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OUR GREATEST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON

We are fundamentally an educational group delving into the Earth Sciences and the art of the lapidary, we do stop to celebrate seasonal events such as Christmas. Our pot-luck Christmas dinner is an outstanding affair every season, well-attended because of the cuisine each dish being worthy of perpetuation in a cook book.

Now, the cook book idea is no idle fancy and this year very dish presented should accompanied with a written recipe that may be collected by the hostess and handed to a committee working on the idea of such a cook book. Over the years many people have been heard to say about certain dishes, that they wished they had ingredients and the methods for the making of that dish. So, now something is going to come out of this party to go into a book.

The Hostess, Eileen Bergersen, has hustled about to obtain entertainment hoping to please all tastes. At times, in the past, there have been too many kiddie dancers and the promise is now made that this will be limited. One or two acts along this line is fine. At this writing no mention of high lights in entertainment has come to Ye Ed but the promise is a well turned list of amusements.

Of course we will all sing Christmas Carols as in the past. There are some song books in the library save over from year to year. And, yes, please return so that we may use them another year.

There will be Christmas rock gifts for the children. Be generous and wrap the rocks up in pretty paper. You know, make 'em giftly and exciting: think back to a day when you were very young and pretty packages that were gay were big fun.

This Christmas we have a very neat Shop with flying wheels..good instructors all teaching beginners the same methods, to making a cabochon..There is no doubt about jewelry being a top Christmas gift and there are still enough days left to surprise a friend or a member of your family with something of this sort. This new shop has the facilities to turn out remarkably fine things

After that pleasant little chore of turning out a gift for Christmas, some thought must be given to the SHOW coming up in March; to be exact March 5th & 6th, 1966 How about doing something with that in mind? You know you have the impulse; obey it and have fun being a competitor. Don't think of the ribbons involved; just get into the swing of things with enthusiasm. That's the way all the present champs, cup and ribbon winners came about. Nothing happens until you start.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 10th
YOU WILL HAVE FUN

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 1965

Meeting called to order by President Vernon Konstad at 8:00 p. m.

MSC/Dn. Stephens/Vic LaFollette minutes be accepted as printed in Oct. Petrograph

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Bill Walsh introduced Dr. David S. Harris from Mamou who presented a very interesting demonstration of silver casting.

Donothy Gnekel introduced new members and guests.

Shop Foreman, Gil Foster, reports things are going fine in the new Shop. A parking lot light with timer switch will be installed in the lot behind the Shop. Gil would like a lady member to volunteer to do a weekly touch up at the Shop. An electrician is needed to check up on the motors. Also needed new instructors. All persons using Shop must be members as stipulated by insurance.

MSC/Duarte/Indrade that shop instructors be allowed a free night at shop.

Show Dealers names will be published in the Petrograph

Field Trip Chairman, Art Zugnori, announced trip to Stiple Memorial 11/20-21/65

Joe Engbeck presented Art Zugnori with the beautiful G-B-O'-THE-MONTH trophy Art was the three-time winner for 1965.

Our Society is in need of additional show cases as neighboring societies will no longer loan out theirs. MSC/Indrade/Duarte that Society build 20 new cases. MSC/Walsh/Watson that 20 Kent-style stands be built at a cost approximating \$100.00; these stands to be built to eliminate the use of tables. MSC/Owens/Dowell that Society provide \$500.00 for new cases and that a fund-raising committee be appointed to provide ways and means for an additional amount that may be needed. Art Zugnori and George Indrade have offered their wood shops for cutting out cases for which many hands will be needed. Thanks to those who have already signed. Please contact Ben Owens if you are able to help.

Show Chairman, Cliff George, announced that the theme GALAXY OF GEMS, submitted by our Editor, Joe Engbeck, has been accepted. The Telephone Company will loan us a model, under glass, of the Telstar. Cliff asked if members will lend a hand in tear down after the Show.

Gus Mollin announced the death of his business partner, Mr. Dean Norris, who had been at our Shows for many years.....Boys' Club needs rock material we can spare....Doon prizes were won by Hal Steele, Joe Engbeck, Gary Haimer, Shirley Warren and Ronald Heuster.....Adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
/s/ Virginia Owens, Sec'y

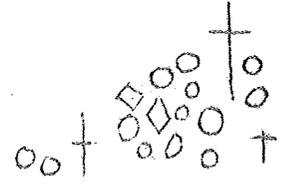
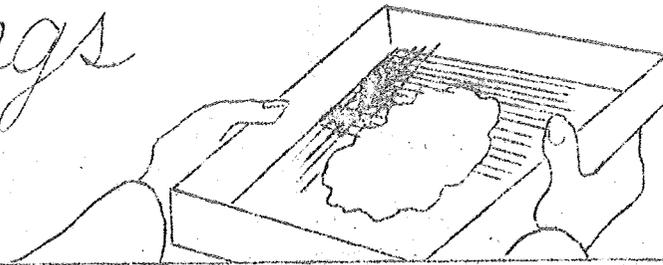
NEW PEBBLE PUP ARRIVES

Ernie Mauck's wife "Bev", on Friday, November the 19th gave birth a baby boy, their second. Mother and son are doing fine but the father, well, that's something else again. For those of you who know Ernie, he is still rock and mineral man; first, last and always. Rumor has it Ernie found a boulder of green actinolite in one spot and then picked one jasper right on the hospital grounds.

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East Bay extends an invitation to a December 12th Field Trip to Siesta Valley. Meet at 10:00 A. M. in the Orinda Theater parking lot. The hunting area is on Water District property, so, a charge of 50¢ is necessary for sanitary conveniences. If it rains postponement to December 19th....The area affords good material in jasper, bloodstone and agate. No other trips scheduled for December

Screenings



LOST STRAYED OR STOLEN

Or is it a case of poor bookkeeping? Our club Federation Case #2 is missing. It should never have left the Shop without being signed out but the living truth is this case is missing. Anyone with knowledge of its whereabouts please call property custodian George Warren III at 9342351.

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Guest Exhibit Co-ordinator pleads your help: when you visit a certain rock show get the name of the exhibitor and forward it to Joe Engbeck. May Meyers found a good number at the Vallejo Show. Please give a hand; look for the best.

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Your new Club Roster is out: praise be to Virginia Owens and Jean Pfefer. It is quite a job. Joe Engbeck ran the new second hand mimeograph, Jean did the editing and Virginia typed the stencils. Don't throw them away; use 'em for reference.

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A new fact sheet has been turned out that you may present to friends: tells the pertinent facts about your club and is therefor a good proselyting tool. Jean Pfefer passes them out to guests at the front door at membership meetings.

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Our Prexy has been the best reporter this year for news notes to your bulletin. Please give Joe Engbeck some of that fast breaking stuff you get hold of. Members like to know what other members are doing and we'll print anything short of libel.

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Martha Peters drew all the decorations for this issue. Martha is a very busy person yet finds time to raise her family, enter several church motif oil paintings in a recent religious art show, do some horseback riding of a Saturday afternoon along with her children, paint signs for the Club and do the art work for the coming show in March.

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Dean Morris of the Norris & Mollin Lapidary concern has passed away as of Friday November 12th. He is remembered by most of the Society members as a dealer to our Shows over several years. He took over the Taylor faceting head, one of the very best, and it is only about a year that Gus Mollin joined the firm. Our hearts go to Dean's widow, Dorothy.

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Correction, Mr. President: the Field Trip Chairman is not the only one who prepays his way doing things for the Society. Alice Rahn has made the Silver Room at the Shop a very homey place. She bought and made the curtains that hang there. The Federation Director also makes an outlay when going to and from Federation business meeting. Certainly there are others as well including yourself. Many Pardons.

RUBY

There shines a star in distant sky in maze of starry nest
That gleams and shines in evening's calm far brighter than the rest.
There stands a bloom, a fragrant flower in garden's colored smother
that has a stance, a bearing grace far different than the other.
Within the forest's towering spires one tree stands apart
as if it had a soul and voice and fondly beating heart.
And so within this worldly throng with whom I traveled far
There was but one who stood apart like distant shining star.
There was but one and only one like flower on garden wall
To share a smile and nod but once and have no heed her call.
And like the tree in forest glen, just two fond arms to twine
Like tendrils woven to a branch on yonder distant pine,
As years roll on it always seems as if 'twas meant for me
To single out and have a glance for just one stately tree.
To single out in garden walls a lone and radiant flower
on not a star whose rays bound down to flood the evening hour,
and so lives on, the smile, the kiss, the feel of loving arms entwined
Through years of love and life and hope one cannot leave behind.

George A. Ashby - 1940

(Mr. Ashby, a member of our society for several
(years, departed this life early in 1965. He had)
(several contributions to the PETROGRAPH that were)
(well-received as bits of erudition but he was not)
(a college man even though his information was per-)
(fect and rendered such in good English.....JHE)

AN APPEAL FROM THE SAN LEANDRO BOYS CLUB

The Boys' Club over the country have taken to rocks
with a vengeance. Within our own districts this is
no exception. A representative of the local club asks
us for donation of advice on rock specimens and good
field trip information. Help fill those idle moments.

PROMOTE JUVENILE DEGENCY

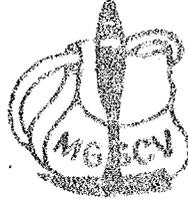
San Leandro Boys' Club
677 Bavis Street, San Leandro.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY RECIPES WANTED

Every year our Pot Luck Christmas Party serving tables are a joy
to behold; the several viands and desserts displayed do not de-
ceive the eye but create a high desire to get on with the feast.
Some of these dishes are new to the eater and women especially
crave the recipe. A committee is forming to get these recipes
into a booklet form for distribution, for a stipend of course,
to all who are interested.

Please carry along with your dish the components thereof so that
this dream of several years may come to fruition. Yes, this idea
has been aborning for years and it is about time it comes to life.

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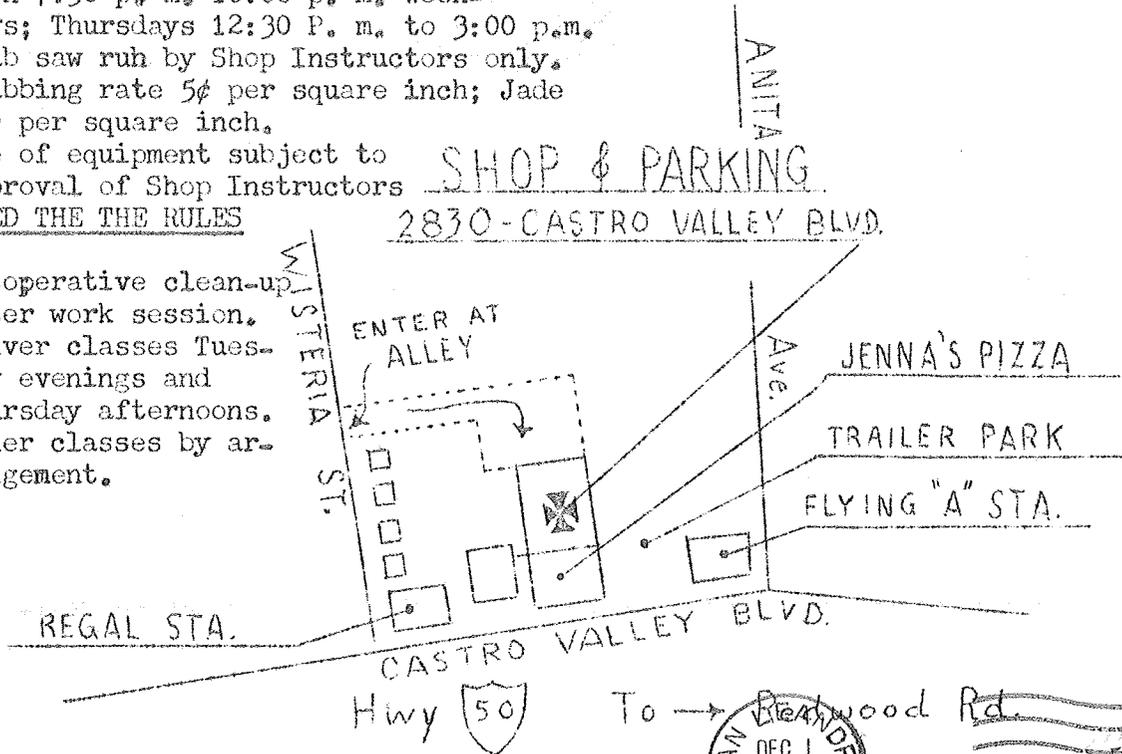
NEW SHOP RULES

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; a value of \$6.50.
3. Open 7:30 p. m. 10:00 p. m. weekdays; Thursdays 12:30 P. m. to 3:00 p.m.
4. Slab saw ruh by Shop Instructors only. Slabbing rate 5¢ per square inch; Jade 10¢ per square inch.
5. Use of equipment subject to approval of Shop Instructors
6. Co-operative clean-up after work session.
7. Silver classes Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons.
8. Other classes by arrangement.

HEED THE THE RULES

BELOW IS NEW SHOP SITE

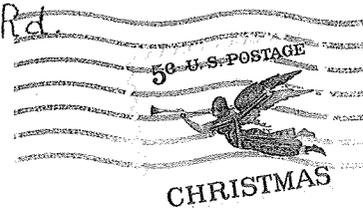
Enter through alleyway off Wisteria Street and turn right at rear of parking lot. Shop is yellow-tiled building directly behind Jenna's Pizzg Parlor.....Lots of parking.



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RETURN REQUESTED



First Class

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