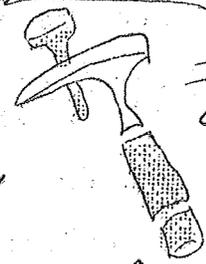


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Here's your Invitation to O P E N H O U S E

Under the able guidance of Vic Newton, Shop Foreman, a renovation has been accomplished at the Shop to make every member proud of the efforts performed to accomplish it. Curtains are cleaned, walls are painted and so are the floors. Slip-covers on the over-stuffed seats are spanking clean. Machinist members have donated their time and efforts to put all our flying wheels in condition. The flat-lap is now grooved to perfection.

The Silver Room looks wonderful; an inspiration to those who work in this place. Under the Rahn and McBride direction you can't help but do a magnificent job in getting that cab you made in the grinding room set to a ring or pendant design in the room where we have gold-plating, soldering devices, and a number of other tools to bring it all about.

The Korstads donated an old but serviceable refrigerator to cool the soda pops while the management has installed an honor system to rely on the payment for the drinks imbibed. A receptacle within the cooler will be on hand to "take" your money as you obtain your bottle.

A LITTLE SPECIAL NOTICE

A committee is working on getting a silver casting outfit to enlarge our field of jewelry-making. There is some money already earmarked for this venture and some ten or fifteen percent of the membership have asked for this equipment for nearly three years. This bid will be presented at the next membership meeting for approval.

OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, from 2 to 5 PM AT THE SHOP. Hosts will be on hand to explain all the workings of this ideal working arrangement - REFRESHMENTS - ALSO DOOR PRIZES.

October 11th, 1963, at 8 PM will be the next membership meeting. All members should be present to act on some very important business - the furnishing of the Shop with some silver casting equipment. This can only be obtained through the membership.

MAX KENNEY, Certified Gemologist, will be the speaker of the evening. Max is really a master in this field and has just completed a seminar for certified gemologists. He will activate your desire to make beautiful things of stone and metal yourself.

CHERRYLAND SCHOOL - WILLOW AT WESTERN - HAYWARD - REFRESHMENTS - 8 PM

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING - SEPT. 13, 1963

Meeting called to order by Pres. Kent at 8:15 P.M.

Virginia Owens introduced the new members and guests. New Officers of the Society were introduced by the president.

The Jr.'s were excused at this time to go into their own meeting room.

Jean Pfefer reminded us that DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.

Bill Walsh demonstrated two new cases that he and Les Kent have been building. As yet they do not have any cost figures. They also asked for any additional ideas the club members might have on new cases.

Edna Pittenger reported that the Club's Shop Open House plan is underway.

The September field trip will be to Stoney Ford on the 21st and 22nd, for work on our claim.

Jeanette Korstad said she would undertake to buy the coke for the refrigerator at the Club Shop.

Bill Walker brought to our attention the three bills that are before the Senate and the House dealing with the sale of Public Land, additional taxes and the curtailment of the collecting of petrified wood.

Virginia Owens introduced Mrs. Jessie Hirsch of Mariposa, as a guest.

Joe Engbeck was appointed to form a committee to send a guest entry to the Sacramento Society's Show in November.

Lester Kent introduced the two members of our club who won their first First Prizes at the Federation's San Jose Show: Louise Palmer for her mineral collection and Del Jones for his handmade jewelry. Sheldon LaFollette was introduced as the winner of the trailer.

Joe Engbeck introduced our guest speaker, Wes Gordon, who showed slides of his trip to the Big Horn Country which was sponsored by the American Museum for the purpose of locating some rare fossils. On this Field Trip Mr. Gordon encountered other researchers from some of the big name colleges - Yale, Harvard, Columbia, etc. - professors and students of paleontology and geology - which added some real high lights to his trip into the wilderness country. Lester Kent presented Mr. Gordon with a Certificate of Appreciation after the program.

Meeting was adjourned for coffee and doughnuts.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mary Jones, Secretary

DUES ARE NOW DUE !

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Send your dues to
Jean Pfefer
19919 Conrad Court.
Castro Valley, Calif.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - Sept. 27, 1963

Meeting called to order at home of Jean Pfefer, by President Lester Kent at 8:20 P.M.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

MSC (Duarte/Jones) that bills be paid. Edith Jensen was given approval to adjust records for 5¢ and rewrite two lost checks.

Joe Engbeck reported the Mimeograph had broken down and was being repaired. The Petrograph had to be printed outside, in part, of last issue.

The Board voted to recommend to the general membership the purchase of Casting Equipment for use in instructing LostWax method at Shop. The cost estimated approximately \$200.

Jeanette Korstad reported arrangements had been made for the school auditorium to be open until 11 P.M. for balance of school year. Jeanette also asked for suggestion for Christmas Party entertainment.

The Shop's Open House will be from 2 PM to 5 PM on Sunday, October 13th. Jean Pfefer and Louise Palmer will handle the Door Prizes; the three Directors are to act as Hosts. Vic Newton is to be in the Shop to explain the equipment to interested visitors. Alice Rahn or Bea Engbeck will be in the Silver Room. There will be a clean-up committee consisting of Joe Duarte, Hal Bickerdyke and Vic LaFollette to help Vic Newton on Saturday. Due to parking problems, the members are asked to park either on E.14th Street or in the 169th street block on Melody Way.

Edna Pittenger reported that the Officers' Job Descriptions will be completed by the next Board Meeting.

Edith Jensen reported she had not been able to reach the Mayers concerning the money still owed on the mimeograph. She was instructed to follow-up on the collection to insure payment before 90 more days.

The October field trip will be to Coalinga, on the 19th and 20th, under the direction of Roy Christensen and will be in connection with the Coalinga Show. Hal Bickerdyke will lead the November field trip to Wentworth Springs for Crystals. The Committee members who have been there before said that an overnight stay in the Georgetown Hotel is well worth the trip.

Joe Engbeck reported that the Gems & Minerals magazine is going up in price the first of the year to \$4.00. This will be \$2.00 if bought through membership in the Club. If you want to order before the first of the year you may still receive your copy for \$1.50.

Roy Christensen reported the Jrs. elected their officers at the first meeting and will decide at their next meeting what their program will be for the year.

Joe Duarte is to try and get a definite date for our Show from the School Board by the October 11th meeting.

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes - cont'd.

Jean Pfefer reminded that she must have all dues paid by the 15th of October if names are to appear on new roster. Dues are delinquent as of September 30th.

Jean Pfefer, Louise Palmer and Bea Engbeck were appointed a committee to find ways to bring mineral collecting to members' attention, since Dave Mollin will not be available to teach mineral identification at Shop this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mary Jones, Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, commercial account as of 7/31/63 \$558.82

RECEIPTS:

None

DISBURSEMENTS:

Misc. Shop Exp. \$12.00 12.00

Balance Comm. Acct 8/31/63 546.82

Savings Acct (Bldg Fund) 2041.10

Total cash in bank \$2587.92

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Edith Jensen, Treasurer

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REPORT ON SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

The September field trip to Stoneyford was attended by Mr. & Mrs. Loren Dowell, Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlin, Mrs. Cutter, Mr. & Mrs. Peterson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vetro, Les and Germain Kent.

We camped at the Diversion Camp Ground, which was nice and clean. The weather was pleasant - at least it held off raining until we were on our way home.

The required amount of digging was accomplished and a variety of material was acquired by each of us.

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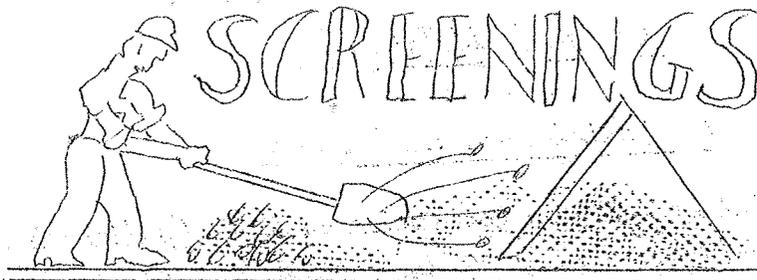
JUNIORS ELECT OFFICERS

The following Junior members were elected to Junior Officerships:

PRESIDENT - Vic Newton, Jr.
VICE-PRESIDENT - Vianna Bagley
SECRETARY - John McFate
TREASURER - Charlene Newton

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful term and an inspirational junior activity program!

/s/ Roy Christensen, Jr. Mentor



We hate to announce the change of membership of Dave Mollin from our Club to that of the Berkeley Society. This disrupts our mineral identification class and we are in the market for some one to take over this chore at the Shop. Dave came up by way of our hobby from outstanding junior to graduate geologist by way of U.C.

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But for those of you who wish information on mineralogy and geology another of our members is teaching these subjects in night classes at the San Lorenzo High School; Sheldon LaFollette; Room C-10. There is a registration fee of \$2.50. Classes meet Mondays from 7 to 10 PM.

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At last we have the '64 Show Date - March 7th & 8th. Now is the time to get ready for that important time. Sheldon LaFollette needs a lot of people to help him. When he buttonholes you for a chairmanship, don't deny him. He has taken on the hardest job of all - coordinating all the branches of this hobby into an interesting display isn't child's play. We all have to join in the grubby work it takes to do a bang up job.

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DUES WILL BE DELINQUENT OCTOBER 15th. The new roster is in the planning stage right now and will be ready for the November Membership meeting. If you haven't paid by then it will be taken as a sign you don't care about having your name in the new roster....This will be the last PETROGRAPH for those of you who aren't paid up on Oct.15th.

Send checks to:

Jean Pfefer
19919 Conrad Court
Castro Valley, Calif. Phone LU 1-3037

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We've been honored by the Sacramento Society through a bid to display at their Show November 2 & 3, 1963. Two cases. Please come forth with something real good. Contact Joe Engbeck 632-6215. Sacramento always have something at our Show and common courtesy requires we reciprocate. One case of choice minerals - the other of lapidary.

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Parking around the Shop is rather limited. It is suggested, then, that members park on East 14th or on the other side of 170th, and leave our guests the closer spaces for the Open House celebration.

October Field Trip
with
Roy Christensen, Leader

Our October Field Trip will be taken in connection with the Coalinga Society Gem Show at Coalinga, California, on October 19 and 20, 1963. This is a nice Show to see, and the people down there are wonderful rockhounds. The Christensens went last year and say they wouldn't miss it for the world.

Drive out Highway 50 through Tracy; South on Hiway 33 through Patterson, Gustine, Los Banos, etc., on to Coalinga.

Try to go down Friday night, and plan on camping. The camping is good, with handy rest rooms open all night, hot water, etc.

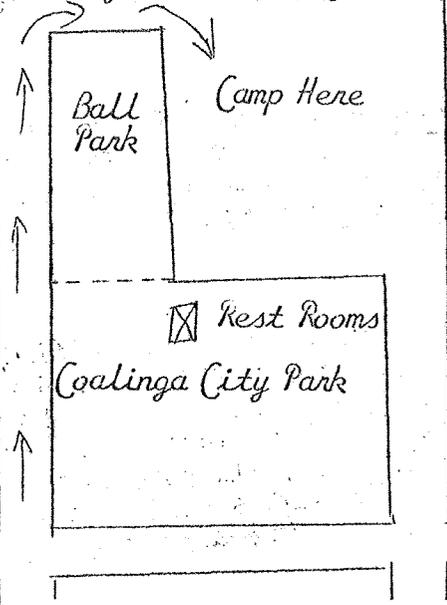
Four (4) field trips are made available:
Saturday at 8 AM and 1 PM

Sunday at 8 AM and 1 PM

Jasper of various hues and fossils are found - clam shells and shark's teeth of all sizes. (Find yourself a complete shark's denture set!)

Plan to go down on Friday night so as to be ready for the Saturday morning trip.

We'll have a ball.



Hostess Jeanette Konstad Calling!

Will those members whose surnames begin with "C" "D" and "E" please bring two dozen donuts to the October meeting? We are going to celebrate this October weather with donuts and cider! (There will be hot coffee for those who prefer it)... Many thanks to those who brought the delicious cookies last month and who helped with the serving, and clean up.



Display Case Available

If you want a display case already to go, without further fuss, see Lester Kent regarding his 22x46 case, complete with lights and lock. It can be seen at the Shop. (The other case advertised in the August issue has been sold. These were both rare bargains) - \$25.00 - Show time is coming up fast!

OFFICERS FOR 1963-64

PRESIDENT: Lester Kent Phone 581-7108
VICE-PRESIDENT: Edna Pittenger " 581-6165
TREASURER: Edith Jensen " 357-9593
SECRETARY: Mary Jones " 782-4178
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Del Jones FY 1963-64 " 782-4178
Hal Bickerdike " 196-65 " BR 8-2088
Bill Walsh " 1963-66 " 351-6237
FEDERATION DIRECTOR: Joe Engbeck " 1963-66 " 632-6215
PAST PRESIDENT: Bill Walker " 537-7266

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Shop	- Vic Newton	* Show	- Sheldon LaFollette
Historian	- Louise Palmer	* Junior Mentor	- Roy Christensen
Editor	- Joe Engbeck	* Membership	- Jean Pfefer
Hostess	- Jeannette Korstad	* Publicity	- Beatrice Engbeck
Librarian	- Joe Duarte	* Receptionists	- Virginia Owens Phyllis Calvert
Field Trips	- Phil Johnston		

*These committee heads are without voting privileges within the scope of the Executive Committee.

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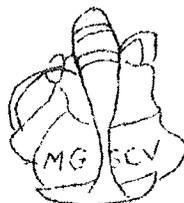
Membership meetings are held every second Friday of the month at the Cherryland School, Western at Willow, Hayward; convening at 8 PM. There are no membership meetings in June, July, or August. Refreshments are served; movies or guest speakers on pertinent subjects follow the strictly business part of the meetings. Field trips are announced through The PETROGRAPH.

Official address: P.O.Box 2145, Castro Valley, Calif.

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Blue & Gold

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Selenite

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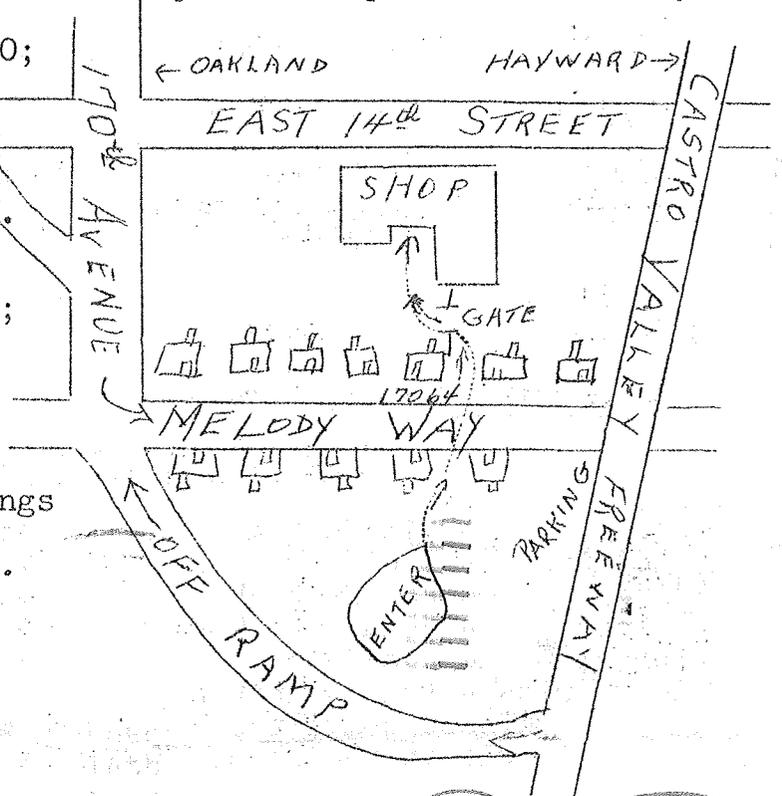


SHOP RULES

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.
 Prepaid Fee Ticket \$5.00; (\$6.50 value).
3. Open 7:30 to 10 PM weekdays;
 Thursdays 12:30 to 3 PM
4. Slab saw run by Supervisors only. Slabbing rate 5¢ sq.in.
 Jade 10¢ sq.in.
5. Use of equipment subject to approval of Shop Supervisors; failure to heed rules may result in loss of shop privileges.
6. Co-operative clean-up after each work session.
7. Silver classes Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons.
8. Other classes by arrangement.

BELOW IS SHOP SITE

Enter from 170th Avenue, off East 14th Street; then turn sharply on to Melody Way to #17064. Walk down the driveway, through a gate into the patio. Shop is at rear of yard.



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 Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley, Inc.
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 3778 Lorena Ave.
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