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We hope you are planning to attend our big Annual Christmas Party. Marge Kelly will surprise you with her unusual decorations. The entertainment will be a blending of good voices, good dancing and a super-young combo playing Rock 'n'Roll piloted by our own Paul Just. Jan Waller will add spice from our 50th State - Hawaii. John Names will add the wit as our Master of Ceremonies.

For the children there will be a surprise rock to take home...so, for each child you bring, please wrap a good specimen or slab and this exchange will bring each of them all an early Merry Christmas to remember....All the information as to time, place and date has been previously sent to you all, but as a gentle reminder, here it is again: Pot Luck Dinner, Friday, December 9, 1960; 6:30 P.M. at the Cherryland School. Bring your own plates, cups and silver. Let's make this Party a fun-beginning to a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.....

* Hostess Jean Pfefer *

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SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM YOUR PREXY

The Christmass Season is about here again and many of our thoughts are concerned with what to give this relative or that friend. There is no better gift than the one made by you. A ring, pin or tie clasp, including one of your own polished stones, with a word about what gem it is and where you found it, would be cherished by the receiver for a very long time. A few evenings now, at the Shop, would solve many of your gift problems as well as prepare you for exhibiting at our coming Show in March.

This will be our Lucky Thirteenth Anniversary Ex-
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KOFFEE KLATCH NEWS

Thanks to all those people from "G" through "H" who contributed such luscious cup-cakes for our November meeting. My special thanks to all who served and did K-P - Mrs. Audrey Gilbert and her guest (a future member), Mrs. Inez Beard, Grace Giese and Jean Downing. Marge Kelly made a center-piece that was not only good to look at but to eat as well. I know!.....Hostess Jean Pfefer

Season's Greetings from your Prexy - (concluded)

hibit. That will be the first week-end in March at the Castro Valley High School. This is one of the high-lights of our Society's activities and unofficially acclaimed one of the best society shows in the State. Each has been bigger and better than the year before and has entertained Rock Hounds from every State in the Union. Last year we had a record attendance of more than 3,500 visitors. Our March Show of 1961 should be even better. Your Show Chairman, Ivan Weston, will need the help of each of us and that includes the Juniors. Plan to exhibit either competitively or non-competitively; either rough or polished materials. Get started NOW. If you need help, let your committee know.

Don't forget the CHRISTMAS PARTY starts early on December 9th, 1960. Bring your appetite and be prepared for a full evening of superb entertainment and fun. My very best thanks to Hostess Jean Pfefer.

MAY ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS WISHES COME TRUE.....Ben Owens, President

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REPORT ON THE PEON FIELD TRIP

Thirty-five brave and hardy "Peons" met at the appointed hour near Sonora. The air was cold but the day was perfect with bright sunshine, the rays well-encased in crystals - ice crystals. All rock sacks and other containers were filled to capacity and all hands were rewarded with rhodonite of varying hues and degrees of agatization. It was a good trip, enjoyed by all.....John Names, Head Peon.

DOWN TO THE DESERT

This is usually the grand trip of the year. The people who felt a degree of slight time handicap became peons. Maybe they really were chicken. Only our bravest members ducked into the storms and tried their luck on this one. They were Halla and Nunes. The hopes of the Blacks out there on the lonely sands were dashed into despair. Remember the Blacks are our very dear friends; they've shown us entertainment, bargains in buying rocks and above all the choice places to find them, out there in the trackless sands. Better luck next time. And...while I'm at it: NO FIELD TRIPS DURING DECEMBER.

Ernie Nunes, Trip Chairman

NOTICE....NOTICE....NOTICE....NOTICE....NOTICE....NOTICE....NOTICE

If you have not paid your dues by now, this will be the last issue of THE PETROGRAPH to come your way. This is the club's way of keeping you posted. Look at your membership card and if you are not paid up it will be your fault if no more news comes your way. There are also other benefits that will stop. IF YOUR DUES ARE PAST DUE GET'EM IN: THIS IS DUE TIME.

SCREENINGS

Alice Rahn wishes to announce that her class in silver work and design will change from Mondays to Tuesdays. Therefore be ready for instruction this next Tuesday evening December 13, 1960. Here's a chance to make that Christmas present and under one who has the know-how. You will be delighted and so will the recipient of your gift.

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Keith Andersen has a tumbler for sale with two welded drums, new sealed bearings and a quarter-horse motor. He'll throw in grit, polishing compound and other kindred things. If interested call LU2-7566.

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The topic of the evening for the January Membership Meeting will be furnished by our own Von McBride. Von is always interesting as well as instructive. More later; don't miss him.

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We've got some stars coming up in the teaching line: Gus Molin will show beginners how to do a few tricks in the lapidary line right after the first of the year. It will be on Wednesday evenings. Gus is the man who got the shop running and he has twice won cups in large competitions. Opals exclusively designates to a degree our own Bill Walker. He has already shown us how to polish and shape opals. Bill is heading a trip to Australia, to the very best locales for this wonderful and colorful mineral. See him about that.

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The Shop now has another table for shaping up your precious stones. There isn't another shop in any club to equal ours. If you haven't spent an evening working there you're cheating yourself. Another trim saw will be added as well as a medium slab saw. Obey that impulse and get over there right soon.

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One of the toughest jobs in any non-salaried organization is enlisting volunteers to help on a given task or the acceptance of office to lead the organization. The latter is the toughest toughest job of all: accepting responsibility of office.

It is no sin not to be able to do or be able to do a job one has volunteered for. The discouraging part is not letting some one know in time that the job is not being done.

If we once recognize that no one is perfect, that we all have faults, and that we should do the best we can with what we have, then, and only then, can we enjoy the satisfaction of working together in a group. The Chinese have words for it...

GUNG HOY

TREASURY REPORT
as of November 28, 1960

Balance as of November 13, 1960 \$670.19

INCOME

Shop.	\$63.00	
Membership Dues	154.75	
Misc. Receipts:		
Donation -	\$5.00	
Goggles -	3.50	
G&M Sub. -	<u>18.00</u>	
	26.50	
Show Space Deposits	<u>114.00</u>	
		<u>358.25</u>
Total available		\$1028.44

EXPENSES

Shop:		
Shell Oil -	\$30.02	
Wheels -	19.62	
PG&E -	<u>12.08</u>	
	61.70	
Misc. Expenses:		
Bulletin -	15.00	
Claim Asses-	3.26	
G&M Subs -	18.00	
Caretaker -	15.63	
G&M Renew -	1.50	
Mimeograph-	90.00	
Div. Mines -	1.56	
Flowers -	<u>8.32</u>	
	<u>153.27</u>	
		<u>214.97</u>

Bank Balance as of November 28, 1960. \$813.47 *

*Includes \$500 earmarked for Clubhouse

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The report to the membership meeting November 19th accompanied with films and slides of the "Moly" operations by our members Ivan Weston and David Allen was interesting as well as educational. It certainly serves as a stimulus for other Rock Hounds to keep their eyes open and to get out into the hills again.

It was good to see Everett Pittanger on his feet and about ...

The man with the unending enthusiasm, Henry Rose, told of his experiences as a Rock Hound. Now, somebody, match his tales.

Bill (W. H.) Walker not only consented to teach opal cutting two nights a month - he will teach every Tuesday evening until Christmas and such samples as he furnishes free to practice on. My, oh my! Never got anything like, gratis, before. THANKS, BILL.

Thank you Dickinsons in far away Missoula for the thurite.

OFFICERS FOR 1960-61
(with home phones)

PRESIDENT

Ben Owens

VICE-PRESIDENT

Vern Korstad

TREASURER

Henry Rose

SECRETARY

Anita Hills (

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Joe Engbeck

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

One-Year Term

Everett Pittinger
Chairman

Two-Year Term

Joe Duarte

Three-Year Term

Ivan Weston

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Club Shop - Lester Kent ()
Editor - Joe Engbeck ()
Mail Room - *Jack Burris ()
Library - George Schupp ()
Membership - *Ivis Names ()
 *John Downing - Junior Mentor -

Historian - Alice Rahn
Hostess - Jean Pfefer
Show - *Ivan Weston
) Field Trip - Ernie Nunes
Publicity *B. Engbeck

*(These members have no vote within the scope of the Executive Com.)

JUNIOR MEMBER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

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VICE-PRESIDENT

Mike McGinnis

SECRETARY

Ginger Calvert

POSSIBLE

Membership meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month provided no holiday falls on this date. If such be the case the 3rd Friday will be the night of assembly. Meetings are convened at the Cherryland School at Western and Willow, Hayward, California. 8:00 P.M. During June, July and August no meetings are held. Field Trips are held the year round. Library, Lapidary Shop and Silver Instruction available to all members at 17064 Melody Way every week night.

SOCIETY COLORS

Blue & Gold

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SOCIETY STONE

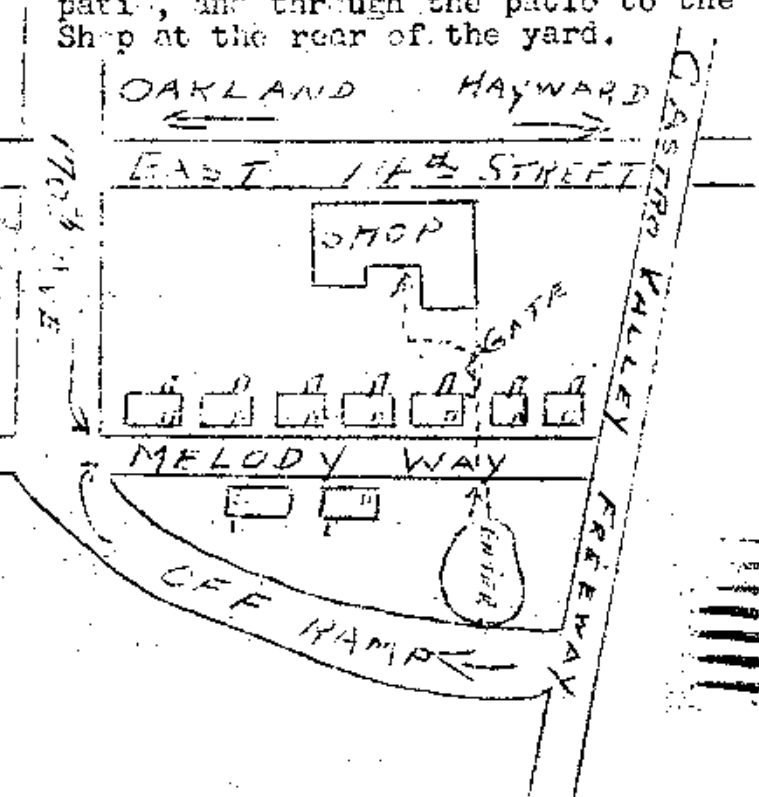
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SHOP RULES

1. (a) Open to all members over 12 years of age.
(b) Under 12 years must be accompanied by responsible adult.
2. Shop Fee 65¢ per evening. (7:30 to 10 PM)
Junior prepaid Fee Ticket for \$5.00. (\$6.50 value)
3. Slab saw to be used only under direction of shop supervisors.
4. Slabbing rate 5¢ per square inch.
5. Use of all equipment is subject to approval of shop supervisors.
6. Failure to heed rules may result in loss of privilege to use shop.
7. Safety precautions must be observed at all times.
8. Co-operative clean-up by all users of shop every day before closing shop.
9. Silver class instruction on Mondays and Thursdays.

THIS IS THE SITE OF OUR SHOP

From 1705th Avenue, off East 14th Street; then turn sharply onto Melody Way to #17064. Walk down the driveway, through the gate into the patio, and through the patio to the Shop at the rear of the yard.



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Joe Engbeck, Editor



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