **RMFMS Special Committees Chairmen**

Zone coordinators, Southern Area, Zone 2, South: New Mexico and El Paso, Texas - Mr. Adell Galle. Jal, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Mr. James P. Anderson, Jr. - Midwest City, Oklahoma. Arizona, Zone 1, North: Walter Peck, Phoenix. Arizona, Zone 2, South: Fred W Schupp, Tucson.

Mr. Hugh A. Durham of Anthony, New Mexico has been appointed Chairman "RMFMS Advisory Committee - Recreational Use of the Public Lands". He will work through the State Chairman and their committees in conducting the appropriate surveys necessary.

New President for 1966-1967, Dan McLennan Theme for his term will be "Educate" and "Communicate"

### **TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING**

#### **CASPER, WYOMING**

**JUNE, 9, 10, 11, 1967**

The twenty-fourth (24th) annual RMFMS convention and show was held in Casper, Wyoming at the Fairgrounds June 9-11. Host was the Natrona County Rockhounds, home club of the Vice President, Bill Guthrie. This was a combined show with the Wyoming State Clubs.

Special displays were one of the rare crystals of the world (Denitoite) displayed by John Romano. Mr. John Hayes of the Ultra Violet Products Company, Inc. had a very large fluorescent mineral display. There was also a lecture on Fluorescent Minerals and Ultra Violet Products. Dr. Harvey of Casper displayed his outstanding Jade carvings, Mrs. Ellicott of Van Tassell, Wyoming, her most outstanding collection of fine fossils. Living cycads and lamplighters were also among the fine displays. Field trips were a Black Light trip and jade.

A banquet was held at the Ramada Inn on Saturday night, June 10th with State Governor, Stan Hathaway as guest speaker.

There were 70 member clubs represented at the annual meeting.

The House of Delegates, at the recommendation of the Executive Committee voted to begin awarding RMFMS Trophies at Federation Shows, commencing with the 1968 show in Tulsa. These will be in addition to any ribbon or trophies awarded by the Host Club. Approved was the kneeling figure of the old prospector holding a gold pan. A medallion of the RMF emblem will be placed in the bottom of the gold pan. Trophies will be awarded the highest scoring case in each of the six divisions in the AFMS Uniform Rules Book (Minerals Lapidary, Jewelry and Metalcraft, Educational, Fossils and Open). Also included will be awards on the same basis for Society, Junior and Junior Society exhibitor groups. These awards are being presented by the Federation as an added incentive to increase and upgrade competition throughout the RMFMS.



The Bulletin Contest was voted to become an annual event with first place winners to retire from competition for three years.

Domer L. Howard, originator and first editor of the Rocky Mountain News, was chosen to be this year's contest director for the Bulletin Contest.

Harry Zollars of El Paso, Texas was chosen one of the judges. He was Editor of "The Voice", the El Paso Club bulletin for ten years.

Vivian Dosse, of Fontana, California is the 3rd judge. She has been Editor of three different bulletins and is now Editor of the Pacific Mineralogist of the Los Angeles Mineralogical Society. She also founded the National Association of Bulletin Editors and served as its first Editor-in-Chief.

Winners for 1967 were as follows:

**5th Runner-up - 3rd Honorable Mention**, Halite Hilites - Mrs. Betty Riley, Editor, Hutchinson Gem & Mineral Society, Inc., Hutchinson, Kansas.

**4th Runner-up - 2nd Honorable Mention**, Turritella Telegram - C. E. Harper, Editor, Rawlins Rockhounds Mineral & Gem Club, Rawlins, Wyoming.

**3rd Runner-up - 1st Honorable Mention**, Rock Talk - Ethel Gumble, Editor, Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., Tucson, Arizona.

**2nd Runner-up - Tie for 3rd Place**, Mineralscoop - Oliver J. Hunter, Editor, Mineralogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah AND "Rock Talk" - Mrs. Patricia S. Anderson, Editor, Newton Gem and Mineral Society, Newton, Kansas.

**1st Runner-up - 2nd Place**, The T-Town Rockhound - Mrs. LaVerne Billau, Editor, Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Winner and 1st Place**, Sooner Rockalogist - Mrs. Norma Wray Skala and Mrs. Lucille McLennan, Co-Editors, Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society, Inc. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Ribbons were presented to all winners and a trophy to 1st place.

Guide lines on Wilderness and other withdrawal areas, presented by the Pulice Lands Advisory Committee were adopted by the House of Delegates at Casper, Wyoming.

Also officially adopted was the AFMS "Code of Ethics", under which we have been operating but had not adopted.

At the House of Delegates Meeting in Casper, June 10th, Dan McLennan, President of RMFMS presented

a new Show Manual that had been prepared by James Anderson and Dan based on shows presented by the Oklahoma City club. Since some of the material used was prepared by other members of the club, distribution of this manual could not be made until they had received approval in their July meeting. They now have this approval.

This manual was prepared primarily to assist the club or show committee that has not put on a show previously, but will be of benefit to any show chairman. It is divided into four sections: Duties of the Show Chairman and Various Committees; timetable; check list; and Sample Documents.

One copy will be furnished free to each club in the RMF that desires a copy. A charge of \$1.50 will be made for additional copies.

#### **New societies to join RMFMS in 1967 - (6):**

Apache Wells Gem and Mineral Club - Mesa, Arizona.

Neosho Rock and Mineral Club - Neosho, Missouri.

Fifty-Niners Rock Club - Cody, Wyoming.

Worland Gem and Mineral Club - Worland, Wyoming.

The Coffeyville Rockhound - Coffeyville, Kansas.

Ellsworth County Earth Science Club - Ellsworth, Kansas.

#### **New Programs added in 1967 - (4):**

38-TM - Michigan Copper Country.

39-M - Gemstones of Arizona.

40-M - Agate.

41-M - Micro-Minerals.

#### **New Committee Chairmen are as follows:**

**Finance**, Mrs. John W. (Beula) Metheney, Garden City, Kansas. **Mineralogy Tech**, Floyd R. Getsinger, Phoenix, Arizona. **Credentials**, Frank DeMerritt, Casper, Wyoming. **Time and Place** - (Co-chairmen) Mrs. Mary S. Phipps, Bushnell, Nebraska; Fred Penick, Lewellen, Nebraska.

The new uniform rules are now ready. These rules will be in effect the years 1967, 1968 and 1969. These will sell for 30 cents each.

#### **POINTS OF INTEREST TO RMFMS MEMBERS**

An organization meeting was held at North Platte, Nebraska, October 23, 1966 for the purpose of uniting the rock and gem clubs in the State. James Bentz, Kearney, Nebraska, was elected acting President, Mrs. Lenard Springer, Secretary-Treasurer. The name selected for the organization was the Nebraska Associa-

tion of Earth Science. Eleven clubs were present at the meeting. The 1st annual State Show will be held in Kearney in conjunction with the Nebraska State Centennial celebration in 1967.

Bills have been advanced to make the blue agate the Nebraska Gem Stone - prairie agate - the State Rock and the mammoth - the State Fossil.

Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club presents Scholarship Endowment Fund. George Tennant, President of this club, on behalf of its members, presented \$4,000 to the University of New Mexico President, Tom Popejoy, at their February meeting. The money to be used as a scholarship endowment fund, the interest providing an annual scholarship to geology majors who have exhibited special interest in mineralogy. Selection of recipient will be made on the recommendation of the faculty of the Department of Geology.

For the past several years, club members have held rock auctions, carnivals, sold grab bags and mineral specimens at the New Mexico Fair to raise money for this fund.

The Jade Journal announces that Governor Stan Hathaway on January 25th signed the Bill making Jade the official Wyoming state rock.

The Mineralogical Society of Utah is now 27 years old.

Many thanks go to Secretary, Vona Burns, President Dan McLennan and his wife Lucille for putting out a stunning 1967 RMFMS Directory.

Your Rocky Mountain News is now being printed by Business Manager, LaVerne Billau and her husband, TRMS President Lynn Billau with club machines, etc. The "young adult" group of the club, the Rock Rustlers Unlimited Club (RUC's) assemble and prepare your bulletins for mailing. This teenage club plans to use its earnings to buy selected mineral specimens to upgrade the group-owned mineral exhibit for future shows. Mr. & Mrs. Billau also sponsor and supervise the Rock Rustler activities.

The Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society, Inc., Oklahoma City recently announced the establishment of a 5-year program to recognize outstanding scientific study and investigation into the field of earth sciences at the Oklahoma City Science Fair. \$100 will be presented to the selected exhibit. The award will be open to all exhibitors from the Oklahoma City Public School System with the exception of OMGS and their families as they are forbidden to benefit from the assets or earnings of the corporation, according to their constitution. The society will exercise the prerogative of

determining whether or not any exhibit qualifies for the award.

The Cedar City Rock Club of Cedar City, Utah raised \$550.00 for the Iron Mission Park (Historical Park to be built just north of the city on Highway 90 to preserve the town's historical heritage).

### Scholarship News

Oklahoma is the first state in the RMF to achieve the 100% status on a state level for the Scholarship Fund.

We now have 46 - 100% clubs. This year the RMF also became 100%.

Southwest Kansas Gem and Mineral Society - 1000%.

Mr. Paul Desautels has been elected as the 3rd recipient to receive the annual award of 1967. In addition to the award, a scholarship will be established in his name. It will be in the amount of \$500.00 per year for a 2-year period at the school of his choice.

Mr. Desautels was recently elevated to Curator-in-Charge, Division of Mineralogy, U. S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institute and has been with the Smithsonian nearly ten years.

Scholarship was awarded a student in Georgia, studying at the University of Georgia.

### Officers elected for 1967-1968 are as follows:

President, William M. (Bill) Guthrie, Casper, Wyoming; Vice President, Mrs. Russell (Mary) Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah. \*Secretary, Helen Pierce, Casper, Wyoming; Treasurer, O. Reid Klemp, Garden City, Kansas; Historian (3rd yr. of 5 yr. term) James C. Brown, Jr., Phoenix, Arizona.

\*Resigned due to ill health. Ruth Lewis, Casper, Wyoming appointed to fill her place.

### State Directors

Arizona - Dan Caudle, Tucson, Arizona.

Colorado - LeRoy A. Penton, Englewood, Colorado.

Kansas - Bob Sledge, Newton, Kansas.

Nebraska and Iowa - Mrs. Ralph Hammond, Bushnell, Nebraska.

New Mexico and Texas - Adell Galle, Jal, New Mexico.

North and South Dakota - Mrs. Ruby Hill, Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Oklahoma and Missouri - Tom Windle, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Utah - Clark E. Bates, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Wyoming - Mrs. Martha Foster, Casper, Wyoming.

**Additional Staff Members.**

Editorial Staff - Editor, Oliver Hunter, Salt Lake City, Utah, Co-Editor, Ella Hunter, Salt Lake City, Utah, Business Agent, Clark E. Bates, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Hugh Derham appointed to serve on the AFM Conservation and Public Relations Committee.

**Membership Status - October 31, 1967.**

State Members	No. Clubs	No. Members
Arizona	8	555
Colorado	16	1284
Kansas	11	867
Nebraska and Iowa	5	224
New Mexico and Texas	15	794
Oklahoma and Missouri	13	1952
North and South Dakota	6	254
Utah	8	777
Wyoming	14	698
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>6325</b>

**TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING****TULSA, OKLAHOMA****JUNE 7, 8, 9, 1968**

The twenty-fifth (25th) annual convention and show was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 7-9th in the Educational Building at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds. Host was The Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society. Theme for the show was the "T-Town" Gem Showcase. Show Chairman was Kenneth Buchanan. Admission for the show was 75 cents for adults, 25 cents for children.

There were programs of interest to the rockhound. One of the features was a two hour colored movie of Bill and Arlene Proctor's South American rock hunting trip.

A field trip to Spavinaw, Oklahoma where oolitic chert and jasper was collected.

The annual meeting of the House of Delegates was held Saturday, June 8th at the City National Bank and Trust Company auditorium with 42 clubs represented.

It was decided to discontinue Western Rockhound as official magazine with a number of delegates and officers present stating that their copies were running as much as three months late, and that the various RMFMS shows were over long before the announcements were printed.

A large delegation from Utah attended the House of Delegates meeting and one never saw so much

enthusiasm as they showed over their forthcoming RMFMS-AFMS show next June. Mary Anderson was literally a Walking Information Desk. Her dress had large pockets (decorated with wagons - the covered variety). These pockets and the back of her dress were crammed full of literature about the show and the newly built Salt Palace and Convention Center in which it will be held. From all its publicity it will be a show no one will want to miss.

Banquet was held Saturday night June 8th in the Community Room at Southroads Mall. Dinner was buffet style. Cost of dinner \$2.50. Each member attending the dinner received a fresh water mussel shell on which a specimen of sphalerite was attached. Guest speaker was Stuttering Sam who had everyone in stitches the full time of his speech.

A brunch for all Bulletin Editors was held Saturday morning June 8th at the Black Gold Buffet. Cost of brunch was \$1.75.

**Winners of the 2nd Bulletin Contest were as follows:**

5th Runner-up - 3rd Honorable Mention, Rock Talk - P. Anderson, Editor, Newton, Kansas.

4th Runner-up - 2nd Honorable Mention, Mineralscoop - Oliver and Ella Hunter, Editors, Salt Lake City, Utah.

3rd Runner-up - 1st Honorable Mention, Quarry Quips - Mary Davis, Editor, Wichita, Kansas.

2nd Runner-up - 3rd Place, Osage Hills Gem & Mineral Society, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

1st Runner-up - 2nd Place, Enid Gem and Mineral Bulletin - Hazel Franke, Editor, Enid, Oklahoma.

**Winner and 1st Place, T-Town Rockhound - Tulsa, Oklahoma.**

June Lang and Dorothy Craig flew to Tulsa from Los Angeles for this event.

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies is made up of all the regional Federations to which our clubs belong, conduct a national contest to honor the clubs which publish the best bulletins in the land. This year 1968, the Enid Gem and Mineral Bulletin was chosen to represent the Rocky Mountain Federation in the top six Bulletins of the country. This bulletin was selected from the top ten (10) bulletins in our Federation this year that were entered in the first AFMS Bulletin Contest competition. All six clubs were equal winners in the National Contest.

**Add to Committee Chairmen** - these were appointed before the annual meeting:

Uniform Rules - Mrs. Stuart (Dorothy) Hays, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Tom Windle, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Clark E. Bates, Salt Lake City, Utah.



Insurance - LeRoy C. Dumler, Wichita, Kansas. Long Range Planning Committee - Dan McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Calvin Simmons, Denver, Colorado; Norman Hamilton, Salt Lake City, Utah; Domer Howard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Nominating Committee - Calvin Simmons, Denver, Colorado.

#### New Societies added to Federation in 1968 (10):

Los Amigos de Joyas Faceting Club - Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Flagstaff Gem and Mineral Society - Flagstaff, Arizona.

YMCA Rockhound Club - Phoenix, Arizona.

High Plains Rock and Artifact Society - Akron, Colorado.

Four Corners Rock and Mineral Club - Durango, Colorado.

Gila County Gem and Mineral Society - Miami, Arizona.

Quay County Gem and Mineral Society - Logan, New Mexico.

Coolidge Gem and Mineral Society - Coolidge, Arizona.

Thermopolis Pick and Trowel Club - Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Chaparral Rockhounds - Roswell, New Mexico.

#### New programs added in 1968 (7):

42-M, Minerals of the Western States.

43-T, Selenite Crystals of the Great Salt Plains.

44-T, Wyoming Field Trips.

45-M, Why Thumbnails.

46-E, Operation Silversmith.

47-G, Geology from a Car Window.

48-E, Meteorites.

This year the programs were seen by approximately 4900 persons being used by 54 societies, 165 times. This does not cover showings to civic groups, nor use by the Federation Directors for promoting membership to the Federation by additional societies.

#### Comparison of Program use in the six years since start of the service.

As of June, 1968.

No. of Programs Available	No. of Clubs Using Service	No. of Showings	No. of Viewers (Meetings only)
1962-63	11	23	57
1963-64	20	43	101
1964-65	30	50	124
1965-66	33	50	128
1966-67	39	56	164
1967-68	42	54	165

Dr. Armand J. Eardley, member of RMFMS (Mineralogical Society of Utah) was selected to receive an award from the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. The award consists of a plaque and the privilege of selecting two students who will qualify for the scholarship grant. Dr. Eardley will be the first individual to have the privilege of selecting two students. Scholarships will consist of \$500 for each student for two years.

Dr. Eardley was Dean at the University of Utah for eleven years.

The two students Dr. Eardley chose are:

**William M. Dalness**, a 4-year graduate of University of Cincinnati, 1966. Dalness will do the field work for a Masters thesis this summer in Zion National Park.

**Stephan D. Olmore**, a 4-year graduate of the University of Southern California. Olmore is working on a Master's degree at the University of Utah.

The Roadrunners Rock Club of Carlsbad, New Mexico became the 48th club in the RMF in the 100% category for the Scholarship Fund. Moab Points and Pebbles, Moab, Utah, 400% and Northwest Oklahoma Gem and Mineral Society, Miami, Oklahoma 200%.

An intensive campaign to clean up the public lands and to protect their natural beauty was announced June 23, 1968 by Boyd L. Rasmussen, Director of the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management, in speaking to the 41st annual convention of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

"This land is your land, and that is the theme of this campaign", Mr. Rasmussen told the writers at their meeting at Pine Mountain, Georgia. "It is your land and mine and every other American's and that makes us all responsible for cleaning it up and keeping it clean".

He also introduced the symbol of the New National Anti-litter Campaign, a lean squared-jawed outdoorsman called "JOHNNY HORIZON", the spirit and conscience of every American who loves and respects the land and wants to protect it.

This program directly effects over 36 million acres in our Rocky Mountain area where Public Domain Lands are administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The 20 million people who use and enjoy public land in this country can pile up a staggering load of trash and debris unless each one takes great care to leave this country as clean or cleaner than he found it. If left for the country to clean, this could run into millions of dollars annually.

The "JOHNNY HORIZON" campaign this summer will focus primarily on the 450 million acres administered by B.L.M. in the West and Alaska.

Available at Bureau Land Management offices throughout the west are free litterbags with "JOHNNY HORIZON" friendly but determined face reminding users of the outdoors that "This land is your land. Keep it clean."

The foregoing shows the need for our organization to put stronger push behind our H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) program and for each member club and individual member to be sure that the camping areas and roadside is cleaner for a rockhound having passed that way, and to promote and advertize clean-up campaigns in each and every Federation area across the United States.

The Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society, the Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society and the Wasatch Gem Society were presented a certificate acknowledging their record of excellence for the past year and a beautiful prize winning ribbon from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and Joe Bloom, Education Chairman. These awards were in recognition of outstanding ability in goals and achievements. This is the first time that awards have been given for outstanding work in education, outstanding service to and by members and exceptional community service.

#### Honorable mentioned were:

Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club - Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Enid Gem and Mineral Society - Enid, Oklahoma.

Mineralogical Society of Utah - Salt Lake City, Utah.

Picture City Gem and Mineral Society - Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Tucson Gem and Mineral Society - Tucson, Arizona.

#### Points of Interest to RMF members.

The first official meeting of the Oklahoma State Council of Mineralogical Societies was held in Tulsa, Saturday, June 8, 1968. Mr. Lynn Billau was elected President.

The Plains Rock and Mineral Society spent one evening this year cleaning up a beach and boating area adjoining the Nebraska State Recreation Area. They hauled three pick-up loads of trash, etc. away.

Lea Lap Club of New Mexico has a rock exhibit in the Scarborough Memorial Library.

Fed. Show profit for 1968 - \$565.08.

#### New Elected Officers for 1968-69.

President, Mrs. W. Russell (Mary) Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Vice President, Dan Caudle, Tucson,

Arizona; Secretary, Hardy Jenkinson, Magna, Utah; Treasurer, Hugh A. Derham, Anthony, Texas; Historian (4th yr. of 5 yr. term) James C. Brown, Jr., Phoenix, Arizona.

#### State Directors

Arizona, Walter Peck, Phoenix, Arizona.

Colorado, Mrs. Kay Shelton, Denver, Colorado.

Kansas, Bob Sludge, Newton, Kansas.

Nebraska and Iowa, Mrs. Ralph Hammond, Bushnell, Nebraska.

New Mexico and Texas, Adell Galle, Jal, New Mexico.

North and South Dakota, Mrs. Ruby Hill, Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Oklahoma and Missouri, Elmer Craft, Jr., Eldorado, Oklahoma.

Utah, Clark E. Bates, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Wyoming, Mrs. Rose Larson, Casper, Wyoming.

#### RMFMS Standing Committee Chairmen and Members 1968-69.

Convention Adv. - Dan McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Field Trip Aid - Sidney Manning, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Finance - Mrs. Francis Haney, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Lapidary Tech - John W. Gholson, Wichita, Kansas.

Mineralogy Tech - W. L. Roberts, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Nominating - Dan McLennan, Chairman, Bill Guthrie and Mary Anderson.

Program Aid - Mrs. Therese Murchison, Tucson, Arizona.

Publicity Editor - Oliver J. Hunter, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Co-Editor - Mrs. Ella C. Hunter.

Business Manager - Clark E. Bates, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Credentials - Philip D. Fletcher, Salt Lake City, Utah; Wally Cole, Provo, Utah; Mrs. June Cleaveland, Moab, Utah.

Long Range Planning & By-Laws Revisory - Russell Trapnell, Chairman, Phoenix, Arizona. Dan McLennan and Norman Hamilton.

Membership - Mrs. Lynn (LaVerne) Billau, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Public Lands Advisory - Hugh A. Derham, Anthony, Texas.

Resolutions - Mrs. Charles (Alice) Young, Wichita, Kansas.

Scholarship Fund - Mrs. Elsie Klemp, Garden City, Kansas.

Time and Place - Mrs. George (Pauline) Tennant, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Uniform Rules - Tom Windle, Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Clark E. Bates, Salt Lake City, Utah. Harry G. Roberson, Phoenix, Arizona.

Insurance - LeRoy C. Dumler, Wichita, Kansas.

Bulletin Contest - O. Reid Klemp, Garden City, Kansas.

#### Membership Status as of October 31, 1968.

State Members	No. Clubs	No. Members
Arizona	11	682
Colorado	17	1431
Kansas	11	876
Nebraska	4	146
New Mexico & Texas	18	766
Oklahoma & Missouri	13	1083
North & South Dakota	6	236
Utah	8	833
Wyoming	14	687
Total	102	6740

### TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

JUNE 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1969

The Twenty-Sixth Annual convention and show of the RMFMS was combined with the American Federation. This took place in Salt Lake City, Utah in the Exhibition Hall, at the new Civic Center known as the Salt Palace. A beautiful building with 200,000 square feet of total space.

Hosts were: Wasatch Gem Society and the Mineralogical Society of Utah. Co-Chairmen were, Norman Hamilton and Mrs. W. Russell (Mary) Anderson.

Theme for the show was "Gem-Boree of the Rockies".

Camping was available at the State Fairgrounds just a short distance away from the Salt Palace for \$1.50 per day.

There were Special displays of Jade Jewelry and carvings, amethyst, Topaz and Opals in the rough and finished products; mosaics of rock; sandstones and painted pictures, famous museum specimens and prize winning exhibits from past national shows. Also on display were a sphere making machine and a special room displaying fluorescent rocks. These were just a few of the many displays and exhibits.

There were illustrated lectures on various phases of earth science and educational programs. Valuable door prizes were given away every hour. In addition to the exhibits and displays there were 58 retail and wholesale dealers. Under the west ramp of the building club members were busy trading rocks.

All meetings, banquet and Editors breakfast were held at the Hotel Utah. Banquet cost was \$6.00 and Editors breakfast \$3.00.

Field trips were to Dugway for geodes - Thomas Mountain Range for topaz - Selenite crystals at Salt Lake and Copper at Bingham Canyon, the largest open copper pit in the world.

As to the show it proved to be the largest show with the best quality exhibits ever held in the United States.

At the House of Delegates meeting there was little or nothing in the way of old business as the Long Range Planning Committee wished time for continued study of the various items referred to it. New business consisted mainly of this year's committee reports that were accepted as printed. It was decided that the future printing of the New Directory should carry advertising to help lower the cost of publication. The present insurance program was discussed and it was decided to drop the present program and attempt to find insurance that would give protection to club shows as well as general liability.

It was noted that the new Exhibitor's Manuals were now available for 35 cents each and that would stand for a period of three (3) years, the same as the last printing. The results of Betty Crocker coupons campaign, collected by RMF, has realized the amount of \$7,585 for the Scholarship Fund.

It was also voted at the annual meeting starting August 1969 and every other month thereafter a single sheet of the Rocky Mountain News would be sent to each member of the RMFMS. Each club's Bulletin Editor will send one with their bulletin to each club member. This will be free of charge. Members wishing to subscribe to the RM News may do so for \$1.50 per year.

There were 49 RMF clubs represented at the meeting for a total of 89 delegate votes.

#### New Societies to join the Federation in 1968-69:

The Sandhill Rock and Gem Club, Taylor, Nebraska.  
Tri-State Rock Club, Inc., Guymon, Oklahoma.

North Jeffco Rock and Mineral Club, Arvada, Colorado.



## New Programs

49-M, The Structure of Minerals as a Clue to Their Identity.

50-M, Copper Minerals.

51-M, Gems and Ornamental Minerals, Part I.

52-M, Gems and Ornamental Minerals, Part II.

53-T, Jewels and Gems of North Dakota.

The RMFMS now has its first complete Directory. It contains names of all clubs, all officers and all members, the meeting place, date and time, date of election of officers and when the club was organized. Each club will receive two (2) directories, one (1) for President and one (1) for Secretary. All others, the charge will be \$1.00. A great deal of work went into making this directory and recognition of this work should not be overlooked.

Winners of the **third** annual Bulletin Contest were announced at a breakfast held at the Hotel Utah on June 20th. Program included an address by Vard Jones, Assistant City Editor of the Salt Lake Tribune.

Winners were as follows:

1st - Enid Gem and Mineral Bulletin, Mr. E. A. Franke, Editor, Enid, Oklahoma.

2nd - Quarry Quips, Mary Ann Davis, Editor, Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, Wichita, Kansas.

3rd - Rockhound Record, James C. Brown, Jr., Editor, Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

4th - Rock Talk, Mrs. Patt Anderson, Editor, Newton Gem and Mineral Society, Newton Kansas.

5th - News and Views, Frank E. Brigham, Editor, Wasatch Gem Society, Murray, Utah.

6th - Albuquerque Rockhounds Club Chatter, Genevieve Schaper, Editor, Albuquerque Rockhounds, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The AFMS award was won by the:

Sooner Rockologist, Mrs. Lucille McLennan, Editor, Co-Editor, Norma Wray Skala.

Oklahoma City Mineral and Gem Society, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## New RMFMS Committee members:

**Uniform Rules**, Louis Pardo, Tucson, Arizona (3rd member). **Finance Committee**, Mrs. Bonnie Miller, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, Mrs. Dessie Mattingly, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. **RMF Anti-Litter**, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Clare N. Beagley, Spanish Fork, Utah, Mr. Boyd Williams, Springville, Utah. **New Program Aid Committee**, John L. Bush, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Starting in March, Mrs. Gilbert (Margaret) Clement of Midvale, Utah became the Editor of the Rocky Mountain News. She replaced Oliver Hunter who suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized.

## AFMS Scholarship Fund

The AFMS Scholarship Fund as of 5-31-69 amounted to \$73,995.76. Of this, \$68,344.60 is currently being administered by the Trust Dept. of the 1st National Bank of Minneapolis. This part of the fund consists of about 6.70 or approximately \$4,581.00 per year. At no time is the principal fund invaded for any expense of scholarship awards. All disbursements are made from interest earnings. Current earnings available, from which this year's expense and scholarship awards will be paid are \$2,198.38. Approximately six months remain in the 1968-69 fiscal year, during which further earnings will accrue. Three of this year's scholarships will be for \$500 per year for two years; the other for one year. A total of **four** awards.

Dr. Ian Campbell of the California United States Geological Survey is this year's award winner and three of the students he selected are:

**Alan Edwards**, Anchorage, Alaska, who will attend University of Oregon.

**Byron Ristant**, Tacoma, Washington, North Western University at Evanston, Illinois.

**Robert Rich**, Pennsylvania, who will study at Harvard University.

The **fourth** scholarship remains open at this time.

At the combined RMFMS and AFMS convention and show in Utah this June, the RMF raffled off a beautifully crafted coffee table of matched slabs set in plastic with a value of \$350.00. Donations were 50 cents a ticket. After expenses, \$870.50 was turned over to the Scholarship Fund in the name of RMFMS.

Hutchinson Gem and Mineral Society, Hutchinson, Kansas became the 50th - 100% club with YMCA Rockhound Club of Phoenix, Arizona the 51st in the RMF for the Scholarship Fund.

Others are Plains Rock and Mineral Club, Kimball, Nebraska - 400%; Canon City Geology Club, Canon City, Colorado - 300%; Wichita Gem and Mineral Society, Wichita, Kansas - 200%.

## Of Interest to Members:

On Thursday morning, February 6, 1969, Governor Calvin L. Rampton of Utah, signed HB6 designating topaz the state's official stone.

After signing the bill, Governor Rampton was given a bolo by Mrs. W. Russell (Mary) Anderson, President of RMFMS. The tie clasp, shaped like the state was embedded with topaz pieces.

Show profit for 1969 - \$8,624.88.

RMF winners of the All American Federation Club Contest were:

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society - Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. - Tucson, Arizona.

Stillwater Mineral and Gem Society - Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Littleton, Colorado club reports they have 6 colleges on their list that they support. That most recently they contributed "free gratius" boxes or rocks and minerals to twelve elementary schools in their community. Also boxes were donated to the 4-H Club of Littleton, St. Mary's Academy and Colorado Academy. This project involved gathering 450 specimens for the elementary school distribution alone.

#### Officers elected for November 1, 1969 - October 31, 1970:

President, Dan Caudle, Tucson, Arizona; Vice President, O. Reid Kemp, Garden City, Kansas; Secretary, Mrs. Mildred (Milly) Schupp, Tucson, Arizona; Treasurer, Hugh A. Derham, Anthony, New Mexico - Texas; Historian (1st yr. of 5 yr. term) James C. Brown, Phoenix, Arizona.

#### Executive Board and State Directors:

Arizona - Walter Peck, Phoenix, Arizona.

\*Kansas - Mrs. Alice Young, Wichita, Kansas.

Nebraska and Iowa - Mrs. Ralph Hammond, Bushnell, Nebraska.

Colorado - Mrs. Kay Shelton, Conifer, Colorado.

New Mexico and Texas - Adell Galle, Jal, New Mexico.

Oklahoma and Missouri - Elmer Craft, Jr., Eldorado, Oklahoma.

North and South Dakota - Mrs. Ruby Hill, Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Wyoming - Wm. M. (Bill) Guthrie, Casper, Wyoming.

\*Appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of Mr. Bob Sledge who passed away.

#### Standing Committee Chairmen

Publicity — Mrs. Lynn (Laverne) Billau, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Finance — George G. Jones, Tucson, Arizona.

Nominating — Mary Anderson, Chairman, Bigham Canyon, Utah; Wm. (Bill) Guthrie, Casper, Wyoming; and Dan Caudle, Tucson, Arizona.

Program Aid — John Bush, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Field Trip Aid — Leo Langland, Phoenix, Arizona.

Lapidary Tech — John W. Gholson, Wichita, Kansas.

Mineralogical Tech — Mrs. Therese (Rocky) Murchison, Tucson, Arizona.

Convention Adv. — Hardy Jenkinson, Magna, Utah.

#### Special Committee Chairmen:

Business Manager - Wallace Fort, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Long Range Planning - Cal Simmons, Chairman, Denver, Colorado; Dan McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Norman Hamilton, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Public Lands Adv. - Hugh A. Derham, Anthony, Texas.

Scholarship Fund - Mrs. Elsie Klemp, Garden City, Kansas.

\*Time and Place - Mrs. Pauline Tennant, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Uniform Rules - Tom Windle, Chairman, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Harry G. Roberson, Phoenix, Arizona.

Insurance - LeRoy C. Dumler, Wichita, Kansas.

Bulletin Contest - O. Reid Klemp, Garden City, Kansas.

Credentials - Mrs. Peggy Schemek, Tucson, Arizona.

Resolutions - Floyd Getsinger, Phoenix, Arizona.

Bulletin Aids - Mrs. Dan (Lucille) McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

\*Now known as Show Dates Coordinator.

# TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING TUCSON, ARIZONA

FEBRUARY 13, 14, 15, 1970

The twenty-seventh (27) annual convention and show was combined with the 16th annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. show.

Place - Tucson Rodeo Grounds.

Show Chairman - F. W. (Bill) Schupp and Milly Schupp - Co-Chairman.

Theme - "A World of Minerals".

Camping was available on the Rodeo Grounds.

There were 28 retail and 15 wholesalers from all over the world including Canada and East Africa.

There were various programs, one being by Mr. Peter Embrey, Curator of Minerals, British Museum of Natural History, London, England. His topic was "Minerals in the British Museum". Never before had the exhibit of the British Museum Minerals left England. This was the first U. S. showing.

There were many exhibits, some came as far as South Africa and Spain. Also a field trip and swap tables.

Remarks on the show It was superb! The special exhibits were almost indescribable, the variety and beauty outstanding. Competition was good, programs exceptional, interesting field trip, lively swapping, excellent banquet, good dealers, pleasant, interesting, informative House of Delegates meeting.

Banquet was held at the Junior Ballroom of the Student Union on the University of Arizona campus - Cost \$5.00. Mr. Paul Desautels, Associate Curator, Division of Mineralogy, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C. was one of the speakers.

The House of Delegates meeting was also held at the University of Arizona campus. There were 57 clubs out of 113 represented.

It was voted to accept a SAVE kit, a copy of which has been sent to all RMFMS clubs. The "Sportsmen Against Vandalism Everywhere" movement was enthusiastically received by all RMF members and could be the means to save many of our collecting areas.

As quoted from the pamphlet in the kit, "Acts of Vandalism are causing more and more 'No Trespassing' signs to be put up throughout North America." The use of America's outdoors is increasing, but fewer areas are now open to citizens due to the thoughtless actions and

criminal conduct of vandals. Both public and private lands are being closed every day - lost because of vandalism. You can continue to enjoy America's great outdoors - only if you help by reporting vandals.

The 4th annual Bulletin breakfast was held at the Holiday Inn South on Saturday, February 14th - Cost \$2.25. Guest speaker was Otis H. Chidester of Tucson who presented many helpful ideas for the bulletin editors.

As to the contest, there are two (2) winners this year. Why? There was a consensus of opinion that inequities existed in previous judging, which should be considered. Therefore analysis of Societies will be made in an endeavor to, at least partially, eliminate such inequalities. Each society, registering a Bulletin in the RMFMS directory will receive a questionnaire, which should be answered and returned as soon as possible, from which the two (2) groupings will be made.

Also because the annual convention of the RMFMS was held in February, there was not sufficient time to complete this contest so that the winners were published in the Rocky Mountain News at a later date and awards forwarded. There were first, second and third place awards in each group with trophies awarded to each group winner.

Although awards were not made at the annual convention, at the Editors breakfast, there was an open forum for constructed debate to improve and enlarge the communications channels between the members of each society, and between various societies of our hobby.

Winners of the 1970 RMFMS 4th annual Bulletin Contest are as follows:

## Group 1

1st Place - Trophy and Blue Ribbon. **Rockhound Record**, Everett Sterner, Editor, Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

2nd Place - Red Ribbon. **Rock Talk**, Patt S. Anderson, Editor, Newton Gem and Mineral Society, Newton, Kansas.

3rd Place - White Ribbon. **News and Views**, Bill and Kay Sheehan, Editors, Wasatch Gem Society, Salt Lake City, Utah.



**Group 2**

1st Place - Trophy and Blue Ribbon. **Pick and Pack**, Warren & Marge Strait, Editors, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

2nd Place - Red Ribbon. **Rockhound Bulletin**, Gates Rock and Mineral Club, Bonnie Crouch, Editor, Gates Rock and Mineral Club, Englewood, Colorado.

3rd Place - White Ribbon. **A.R.C. Chatter**, Mrs. Genevieve Schaper, Editor, Albuquerque Rockhounds Club, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

There are now 14 states participating in the "JOHNNY HORIZON" program to clean up litter. (Johnny Horizon Countryside Clean Up Days). The latest state being Minnesota.

The Scholarship Fund as of 10-8-69 stands at approximately \$75,000.00. With the exception of a few hundred dollars received from outside organizations, the entire amount has been donated, free-will, by rockhounds throughout the nation. Betty Crocker coupons are turned in to General Mills at 1/2 cent each. Approximately 10% of the Fund springs from this source. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Dr. Carey Croneis, Chancellor, Rice University, Houston, Texas has been given the Scholarship Award for 1970. This year five (5) students will be chosen for two years each. Amount \$500.00.

The 1970 Scholarship winners are:

Steven Arthur - Odessa, Texas - Rice University.

Austin Albert Sartin, Jr. - Lafayette, La. - Southern Methodist U.

Karl W. Kaufman - Tenaflly, N. J. - University of Chicago.

David Wm. Anderson - Salt Lake City, Utah - University of Utah.

Louie Nick Marencovich - Los Angeles, Calif., U. of Southern Cal.

All are working towards their Master's or Doctor's Degree in Earth Science subjects.

The RMFMS now has 53 - 100% clubs; 17 - 200%; 8 - 300%; 5 - 400%; 3 - 500% and 1 - 1000%.

**New Clubs that joined the Federation in 1969-70: (20)**

Arbor Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Argonne Lapidary and Geological Society, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Arbuckle Rock and Fossil Club, Ada, Oklahoma.

Gemcrafters and Explorers Club, Organ, New Mexico.

Golden Belt Gem and Mineral Society, Great Bend, Kansas.

100th Meridian Rock and Gem Club, Cozad, Nebraska.

Mid-State Rock Club, Gibbon-Shelton, Nebraska.

Nebraska Gem & Mineral Club, Omaha, Nebraska.

Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Northwest Nebraska Rock Club, Crawford, Nebraska.

Platte Valley Rock & Mineral Society, North Platte, Nebraska.

Stoneagers Earth Science Club, Phoenix, Arizona.

Joplin Gem & Mineral Society, Inc., Joplin, Missouri.

Sheridan Gem & Mineral Society, Sheridan, Wyoming.

Panhandle State College Earth Science Club, Goodwell, Oklahoma.

Pebble Pickin' Posse', Phoenix, Arizona.

Quay City Gem & Mineral Society, Nara Visa, New Mexico.

Rockhound Club of Sun City, Sun City, Arizona.

Sunsites Gem & Mineral Club, Cochise, Arizona.

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, Tucson, Arizona.

**Clubs - Disbanded and withdrawn from RMF membership: (3)**

Alva Gem & Mineral Society, Alva, Oklahoma.

Chickasha Rock & Mineral Society, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Coolidge Gem & Mineral Society, Coolidge, Arizona.

**Clubs - Suspended from membership for nonpayment of dues: (3)**

Yavapai Gem and Mineral Club, Prescott, Arizona.

Portales Gem and Mineral Society, Portales, New Mexico.

Laramie Rockologists Club, Laramie, Wyoming.

**Reinstated into the RMF membership: (1)**

Navajo Trails Gem and Mineral Club, Bayfield, Colorado.

As of October 31, 1970 there are 118 clubs with a membership of 7,812.

In 1963 and 1968 the RMFMS held color slide contests which resulted in several very fine programs being added to our Program Library. At the House of Delegates meeting in Tucson, it was decided to hold a third Slide Contest.

**New Programs added from November 1, 1969 to October 31, 1970:**

55-S "National Show - Salt Lake City, 1969"

- 56-M The Physical Properties of Minerals.
- 57-M Florissant Pegmatities
- 58-T Treasures of Southwest Oklahoma.
- 59-E Sand Painting

A new committee, Bulletin Aids was established for the year 1970. Mrs. Dan (Lucille) McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma is Chairman.

The Department of the Interior announced that portions of the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge, near Jet, Oklahoma will be open to public access, use, and recreation subject to provisions of Federal Regulations.

Each individual may collect for his personal use up to a maximum of ten pounds, plus one crystal or crystal cluster per day.

Digging for crystals confined to areas posted for such activity. Period of use Saturday, Sunday and holidays from April 1, 1970 through October 15, 1970 inclusive.

The Golden Eagle entry pass to Federal Parks has been temporarily discontinued because Congress delayed renewal of authority to issue them until too late to make their use practical this year. Interim permits will be issued through the Department of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior until next year.

These permits sell for \$7.00 and will be good for the remainder of this year. They can also be used for a \$1.00 reduction where camping fees are charged at Federal facilities.

The Golden Eagle cards will be available at \$10.00 for the 1971 calendar year.

### Of Interest

Many of the clubs are making vests and jackets with their club emblems on the back and wearing them to their club and federations shows. This is one good way of getting better acquainted with your fellow rockhounds.

### RMF Winners in the ALL AMERICAN FEDERAL CLUBS contest:

Enid Gem and Mineral Society - 75 members, Enid Oklahoma.

Grant County Rolling Stones - 40 members, Silver City, New Mexico.

Mineralogical Society of Utah - 152 members, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Topeka Gem and Mineral Society, Topeka, Kansas.

Calvin Simmons was presented a Lifetime Membership at the October 2, 1970 meeting of the Colorado Mineral Society. This special award was given

to Mr. Simmons to honor his many services to the Colorado Mineral Society, Rocky Mountain and American Federations and our hobby over many years of intensive and dedicated work.

The July 1970 meeting of the Casper Gem and Mineral Club of Wyoming was the scene of another special award. Dr. H. L. Harvey, a charter member, was presented with a Lifetime Membership and a Plaque in appreciation for the many things he has done for the club.

### Officers elected to serve the 1970-71 year:

President, O. Reid Klemp, Garden City, Kansas; Vice President, Lynn C. Billau, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Secretary, Mrs. Joan Shaw, Larkin, Kansas; Treasurer, Wally Cole, Provo, Utah; Historian (2nd yr. of 5 yr. term) James C. Brown, Jr., Phoenix, Arizona.

### Executive Board and State Directors:

Arizona - Walter Peck, Phoenix, Arizona.

Colorado - Don Unger, Denver, Colorado.

Kansas - Mrs. Alice Young, Wichita, Kansas.

Nebraska - Charles Schafer, Omaha, Nebraska.

New Mexico and Texas - W. H. (Bill) Caudle, Jal, New Mexico.

North and South Dakota - Mrs. Ruby Hill, Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas - James Anderson, Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Utah - Dr. B. D. Bennion, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Wyoming - Wm. (Bill) Guthrie, Casper, Wyoming.

### Standing Committee Chairmen

Publicity — Mrs. Lynn (LaVerne) Billau, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Finance — Henry J. Heisch, Provo, Utah; Ivan J. Sorensen, Provo, Utah; and Kenneth T. Derr, Orem, Utah.

Nominating — Dan Caudle, Chairman, Clifton, Arizona; Mrs. W. Russell (Mary) Anderson, Bingham Canyon, Utah.

Program Aid — John L. Bush, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Field Trip Aid — E. L. (Leon) Gilmore, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Lapidary Tech — John W. Gholson, Wichita, Kansas.

Mineralogical Tech — Mrs. Therese (Rocky) Murchison, Tucson, Arizona.

Convention Advisory — Mrs. L. R. Montgomers, Topeka, Kansas.

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Long Range Planning — Calvin Simmons, Chairman, Denver, Colorado; Dan McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Norman Hamilton, Salt Lake City, Utah.

°Conservation of Recreational Lands Comm. — Richard Parsons, Northgleen, Colorado.

Scholarship — Mrs. Elsie Klemp, Garden City, Kansas.

Show Dates Coordinator — Mrs. Jim B. (Ida May) Howell, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Uniform Rules — David H. Garske, Chairman, Rapid City, South Dakota; Harry G. Roberson, Phoenix, Arizona; and Claud Clary, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Insurance — LeRoy C. Dumler, Wichita, Kansas.

°°Bulletin Aids — Mrs. Dan (Lucille) McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Directory (New) — Mrs. Mary Hickok, Chairman, Ulysses, Kansas; Mrs. Jean Hickok, Ulysses, Kansas; and Mrs. Charles Hickok, Ulysses, Kansas.

°This was formerly known as "Public Lands Advisory Committee". The reason for this change is to consolidate four (4) programs in which we are all vitally interested.

1. Public Lands Advisory, SAVE (Save Against Vandalism Everywhere)

2. A.F.M.S. — HELP (Help Eliminate Litter Please, or

3. Hels Eliminate Land Polution)

4. The Nation JOHNNY HORIZONA PROGRAM

°°The Bulletin Contest Committee has been consolidated into the Bulletin Aids Committee.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

TOPEKA, KANSAS

OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 1971

The Twenty-eighth annual convention was held at the Exposition Center Building and the theme was "Topeka's Rock-O-Rama."

Show Chairmen were Roy C. Roderick and Edward Shumaker.

Field trips were plentiful where such specimens as fossils, opal, jasper, petrified wood, pyrite, sharks' teeth and other materials were found.

Working exhibits and demonstrations were lapidary, faceting, silversmithing, carving, sand painting and sphere making.

Editors breakfast was held at Myron Green Cafeteria, awards were presented to winners of the 5th Bulletin Contest. The following is a list of those winners.

## GROUP 1

1st Place-Trophy and Blue Ribbon.

The Rear Trunk Charles and Evelyn Schafer, Editors, Nebraska Mineral and Gem Club, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska.

2nd Place-Red Ribbons. News. And Views, Bill & Kay Sheehan, Editors, Wasatch Gem Society, Salt Lake City, Utah.

3rd Place-White Ribbons, Quarry Quips, Mary Ann Davis, Wichita Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., Wichita, Kansas.

## GROUP 2

1st Place-Trophy and Blue Ribbon, Manhattan M.G. & F. Newsletter, Manhattan Mineral Gem and Fossil Club, Nancy Roth, Editor, Manhattan, Kansas.

2nd Place-Red Ribbon, Deming Rock Chips, Deming Gem and Mineral Society, Deming, New Mexico.

3rd Place--White Ribbon, News Nuggets. Mary Brown, Editor, Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The House of Delegates was called to order by President O. Reid Klemp at 1 p.m. President Seel of the American Federation, Mrs. Seel and thirteen members of the Executive Committee were introduced. Walter Cole, Treasurer and Walter Peck, Arizona State Director were unable to attend. The Credentials Committee reported 62 clubs were represented. A Quorum of 38 was needed.

There are thirteen new clubs in the Federation:

Sheridan Gem & Mineral Society, Sheridan, Wyoming.

Joplin Gem & Mineral Society, Joplin, Missouri.

Pebble Pickin' Possee, Phoenix, Arizona.

Panhandle State College Earth Science Club, Goodwell, Oklahoma.

Rockhound Club of Sun City, Sun City, Arizona.

Gemcrafters & Explorers Club, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Sunsites Gem & Mineral Club, Cochise, Arizona.

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, Tucson, Arizona.

Gila Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Safford, Arizona.

Oak Creek Gem & Mineral Society, Sedona, Arizona.

Green Valley Lapidary Club, Green Valley, Arizona.

Fort Kearney Rock Club, Kearney, Nebraska.

Portales Gem & Mineral Society, Portales, New Mexico.

With a total of 115 active clubs in the Federation.

Operating Procedures, Publicity # 2 Subject Federation Bulletin Contest was revised to help in the judging and the widening scope of Club Bulletins. It was moved by Jim Brown and seconded by Jim Howell to accept, motion carried.

Discussion on Boundaries was moved by John Pate to reaffirm that Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. boundaries to include the States of Nebraska, South and North Dakota as originally stated in



the boundaries of 1960-61. It was seconded by Bill Guthrie, Natrona County Rockhounds, Wyoming it carried unanimously.

Lynn Billau, Vice-president reported on the difficulty of obtaining a tax exempt status for the RMFMS from the Internal Revenue Service. Work is continuing on it.

Jim Brown, Historian, reported that he hoped the History Book would be ready for the 1972 meeting.

Jim Brown moved that the committee changes recommended by Reid Klemp President be approved; Mary Anderson, Mineralogical Society of Utah seconded. These are:

1. Creation of a Directory Committee
2. Consolidation of the Bulletin Contest with the Bulletin Aids Committee.
3. Formation of the Conservation of Recreational Lands Committee by consolidating the Bureau of Lands Management, Help Eliminate Litter Please, Johnny Horizon Program and Sportsman Against Vandalism Everywhere.

Bill Guthrie moved and Jim Brown seconded that Executive Committee members, all Past-Presidents and Historian be provided with permanent name-plates. Carried unanimously.

It was suggested that everyone send letters to the Postal Department in order to have a mineral heritage commemorative stamp issued during the 1971 year when the American Federation will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Reports of Standing and special Committees were accepted as printed by the House of Delegates. The Standing and Special Committees are:

- Publicity--Mrs. Lynn Billau, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
 Finance--Henry Heisch, Provo, Utah.  
 Ivan J. Soresen, Provo, Utah.  
 Kenneth T. Derr, Orem, Utah.  
 Nominating--Dan Caudle, Clifton, Arizona.

Mrs. Russell Anderson, Bingham Canyon, Utah.

Program Aid--Jim Howell, Guyman, Oklahoma.

Lapidary Technical--John W. Gholson Wichita, Kansas

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Business Manager--Johnson Sinclair, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Long Range Planning--Calvin Simmons Denver, Colorado

Dan McLennan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Norman Hamilton, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Conservation of Recreation Lands---Robert J. Fairfield, North Glenn, Colorado.

Scholarship--Mrs. Elsie Klemp, Gardne City, Kansas.

Mrs. Lois Reeves, Fort Collins, Colorado

Show Dates Coordinator---Mrs. Jim Howell, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Evelyn Schafer, Omaha, Nebraska.

Editor--LaVerne Billau, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Uniform-Rules---Tom Windle, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Claud Clary, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Insurance--LeRoy Dumlér, Wichita, Kansas.

Bulletin Aids--Mrs. Dan McLennan, Credentials--Mrs. Willis G. Tilton, Topeka, Kansas.

Resolutions--Ed Skala, Oklahoma, City, Oklahoma.

Directory---Mrs. Mary Hickok; Mrs. Jean Hickok; Mrs. Charles Hickok; Ulysses, Kansas.

The President explained that the Scholarship Foundation operating Procedures have been changed so that each Federation will select its own award winner to receive scholarship grants.

Ken Buchanan moved and Jim Brown seconded the following dates for future Shows:

Phoenix, Arizona---June 23-25, 1972  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 15-17

1973.  
Denver, Colorado (combined AFMS-  
RMFMS Show) June 19-22, 1975

The following officers elected for  
the year 1971-1972 are:

President-----Lynn Billau, Tulsa  
Oklahoma.  
Vice-President----Clarence Wolfe,  
Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
Secretary-----Mary Alice Sinclair,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
Treasurer--Dean Wise, Albuquerque,  
New Mexico.  
State Directors-----  
Arizona----Florice Cherry, Sedona,  
Arizona.  
Kansas--Louellen Montgomery, Topeka,  
Kansas.  
North & South Dakota----Ruby Hill,  
Hot Springs, South Dakota.  
Wyoming--William Guthrie, Casper,  
Wyoming.  
Executive Board...Outgoing 1970-1971.

President--O. Reid Klemp, Garden,  
City, Kansas.  
Vice President----Lynn C. Billau,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
Secretary----Joan Shaw, Larkin,  
Kansas.  
Treasurer--Wally Cole, Provo, Utah.  
Arizona--Walter Peck  
Colorado--Don Unger  
Kansas--Alice Young  
Nebraska--Charles Schafer  
New Mexico & Texas--W. H. Caudle  
North & South Dakota--Mrs. Ruby Hill  
Oklahoma, Missouri & Arkansas--James  
Anderson  
Utah--Dr. Bennion  
Wyoming--William Guthrie

The banquet was held October 2  
at Ramada Inn, Downtown, Mr. Dwight  
Nesmith the speaker.

#### SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Eugene S. Richardson, Jr. of  
Gurnee, Illinois was voted to receive  
the AFMS Scholarship Fund Award for  
1971. The Federation, which has well  
over 60,000 members presents this  
award annually for outstanding  
achievement in the field of Earth  
Sciences. Dr. Richardson has been  
Curator of Invertebrate Fossils for  
Field Museum of Natural History since

1946. He selected six (6) graduate  
students for two (2) years each to-  
ward their Master's or Doctor's  
degree in any of the Earth Sciences.  
The grantee Students are:

James Granath, Illinois-University  
of Illinois  
Daniel Yatkola, Massachusettes,  
University of Wyoming.  
John Speer, Pennsylvania---Virginia  
Polytechnic Institute  
John Ashe, California---University  
of Chicago  
Jane ellen Pike (Mrs.) Maryland---  
Stanford University. (Mrs. Pike  
is the first woman to be chosen  
receiving this support.)

It is interesting to note that  
approximately 10 percent of the  
Scholarship Fund (about \$11,000) has  
come from Betty Crocker coupons.

As of November, 1971 Elsie Klemp  
will resign her job as RMFMS  
Scholarship Chairman. Elsie has  
retired from her teaching profession  
and she and Reid are planning  
extended travels. Elsie volunteered  
for this job way back in 1964 and for  
seven years she has done a marvelous  
job. From the time Elsie started to  
the present date, the RMFMS contri-  
butions of Betty Crocker coupons has  
been almost, 295,000. Mrs. Lois Reeves  
of Fort Collins, Colorado has been  
appointed chairman to take Elsie's  
place.

#### OF INTEREST

Dick Bideauz, one time RMFMS Schol-  
arship recipient has had a mineral  
named after him, Bideauxite, an  
extremely rare lead-silver choloride.  
This mineral has been found in two  
specimens from the Mammoth-St. Anthony  
mine at Tiger, Arizona and in the  
Harvard and Smithsonian collections.  
It is a colorless transparent mineral  
resembling cerargyrite, which is what  
it was first labelled. Bideauxite is  
an oxide zone mineral found with  
boleite, leadhillite, matlockite, and  
anglesite in quartz. (Excerpt from  
the Mineralogical Magazine, June 1970  
in a report written by Sidney A.  
Williams).

## TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 23 24 25 1972

## VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

The theme of the show was "Gems of the Desert" with the mineralogical Society of Arizona hosting, June 23 24 & 25, 1972.

The field trip was to the Tiger Mine.

Chairmen were Walter Peck and Perry Stufflebeam.

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 1972, by President L. Billau, with Dan McLennan Parliamentarian.

The Executive Board was introduced:

Mr. Lynn Billau, President  
Mr. Clarence Wolfe, Vice-President  
Mrs. Eleanor Jaeger, Secretary  
Mr. Dean Wise, Treasurer  
Mr. Dan Caudle, Past President.  
Mr. O. Reid Klemp, Past President  
Mrs. Florice Cherry, Arizona  
Mr. Don Unger, Colorado  
Mrs. Louellen Montgomery, Kansas  
Mr. W. H. Caudle, New Mexico and Texas  
Dr. B. D. Bennion, Utah  
Mr. William Guthrie, Wyoming  
Mr. James Anderson, Oklahoma absent  
Mrs. Ruby Hill, North and South Dakota, absent  
Mrs. Charles Schafer, Nebraska, absent

Visitors welcomed were:

Mrs. Ed Immel, President of AFMS  
Mr. Paul Seel, President of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation  
Mrs. Paul Seel.  
Mrs. Katherine Steinbrenner, Vice-President of the AFMS  
Miss Alberta Best, Vice-President, CFMS  
Mrs. Mary Anderson, Secretary of AFMS  
Mrs. LaVerne Billau, Editor of the Rocky Mountain Newsletter  
Past Presidents of the RMFMS----

Mary Anderson, William Guthrie, Kan McLennan, Dan Caudle, and O. Reid Klemp.

The Credentials Committee reported 114 delegates with 59 clubs represented. A quorum was present.

Mr. Billau stated that we have a new club, the Western Oklahoma Gem, Rock and Mineral Society of Elk City Oklahoma. Mr. Bob Harness President of the club was introduced. Mr. Lynn Billau says that two clubs have dropped. There are now 113 clubs in the Federation.

Mr. Billau advised that he has filed an application for tax exempt status for the Federation and hopes to have this matter completed by November.

The Long Range Planning Committee Cal Simmons, Dan McLennan and Dan Caudle have studied the proposals handed them, present them now.  
Item 1---That a supplies Chairman be established to assist the Treasurer in acquisition and dispensing supplies. The motion was carried.  
Item 2---That all files 3 years old be discarded with all financial statements, IRC Reports and important documents being kept. Method of disposition would be sent to the Historiam for examination and destruction. The motion carried.  
Item 3---That a mileage allowance for president and vice-president traveling to and from the AFMS meeting be raised to 8¢ a mile. The motion carried.  
Item 4---That the RMFMS Uniform Rules Chairman be paid transportation to the AFMS Rules meeting on the same basis as the President and Vice-President. The motion carried.  
Item 5---A proposal that the person selected to make the Scholarship award be invited to RMFMS Awards Banquet and given 8¢ a mile for round trip, one nights free lodging and tickets to the Show and Banquet. Motion carried.

From the Editors Breakfast at the Rodeway Inn, Mr. McLennan gave the



report of the Bulletin Aids Committee. Bulletins of 4 pages or less:  
1st Place and Trophy-----"Rockhound Bulletin" Gates Rock and Mineral Club, Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Irene Penton, Editor.

2nd Place-----"The Rockhound Scoop", Golden Belt Gem and Mineral Society, Great Bend, Kansas, Betty Wallace, Editor.

3rd Place-----"Pebble City News", Northern Oklahoma Gem and Mineral Society, Ponca City, Oklahoma, Mrs. Laura Horne, Editor.

Bulletins of more than 4 pages.  
1st Place and Trophy-----"The T-Town Rockhound", Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Tulsa Oklahoma, Mrs. Billye Buchanan, Editor.

2nd Place-----"Sooner Rockologist", Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mrs. Minnie Morgan, Editor.

3rd Place-----"Quarry Quips", Wichita Gem and Mineral Society, Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Mary Ann Davis, Editor.

Trophies for the All American Club awarded at the Awards Banquet.

1.-Mineralogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

2.-Enid Gem and Mineral Society, Enid, Oklahoma.

3.-----Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

4.-----Topeka Gem and Mineral Society, Topeka, Kansas.

Election of officers for the year 1972-1973, they are:

President--Clarence Wolfe, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Vice-President-----Hugh A. Derham, Anthony, New Mexico.

Secretary---Gwen A. Leggs, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Treasurer---Dean Wise, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

State Directors:

Colorado--Don Unger

Nebraska--Charles Schafer

New Mexico--W. H. Caudle

Utah--Dr. B. D. Bennion

Standing and Special Committees are:

Publicity--Mrs. LaVerne Billau

Finnace---Wayne Fisher---John Beavers

and George Tennant  
Nominating--Dan Caudle, O. Reid Klemp  
and Lynn Billau.  
Program Aids--Jim Howell  
Convention Advisory--Jim C. Brown  
Mineralogical Technical--Mrs. Therese Murchison  
Business Manager--Johnson Sinclair  
Long Range Planning--Calvin Simmons, Dan McLennan, and Dan Caudle  
Conservation of Recreational Lands--Mrs. Elsie Matthews  
Scholarship--Mrs. Lois Reeves  
Show Dates Coordinator--Evelyn Schafer  
Uniform Rules--John Pate, Claude Clary and Kenneth Buchanan  
Bulletin Aids--Mrs. Lucille McLennan  
Directory--Mrs. Lucille McLennan  
Editor--Mrs. LaVerne Billau

The next Rocky Mountain Federation Show and Meeting will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 15-17, 1973 with the theme "Sooner Symphony in Stones".

Mrs. Mildred Schupp, Chairman of Resolutions presented the Resolutions.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Bud Browns' Barn, 902 Northern Ave., Phoenix, Arizona. The speaker was Dr. Carleton Moore who spoke on "Whats New on the Moon."

Duncan Fawcett Sibley is the recipient of the Rocky Mountain Federation Scholarship Grant. He is a Ph. D. candidate in the School of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Oklahoma. He is a very promising graduate student and we are very pleased to have him receive the two-year fellowship from the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

#### RMFMS BIRTHDAY CAKE CONTEST

In May the AFMS celebrated their 25th founding of the Federation of which we of the Rocky Mountain Federation belong as a regional Federation member.

Each regional Federation was asked to provide a cabochon of any form, of about 30 x 40 dimensions, from each state within the regional federations



boundaries. Celebration to held in Washington D. D. When a huge cake decorated with cabochons from every state of the Union and from individual clubs was cut and the gem then placed in the Natural Museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

A total of 42 cabochons from ten (10) states were received in the RMFMS contest. the following is a list of states along with the name of winners and their respective cabochon material.

Arizona---Douglas McVicar, Mohave, City Gemstones---Jasper.  
Colorado---L. N. Bass, not identified, petrified wood.  
Kansas---Lloyd F. Hatfield, Wichita Gem and Mineral, Society, White Moss Agate.  
Nebraska---Wes Geiken, 1st Meridian Rock and Gem Club, Petrified Wood  
New Mexico---Don J. Hogg, Clovis Gem and Mineral Society, Quartz.  
Oklahoma---Sylvia Fort, Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Petrified Wood.  
South Dakota---Sam Scott, Custer City Rock Club, Rose Quartz.  
Texas---Unknown, El Paso Mineral And Gem Club, Fossilized Stone.  
Utah---Harold Meyers, Wasatch Gem Society, Petrified Wood.  
Wyoming---Glen Barr, Cambria Rams Rock Club, Black Jade.

The remaining 32 cabochons, except for two that were fractured in shipment, were sent to June Zeitner for presentation to the Smithsonian.

#### OF INTEREST

This year it has become a criminal offense to pick up and keep an arrowhead or any other item that might be considered an artifact that is found on any National Forest Area.

Snoop-Fighter pilot, former head Beagle, and illustrious star of Charles M. Schulz's comic strip, "Peanuts"--has become a full partner in the Johnny Horizon Environmental Program led by the U. S. Department of the Interior.

#### THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 15 16 17 1973

#### STATE FAIRGROUNDS GENERAL EXHIBITS BUILDING

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Hosted by the Oklahoma mineral and Gem Society, Inc.

Two field trips were planned, one to collect Rose Rocks and the other to collect Boley Agate.

There was one terrific hail and rain storm during the delegates meeting.

Dan McLennan was show Chairman.

Editors Breakfast was held at Holiday Inn West. Awards were presented to the winners of the 7th Bulletin Contest:

GROUP 1---4 Pages or over.  
1st Place and Trophy---"Sooner Rock-ologist". Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mrs. Minnie Lee Morgan, Editor.  
2nd---"Glacial Drifter".....Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Louellen Montgomery, Editor.  
3rd---"EGMS Bulletin", Enid, Oklahoma, Mrs. E. A. Franke, Editor.  
GROUP 2---Under 4 pages  
1st Place and Trophy---"Pick and Pack", Colorado Springs, Colorado, Russell Eachar, Editor.  
2nd---"Gravel Gazette". Lawrence, Kansas, Edwina King, Editor.  
3rd---"Rockhound Scoop". Great Bend Kansas, Betty Wallace, Editor.

House of Delegates thirtieth annual meeting, Saturday, June 17, 1973.

The following guests were introduced:

Mrs. Katie Steinbrenner, President AFMS and Mr. Steinbrenner.  
Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Executive Vice-President AFMS and  
Mrs. Lee, President Northwest Federation Mineralogical Societies.  
Mrs. Mary Anderson, Treasurer AFMS and Past President RMFMS and Mr. Russell Anderson.

Mrs. Wilma Bonar, Secretary Eastern Federation Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies.

Other Past-presidents introduced:

Mr. Lynn Billau  
Mr. O. Reid Klemp  
Mr. William Guthrie

Members of the Executive Board were introduced:

Clarence Wolfe, President  
Hugh Derham, Vice-President  
Gwen Legg, Secretary  
Dean Wise, Treasurer  
James C. Brown, Historian  
Lynn Billau, Past President  
O. Reid Klemp, Past President  
Mrs. Florice Cherry, Arizona  
Don Unger, Colorado  
Mrs. Louellen Montgomery, Kansas  
Charles Schafer, Nebraska  
Mrs. Ruby Hill, N. & S. Dakota  
Jim Howell, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas  
Dr. B. C. Bennion, Utah  
William Guthrie, Wyoming  
W. H. Caudle, New Mexico and Texas was unable to attend.

Mr. Richter, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, stated 59 clubs with 118 votes were reported. A quorum was declared.

New Clubs to the Rocky Mountain Federation are:

1,000 Springs Gem & Mineral Club, Grantsville, Utah  
Ute Mountain Gem & Mineral Club, Cortez, Colorado  
Ruidoso Gem & Mineral Club, Ruidoso, New Mexico  
Santa Fe Rock Rollers, Stillwell, Kansas  
Laramie Rockologist Club, Laramie, Wyoming.

The Rocky Mountain Federation 1973 Directory Chairman, Ollie Calloway reports there are 114 clubs with a membership of 8,504.

The Long Range Planning Committee presented some rephrasing and very minor changes for the Credentials and convention Code. These were seconded and motion carried. The President

suggested that rewriting and printing, updating and incorporating amendments passed since the Operating Procedures were rewritten in 1963; The convention Code was last amended in 1968.

A motion was passed for the Federation to publish a "Best-of-the-Best Bulletin. This Bulletin will be made up of articles extracted from local Bulletins or newsletters then compiled into an interesting, educational and informative publication.

A continuing attempt is being made to secure Tax exempt status for our Federation with the Federal Income Tax Service.

Lynn C. Billau Chairman of Nominating Committee Presented the following slate of officers for the term beginning November 1, 1973.

President----Hugh Derham, Dona Ana Rockhound Club, Anthony, New Mexico.  
Vice-President----Louellen Montgomery Topeka Gem & Mineral Society, Topeka Kansas.

Secretary---George Zurian, El Paso Mineral & Gem Society, El Paso, Texas  
Treasurer---Dr. Arthur Schoondermark, Cheyenne Gem & Mineral Society Cheyenne, Wyoming

State Director Arizona-----Maryanna Mills, Gila County Gem & Mineral Society, Miami, Arizona  
State Director Kansas-----Clarence Newlin, Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, Wichita, Kansas

It was announced that the Cheyenne Gem & Mineral Society would host the combined Federation and State Show in Cheyenne, Wyoming during the period of June 7 - 9, 1974.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Miss Carol Ray, PUBLICITY

Wayne Fisher

John Beavers,

George Tennant, FINANCE

O. Reid Klemp,

Lynn Billau, NOMINATING

Jim Howell, PROGRAM AID

Mrs. Therese Murchison, MINERALOGICAL  
TECHNICAL

Jim C. Brown, CONVENTION ADVISOR

Mrs. Lou Calloway, BUSINESS MANAGER

Lynn Billau, LONG RANGE PLANNING  
 Mrs. Lois Reeves, Scholarship  
 Elsie Matthews, RECREATIONAL LANDS  
 Evelyn Schafer, SHOW DATE COORDINATOR  
 Claude Clary,  
 Kenneth Buchanan

Mrs. Mildred Schupp, UNIFORM RULES  
 Ollie Calloway, DIRECTORY  
 Hugh Derham, IMMEDIATE ACTION  
 Louellen Montgomery EDUCATIONAL

The Resolutions Committee could not be given because of severe weather warnings and the convention hurriedly adjourned.

#### THE ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD:

Trophy winners are:

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Inc.,  
 Tulsa, Oklahoma  
 Enid Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.,  
 Enid, Oklahoma.

#### SCHOLARSHIP

The RMFMS Scholarship Committee selected Professor Theodore Walker, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado to select a student to receive the AFMS Scholarship Award. At a brief ceremony held in Denver on October 12, 1973 Dr. Walker selected Mr. Ralph Devitt Lindburg, a student of the University to receive the AFMS Scholarship Award.

Clarence Coil, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society recently made a rare find of Barylite in the mountains west of Colorado Springs. Two crystals were found while digging for Amazonite. These crystals are blue Gray in color. This is a freak occurrence since Barium is not usually found in pegmatite. One crystal has been donated to the Smithsonian Museum while Clarence has the other one in his collections.

Mr. George Zurian, Secretary elect passed away with Cancer, Aldine Fireng became secretary for the 1973-74 term.

#### THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 7 8 9, 1974

FRONTIER PAVILION

CHEYENNE, WYOMING

The theme was June Jade State Jamboree, combined Show of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society, Inc. The host club was the Cheyenne Mineral and Gem Society. Show Chairman, Gilford E. Alexander.

The weather played havoc, some delegates could not make it or was late because of snow. It poured rain during the delegates meeting. All ended well.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF the HOUSE OF DELEGATES ON JUNE 8, 1974. In the Highway Department Auditorium, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p. m.

#### VISITORS INTRODUCED WERE:

Dorothy Lee, President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and her husband, Mr. Lee.  
 Calvin Simmons Past-President of AFMS  
 Paul Seel, Past-President of AFMS  
 Mark Harris, MFMS President  
 E. Marthdal, Pas-President MFMS

#### PAST-PRESIDENTS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Bill Guthrie  
 Dan McLennan  
 Reid Klemp  
 Clarence Wolfe  
 Mary Anderson

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE RMFMS

Hugh Derham, President  
 Louellen Montgomery, Vice-President  
 Aldine Fireng, Secretary  
 Dr. Arthur Schoondermark, Treasurer  
 Marianna Mills, Arizona  
 Don Unger, Colorado  
 Calrence Newlin, Kansas  
 Charles Schafer, Nebraska



John Beavers, New Mexico (John replaced Bill Caudle)  
 Jim Howell, Oklahoma  
 Dr. Bennion, Utah  
 Bill Guthrie, Wyoming

## STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Calvin Simmons, Convention Advisor  
 He is also parliamentarian.  
 Delores Martin, Finance  
 Clarence Wolfe, Past-President  
 Lynn Billau, was unable to attend  
 Ida Mae Howell, Program Aids  
 Dr. Schofield, Editor Publicity  
 George Fisher, Bulletin Aids  
 Miriam West, Credentials  
 Virginia Corter, Resolutions  
 Lois Reeves, Scholarship  
 Dean Wise, Tax Status  
 Bill Basebagill, Uniform Rules  
 Unable to attend was Mrs. Murchison,  
 Mrs. Matthews, Alcie Young, and  
 Douglas Kries.

## WE HAVE TWO NEW CLUBS:

Sunsites Gem and Mineral, Pearce,  
 Arizona  
 Hiawatha Gem and Mineral Hiawatha, K  
 Kansas

The Directory Committee Reports a  
 total of 114 Clubs with 7,732 members.

Miriam West Credentials reported 63  
 Clubs represented out of 114. we have  
 a quorum.

A vote of confidence was give to the  
 Executive Committee to authorize the  
 Executive Committee to appoint a dele-  
 gate to the American Federation Bound-  
 ary Committee and that delegate would  
 have the authority and his acts will  
 be final. Calvin Simmons was the  
 appointed delegate.

The Rocky Mountain Federation Commit-  
 tee on Long Range Planning was given  
 the task of coming up with a plan to  
 absorb the possible raising of next  
 year American Federation dues,

The new 1974-1975 officers of the  
 Rocky Mountain Federation:  
 President-----Louellen Montgomery,  
 Topeka, Kansas.  
 Vice-President--Jim Brown, Phoenix,

Arizona  
 Secretary----Nancy Roth, Manhattan,  
 Kansas  
 Treasurer--Dr. Arthur Schoondermark,  
 Fort Collins, Colorado  
 Historian----Aldine Fireng, El Paso,  
 Texas  
 Colorado State Director--Mrs. Ernie  
 Parshall,  
 Nebraska--Charles Guadereault  
 New Mexico--John Beavers  
 Oklahoma--Jim Howell  
 Utah--Edgar Jarrad

Walt Risch of the Denver Mineral &  
 Gem Club made the announcement that  
 the National and Rocky Mountain Show  
 June 19 20 21 22, 1975 was coming  
 along ver well. The Show place was  
 moved to the National Western Hall in  
 the Denver Coliseum Complex.  
 It was voted on to have the 1976 Show  
 in Omaha, Nebraska June 25, 26, 27,  
 1976.  
 The 1977 Show will be in Salt Lake  
 City, Utah, June 10 11 12, 1877,  
 Mary Anderson is Chairman.

A Report from the Resolutions Chair-  
 man Virginia Courter, Topeka Gem &  
 Mineral Club was given.

The Jade Banquet was held at the  
 Hitching Post Restaurant. The Speaker  
 was E. R. Alexander, Ph. D., he spoke  
 on "Wyoming then and now."

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION  
 BULLETIN WINNERS FOR 1974

1. The Glacial Drifter, Topeka Gem  
 and Mineral Society, Inc.  
 Louellen Montgomery, Editor.
  2. Enid Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.  
 Enid Gem and Mineral Bulletin,  
 Mrs. Hazel Franke, Editor
  3. Quarry Quips, Wichita and Mineral  
 Society, Inc.  
 Mary Ann Davis, Editor  
 (this is GROUP I)
- GROUP 2
- Rockhound Scoop, Golden Belt Gem and  
 Mineral Society  
 Mr. Betty Wallace, Editor  
 Manhattan Gem, Mineral and Fossil  
 Manhattan Gem, Mineral and Fossil Club  
 Nancy Roth, Editor.



ALL AMERICAN FEDERATION CLUB CONTEST  
AWARDS  
Trophy winners-----  
Mineralogical Society of Uta, Salt Lake  
City, Utah.  
Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Inc.,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Congratulations go to the Tulsa Rock  
and Mineral Society, Inc. for winning  
the distinction of having the first  
place Bulletin in the nation for 1974.  
Billye Buchanan was the Editor of the  
winning Bulletin.

Dr. Klaus Keil, Ph. D. Professor of  
Geology and Director of the Institute  
of Meteoritics of the University of  
New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
was the Scholarship Award Honorary  
who will select the student to receive  
the 28 year Scholarship Grant of the  
Rocky Mountain Federation.  
Dr. Keil has selected Mr. William D.  
Riesmeyer, M. S. Candidate in Geology  
at the University of New Mexico as  
the student to receive the Rocky  
Mountain Federation Scholarship.

#### MINERAL HERITAGE STAMP

A two-color cacheted first day cover  
for the June 13 Mineral Heritage  
Stamp issue was offered by the Lincoln  
Stamp Club in cooperation with the  
Lincoln Gem and Mineral Show.

#### OF INTEREST

Mrs. W. Russell Anderson (Mary) of  
Copperton, Utah, was installed as  
President of the AFMS, June 13, 1974.  
She is the first woman from the Rocky  
Mountain Region to have reached this  
level. Mary served as President of  
the RMFMS in 1969.

#### THIRTY-SECOND

#### ANNUAL CONVENTION AND SHOW

JUNE 19 20 21 22, 1975

ANNUAL CONVENTION AND SHOW OF THE  
AMERICAN FEDERATION THE ROCKY  
MOUNTAIN FEDERATION MINERALOGICAL  
SOCIETIES AND

THE COLORADO MINERAL SOCIETY  
THE DENVER GEM AND MINERAL GUILD  
THE GATES ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB  
THE LITTLETON GEM AND MINERAL CLUB  
THE MILE HI ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY  
THE NORTH JEFFCO GEM & MINERAL CLUB

ARE THE HOST CLUBS OF DENVER, COLORADO

The weather was beautiful along with  
an attractive and clean building with  
lots of room, and above all the scenery  
was gorgeous. It took all four days  
to see the show and still there was  
something you missed.

Walt Risch of the Denver Mineral and  
Gem Club was the show chairman.

#### 32nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

JUNE 21, 1975, 9:30 a.m.

Auction Arena, Hall of Education  
Denver, Colorado

Louellen Montgomery, President open-  
ed the meeting, Jim Howell led in the  
pledge and Tom Chatburn gave the  
invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Mary Anderson  
President of the American Federation  
and Past President of the RMFMS and  
her husband Russ Anderson. Dorothy  
Lee and Katie Steinbrenner, Past-  
Presidents AFMS. Gus Meister Don  
Langston, Ellis Courter, Dan Caudle,  
all officers AFMS. LaDocia Ellis and  
Barbara Goss from the California Fed-  
eration. Cliff Anthis, the Eastern  
Federation.

## OTHER PAST PRESIDENTS RMFMS:

Hugh Derham  
Cal Simmons,  
Clarence Wolfe,  
Bill Guthrie,  
Reid Klemp  
Dan McLennan

## INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Jim Brown, Vice-President  
Arthur Schoondermark, Treasurer  
Nancy Roth, Secretary  
Louellen, President  
Aldine Fireng, Historian  
Marianna Mills, Arizona  
Ernest Parshall, Colorado  
Clarence Newlin, Kansas  
Charles Guadreault, Nebraska  
John Beavers, New Mexico  
Bill Roberts, The Dakotas  
Jim Howell, Oklahoma  
Edgar Jarrad, Utah  
William Guthrie, Wyoming

Verna Parshall, Credentials, reported  
72 clubs out of 118, are represented  
with 154 votes. We have a quorum.

## THE NEW CLUBS THIS YEAR ARE:

Mount Scott Gem & Mineral Society,  
Lawton, Oklahoma  
The Shoshone Rock Club  
Powell, Wyoming  
The Earth Science League of Arizona  
Glendale, Arizona  
The Cedar City Rock Club  
Cedar City, Utah  
Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society  
Rapid City, South Dakota

In the Articles of Incorporation of the American Federation, Article XV is a new Bylaw. Its title is Boundaries Agreement. Cal Simmons read some of it to the delegations. The Rocky Mountain Boundary is Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska with the part of North and South Dakota and Nebraska East of the 100th Meridian of longitude remaining in control of the Midwest Federation program.

Bill Basbagill, Uniform Rules Chairman reports 150 exhibits, five society exhibits to be judged.

The Long Range Planning presented a plan to raise the Rocky Mountain Federation dues from its members to 45¢; that is a 10¢ raise. This will absorb the 10¢ raise of the American Federation. The motion carried to raise our dues from 35¢ to 45¢.

The Historian, by a vote of the delegates was added to the list as a member of the Executive Committee.

## Election of the 1975-1976 Officers:

President--James C. Brown  
Vice-President--Dr. Arthur Schoondermark  
Secretary--Harold Howell  
Treasurer--Nelda Reed  
Arizona--Marianna Mills  
Kansas--Bob Wallace  
Dakotas--Betty Watts  
Wyoming--Bill Guthrie

The Nebraska Mineral and Gem Club sent an apology that they would not be able to hold the 1976 Show. The Chaparral Rockhounds of Roswell, New Mexico bid for the show, the delegates voted "yes". It will be June 25-26-27, 1976. The Show 1977 will be in Salt Lake City, Utah. The 1978 Show was bid for by the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society. The Delegates voted yes. The Black Hills Mineral Society of Rapid City, South Dakota bid for and received a big yes for the 1979 Show.

There were no bids for 1980. Mary Anderson is already planning for the 1981 National Show.

Virginia Courter gave the Resolutions report.

The AMFS, RMFMS, and CFMS held their awards Banquet in the Denver Athletic Club.

Roxie L. Voran, was selected for the Rocky Mountain Federation Scholarship. Roxie is pursuing his M. S. in Geology at Kansas State University. He was chosen by the Honorary Award Winner, Dr. Joseph R. Chelikowsky, Professor of Geology at Kansas State University.

BULLETIN WINNERS FOR 1976

GROUP 1....

1. T-Town Rockhound, Tulsa, Oklahoma
2. The Tumbleweed, Garden City, Kansas
3. Quarry Quips, Wichita, Kansas

GROUP 2

1. Rockhound Scoop, Great Bend, Kansas
2. Chaparral Rockhounds, Roswell, New Mexico
3. The Stone Age Bulletin, Santa Fe New Mexico

THIRTY-THIRD MEETING & CONVENTION

JUNE 25 26 27, 1976

STATE FAIRGROUNDS,

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

The theme was "Our Mineral Heritage"

Howell Whiting was Show Chairman.

Fields trips had good responses.

The weather was HOT....

The thirty-third meeting of the house of delegates of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES met at the Planetarium, Roswell, New Mexico on June 26, 1976.

Jim Brown called the meeting to order at 2 P.M.

GUESTS INTRODUCED WERE:

Mary Anderson with Les Gidion from the ROCK HOBBY TIMES... Dorothy Lee and husband Glenn Lee... Ellis Courter Dan Caudle... Clarence Wolfe, Parliamentarian... Bill Guthrie, Past President.... Muriel Colburn was the first official Historian.... Louellen Montgomery, Past-President.

NEW CLUBS ARE:

The Why?-Ajo Gem and Mineral Club, Why, Arizona.  
Tularosa Basin Rock Club, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Margaret Hernes Chairmean of the Credentials Committee reported 150 delegates voting out of 116 clubs in the Federation. 11 states are represen-

ted and 76 clubs are present or represented. A quorum is present.

It was noted that Hugh Derham a Past-President passed away January, 17, 1976.

It was moved by Louellen Montgomery that our boundaries remain the same it was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Louellen Montgomery to remove the Operating Procedure to do with Show Date Coordinator Committee be stricken, the motion carried.

Becky Chatburn, Uniform Rules Chairman reported there are 38 entries in competition and 102 non-competitive and special exhibits. She also reported that the new AFMS Uniform Rules book is to be printed late Fall or Early Winter.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND BY-LAWS REVISORY COMMITTEE...PRESENTED:

ARTICLE II, SECTION 2..there was a deletion and an addition that carried.

ARTICLE III, SECTION 2..Allowing the membership of State Organizations.. This was voted down.

ARTICLE V, SECTION 2...a proposed addition to the duties of the Vice-President...this was voted down.

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3.....this was disapproved....about the election of state directors.

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 2....To add an address, permanent, to the New Mexico Corporation Commission. Voted that address to be 7808 Joy Place N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87109.

CONVENTION CODE: SECTION A, # 7..... to insert the words "or could be loaned" after the present wording " but not to exceed an amount greater than that loaned"

OP. PUBLICITY.....Change #3 to read, To send Bulletins to nonmembers within the boundaries of our Federation and to each State Federation and their officers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE..All were accepted and voted in....



President..Dr. Arthur Schoondermark  
 Vice-President..Jim Howell  
 Secretary..Verna Parshall  
 Treasurer...James A. Hotchkiss.  
 Colorado..Ernest Parshall  
 New Mexico-Texas..John Beavers  
 Oklahoma..John T. Alf  
 Utah..Edgar S. Jarrad

## SHOW DATES

June 10, 11, and 12, 1977...Salt Lake City, Utah  
 1978...Colorado Springs, Colorado.... no date set for this yet.  
 1979....Black Hills Mineral Society, of Rapid City, South Dakota..  
 1981...Salt Lake City, Utah.....The National Show, Federation and State Federation Show.

Dean Wise presented the Resolutions.

## 1975-1976 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR\* MEN.

President..James C. Brown,  
 Vice-President..Dr. Arthur Schoondermark.  
 Secretary..Harold Howell  
 Historian..Aldine Fireng  
 Past President Louellen Montgomery  
 Past President..Clarence Wolfe,  
 Treasurer...Nelda Reed  
 State Directors  
 Arizona..Mariana Mills  
 Colorado..Ernest E. Parshall  
 Kansas..Bob Wallace  
 Nebraska..Charles Gaudreault  
 New Mexico..John Beavers  
 The Dakotas..Mrs Connie Watts  
 Oklahoma..Jim Howell  
 Utah..Edgar S. Jarrad  
 Wyoming..William M. Guthrie

## STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR\* MEN....

Convention Advisor..George Hunter  
 Safety..Leo Langland  
 Finance..Jesse Cook  
 Lapidary Technical..Sylvia Fort  
 Mineralogy Technical..Leslie Presmyk  
 Nominating..Louellen Montgomery  
 Program Aid..Ida May Howell  
 Publicity (Editor)..Mary Ann Davis  
 Boundaries..Calvin B. Simmons  
 Best of Best Editor..Margaret Clements  
 Bulletin Aids..Margaret Clements  
 Circulation..C. Lloyd Fireng  
 Land Conservation..Elsie Mathews

Directory..Louellen Montgomery  
 Credentials..Margaret Hernes  
 Fossil Technical..R. Douglas Kreis  
 International Relations..Walter Peck  
 Long Range Planning..Mrs. Montgomery  
 Scholarship..Lois Reeves then  
 Dr. Schoondermark  
 Show Dates Coordinator..Dixie Lee Alf  
 Tax Status..Dean Wise  
 Uniform Rules..Mrs. Rebecca Chatburn

## AMERICAN MERIT AWARDS...

DENVER GEM & MINERAL..Denver, Colorado  
 THE TOPEKA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.  
 Topeka, Kansas  
 WASATCH GEM SOCIETY, Salt Lake City, Utah

## SCHOLARSHIP...

Dr. D. Jerome Fisher, Emeritus Professor of Geology, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, is the honorary Scholarship Award winner. Dr. Fisher Selected Shirley Turner for the regular Scholarship grant of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION. She developed an interest mineralogy while attending the University of Rochester, where she received her B.S. in Geo Mechanics. Her research is in high resolution electron microscopy as applied to the determination of mineral structures, and she is currently working on morganite, rutile, and clays.

## OF INTEREST...

Robert Nymayer of Roswell was awarded a 1st place for an article on the Pecos River Diamond.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Roswell Inn. A lot of fun and a very good speaker. This was Saturday, June 26th, 1976

Editors Breakfast was 8:00 a.m., Saturday June 26th. Jim Brown was master of Ceremonies.  
 Bulletin winners...