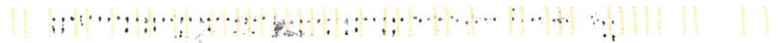




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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC
Established June 20, 1958

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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, 1211 W. LaPalma Avenue, Anaheim, CA. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult Members: \$10.00 each, and Junior Members (under age 17) \$2.00.

Board Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month January through October and the third Tuesday in November and December. The meetings are held in the basement level Boardroom of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

Field Trips are usually held on the second weekend of each month. These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in the bulletin.

WORKSHOPS:

REQUIREMENT: Items for the Bulletin must be in the hands of the editor by the first (1st) Tuesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92845-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think we are off to a great start. We have 87 paid-up memberships and expect more tonight. Milly and Marge will have a table set up so be sure to pay your dues and get new members.

Herb Beckman and his group of hard working volunteers are hoping to have the workshop set up by the end of the month or before. Bob says we are in good shape financially.

I talked to Chris Jarvi, Director of Anaheim Parks and Recreation on Wednesday, he says our needs are incorporated in the drawing and they are giving us what we asked for. Mr. Jarvi also compliments the Searchers for our many contributions to the City of Anaheim.

Sue Hodges asked me to thank all of you for your cards and letters. She would still like to hear from us.

We still need chairpersons for Sunshine Alternate and a Meeting Host.
PLEASE VOLUNTEER !!!!

This is a wonderful club and I want to thank all of you for helping me so much.

Doris Pelfrey

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Feb 18th	Show Meeting
Feb 25th	Board Meeting
Mar 4th	Bulletin Items Due
Mar 11th	General Meeting
Mar 15th/16th	Field Trip - Anza Borrego
Mar 25th	Board Meeting

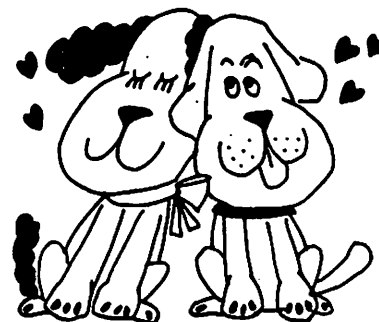
SHOW DATES:

Feb 22 - 23	San Fernando Valley Gem Fair Valley Plaza Recreation Center 12240 Archwood Street North Hollywood, CA Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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SHOW DATES (Cont'd):

- Mar 1 - 2 Monrovia Rockhounds
Masonic Temple
204 W. Foothill Blvd
Monrovia, CA
Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Mar 8 - 9 Pasadena Lapidary Society
Masonic Temple
3130 Huntington Drive
San Marino, CA
Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Mar 15 - 16 Northrop Grumman Gem and Mineral Club
NGRC Clubhouse
12329 Crenshaw Blvd -Gate 16
Hawthorne, CA
Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Mar 14 - 15 & 16th Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
21st Annual Tailgate
Stoddard Well Rd
Victorville, CA
Hours: 9:00 AM to Sundown (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)
- Mar 22 - 23 North Orange County Gem and Mineral
LaHabra Club House
200 W. Greenwood
LaHabra, CA
Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 AM

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The 58th Annual Mineral Show & Convention

"GOLD COAST TREASURE TROVE"

June 20-21-22, 1997 (10-6 Fr & Sa, 10-5 Su)
Seaside Park, Ventura County Fairgrounds
Ventura, California
Internet URL: <http://www.west.net/~jms/vgms/>

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HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM by President Doris Pelfrey.

No minutes as last general meeting was the Christmas party so no business meeting held. Treasurer reported on our balances of checking and savings account.

It was reported that long time Searcher member Bob Hodges died suddenly of a heart problem.

The January field trip will be a one day trip to Nuevo Dump on January 18th. Jim Everitt will be leading this trip. Anyone planning to attend is to meet the group at 9:00 AM at Briggs Road and Highway 74 promptly. In the event the road is unsafe due to rain, Ken Nelson will notify each Searcher who has signed up.

Elmer Parsons announced that the CFMS Annual Show will be hosted by the Ventura Gem and Mineral Society to be held June 20 - 22 at Ventura County Fair Grounds. Elmer has reservation forms for RVs and their donation award tickets for \$1.00 each.

Herb Beckman reported that the Searchers have vacated the storage unit and moved into a new shop. We expect the Opal Society to join us there by early February. Herb asked for volunteers to help with clean up and installing shop equipment on Saturday, January 25th at 9:00 AM.

Herb Beckman reports that he has all but 6 of the 27 chairmen for our annual show, May 3rd and 4th. He asked for volunteers.

Margaret Neeley reported that it is time to donate to the Arts Council's annual benefit. Motion made by Grant Miller that we purchase a table for \$500 as we have done in the past. Motion seconded by Beth Pelfrey. Motion passed.

Marie Cole is circulating a sign up sheet for refreshments at our monthly meeting. Volunteers are needed for each meeting. The club will reimburse the volunteers for the cost.

Connie Van Kampen pointed out that the trips for the coming year are listed in the current bulletin. However, she would welcome volunteers for additional trips.

Doris Pelfrey reminded the club that we need to keep a record of our community service for tax purposes. There will be a sheet on the back table at each monthly meeting. If you participate in community affairs and represent the Club please sign the sheet.

Walter Mroch presented a video on the Tucson show as our program and we also had a silent auction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Betty Nelson
Secretary

NOTICE: I WOULD LIKE ALL ITEMS FOR THE MARCH BULLETIN NOT LATER THAN MARCH 4TH. THANKS.

MARGE

MEMBERSHIP:

We welcomed another new member at our January 15th meeting. Bob tells me that he was a former member from back in the 70's and was brought back to the club through Bob and Lois Dixon.

CIAMPA, Robert K. (Bob)
432 East Everett Place
Orange, CA 92886
(714) 538-1867

DUES ARE DUE!

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At the end of our January 15th meeting we had 77 paid up members. We need at least 77 more plus. There are still a lot of you who have not paid your dues. I would like to request that you pay them by the February meeting. I'll be sending out those reminder post cards again to all of you who have not paid. I don't like to do this, so get them in early. Again, please mail them directly to me at:

Milly L. Arvanites, Membership Chairman
5200 Irvine Boulevard, Space 388
Irvine, CA 92629-2061

I will see that you get your receipt and new 1997 Membership card.

The new "97" Membership Rosters will come out in March. Before I final type the new ones I would like to be sure I have all correct Zip Codes and if you have had an Area Code change please notify me.

I would like to thank my good helper (January '97 meeting) Marje Husby. As in many times in the past, she always comes through for me. I know I can always count on her to help. My thanks again Marje.

"GET THOSE DUES PAID"!!!!

Milly Arvanites

REFRESHMENTS:

Refreshments at the February Meeting will be served by Alice Lux and Mary Jane Parsons. Doris Smith and Jan Cole have volunteered for March. Thanks ladies!

Betty Henderson

SLABS FOR VET'S:

We can always use more slabs for the Veteran's Lapidary Shop. I will have a box marked "Searchers Slabs for Vets" at the back of our meeting room - near the coffee. If you have slabs that you'r not using or you're sawing slabs for future use, cut one for the Vets.

Larry Richey

SHOW REPORT:

All but two show committee chairperson positions have been filled. The Craft's, Kitchen and Set-Up/Clean-Up chairperson positions are vacant as of February 4, 1997. We had our first Show Committee meeting on the 21st of January, it was very productive and lively. It appears at this early date that we are off to a good start, with lots of enthusiasm and commitment. My thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to Roger and Jay Cole who subsequently provided us with sign posts for mounting many of our new signs.

Because I will be out of town on February 18th, it is necessary to reschedule the next Show Committee meeting for Thursday the 27th of February. Time and Place of this meeting to be announced.

Herb Beckman

WORKSHOP REPORT:

Many Searchers have pitched in and helped us to get the workshop set up, I thank you all for your support. Special thanks are due to Bud Henderson, who has been very busy building storage cabinets and other necessary items.

To date, all Searchers workshop tools, supplies and materials have been moved into the new workshop. There are yet many, many details to attend to, however some progress is made each day. All needed facility lighting and electrical wiring changes are completed, along with workbench wiring. Some of the grinding and sanding units were in worse condition than we thought. They are getting patched up and it appears that our grand opening will be in the next few weeks. One very important item remains unresolved -- we need several workshop supervisors in order to be able to provide a reasonable workshop schedule.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ONE OF THESE POSITIONS.

Herb Beckman

CONGRATULATIONS:

Our own Elsie Reed has been named "Citizen of The Year" for the City of Anaheim by the Cypress College Foundation.

Cypress College and the Foundation will honor Elsie and six other distinguished citizens from other areas, for their outstanding contributions to their communities on Saturday evening February 22, 1997 at the Disneyland Hotel.

Recently Elsie was honored as a California finalist for the Catagory of Arts by Kentucky Fried Chicken. She also received a proclamation from the City of Anaheim.

Mae Freedman

NOTICE:

You must read the "Rock and Gem" magazine article on Page 8. The title is "Troop 5865 Excellent Adventure" by James Mulkey, and features a field trip to many of our collecting areas. The trip was led by one of our members, Victor Matloff, who is an award winning lapidary artist. The troop from Orange includes Victor's son, Devon.

It gives a young slant on keeping our club alive. (February 1997 issue)

Doris Pelfrey



AREA CODE CHANGE:

Saturday, January 25th, Area Code 310 became 562. There will be a six month grace period which you will still be connected if you dial 310.

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South Orange County is scheduled to be separated from the 714 area code into a new 949 code, perhaps as early as October 18th, six months ahead of the planned April 18, 1998 split. The exact boundary of the 714 split is not yet available but it will probably be near the county's geographical center, with the 949 code serving customers south to the San Diego County border. Pacific Bell officials said several communities along the planned 714/949 split will be served by both codes.

marge

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

This was a one day trip to a local area where everyone could participate. The weather was beautiful and the view from the mine north to the snow covered mountain.

We met as planned on Briggs Road off Highway 74 and at 9:00 AM we started up the hill to the dump with sixteen vehicles in line.

There were 35 people at the dump and there was lots of material to choose from, including at least three tunnels to explore. I saw several nice pieces of pink quartz suitable for faceting.

At about 1:00 PM most of us left the hill to head for Everitts for the potluck, the theme was soup, salad and dessert. I counted at least seven soups, four salads and six desserts. Everything was really delicious (as usual). I want to thank Jim for leading the field trip and to both Joan and Jim for all the work to get ready for and coordinate the potluck. I think we all owe them a note of thanks for their hospitality.

Ken Nelson

**SEARCHERS FIELD TRIP
ANZA BORREGO & FOSSIL CANYON**

March 1997



SATURDAY 15th

9:00 AM

- Leave Blair Valley primitive campground for Palm Spring & Arroyo Tapiado cyn. A 4 X 4 backcountry geology tour.

- Explore mud caves
- Check-out canyon wall concretions
- Exit Canyon Sin Nombre

NOON

- Lunch

12:30 PM

- Drive to Fossil Canyon (AKA: Shell Canyon or Alverson Canyon)
- Dig for fossil specimens (near the town of Ocotillo)

3:30 PM

- Return to camp

6:00 PM

- Potluck dinner

SUNDAY 16TH

9:00 AM

- Break camp
- Meet at Agua Caliente Hot Springs Co. park. Nominal entrance fee.
- Take a moderate 1.5 hr. hike in scenic Moonlight Canyon.
- Bring: drinks, snacks, camera, & essentials. Also, add a swimsuit & towel if you wish to enjoy the mineral pools.

- Lunch at the park

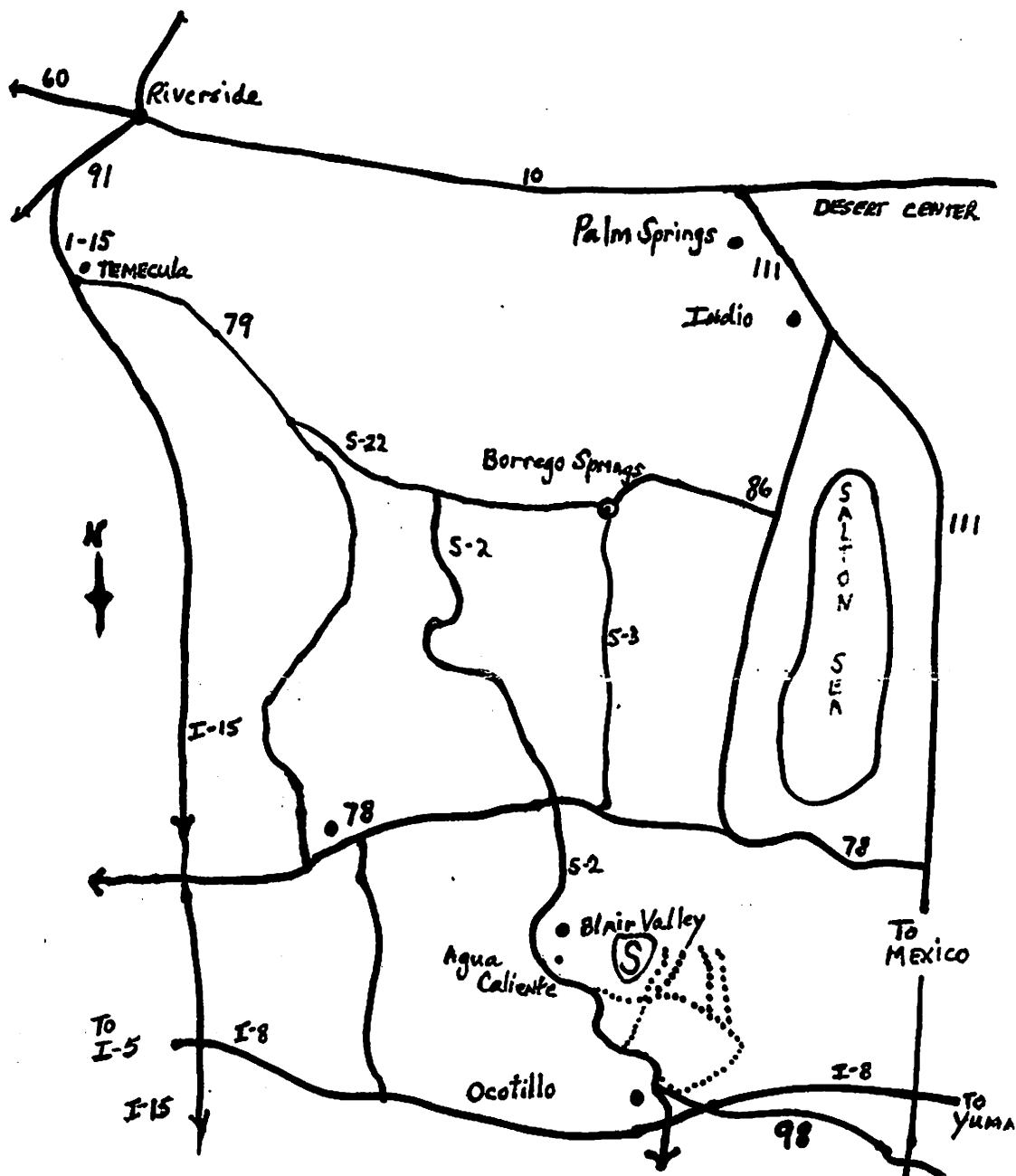
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- Stop at Polly's Rock Shop

3:30 PM

- Head home

SEARCHER FIELD TRIP MAP ANZA BORREGO



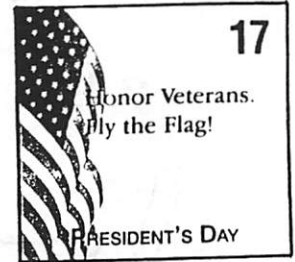
FIELD TRIP LEADER: Connie Van Kampen

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MEET AT BLAIR VALLEY

The following is a little church humor.

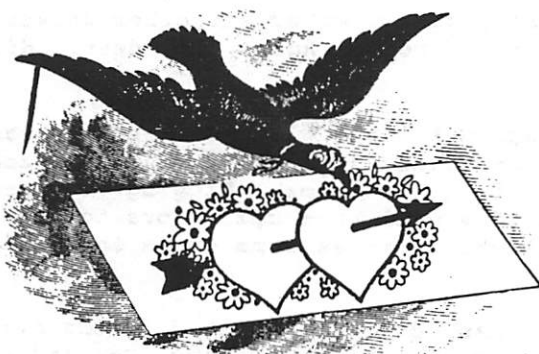
Believe it or not, the following announcements actually appeared in various church bulletins:



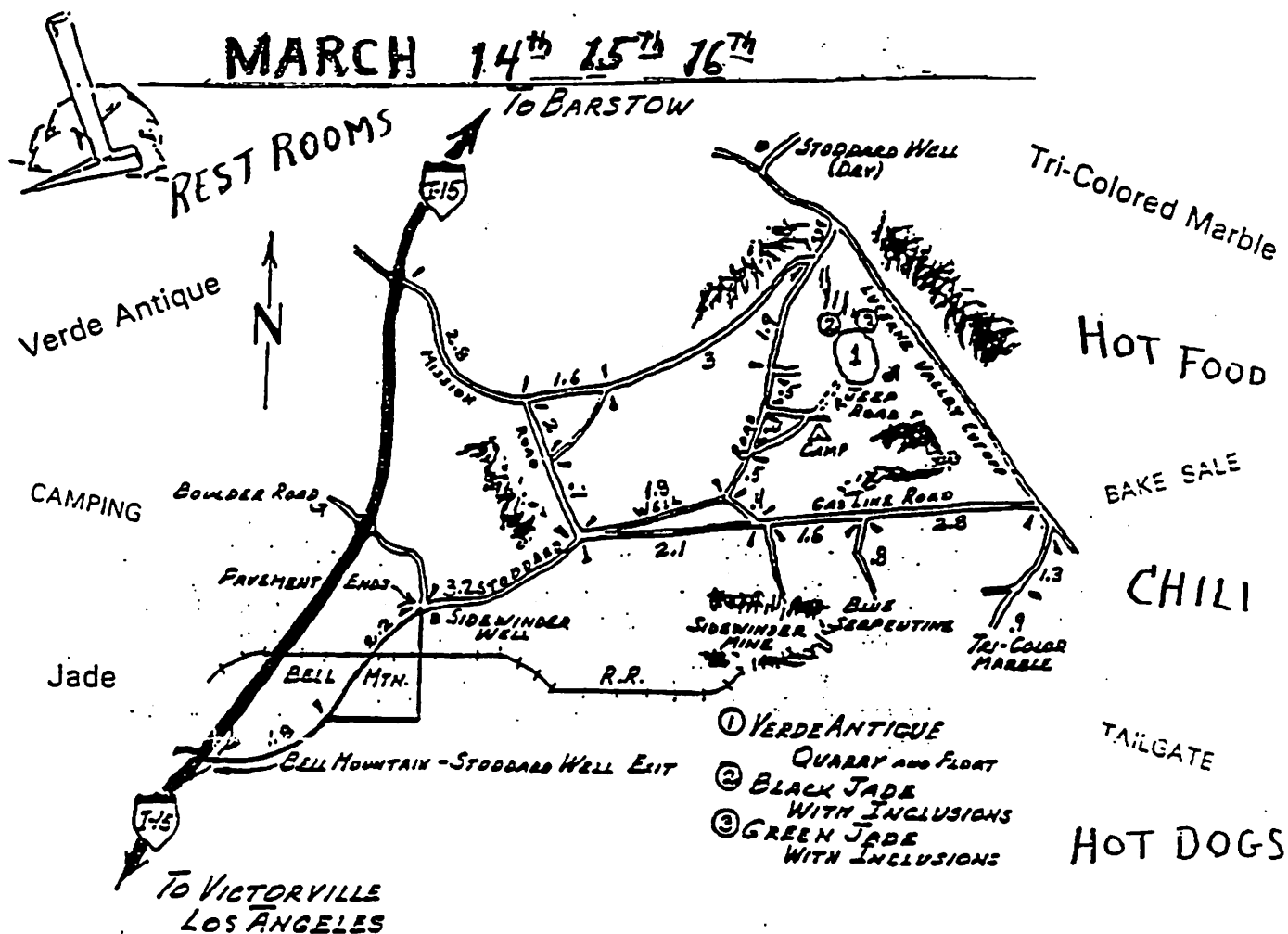
- * THURSDAY NIGHT - POTLUCK SUPPER. PRAYER AND medication TO FOLLOW.
- * REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE MANY WHO ARE SICK of OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.
- * THIS AFTERNOON THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN THE SOUTH AND NORTH ENDS OF THE CHURCH. CHILDREN WILL BE BAPTIZED AT BOTH ENDS.
- * TUESDAY AT 4:00 PM THERE WILL BE AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL. ALL LADIES GIVING MILK WILL PLEASE COME EARLY.
- * WEDNESDAY THE LADIES LITURGY WILL MEET. MRS. JOHNSON WILL SING "PUT ME IN MY LITTLE BED," ACCOMPANIED BY THE PASTOR.
- * THIS BEING EASTER SUNDAY, WE WILL ASK MRS. LEWIS TO COME FORWARD AND LAY AN EGG ON THE ALTER.
- * THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH HAVE CAST OFF CLOTHING OF EVERY KIND. THEY CAN BE SEEN IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT SUNDAY.
- * AT THE EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT, THE SERMON TOPIC WILL BE "WHAT IS HELL?" COME EARLY AND LISTEN TO OUR CHOIR PRACTICE.

I hope you were not offended by this listing of typos, as it was presented to enjoy the fact that we are all human and capable of making mistakes, even those in service of the Lord. It just confirms the fact that the Lord also has a sense of humor and a very good understanding.

Audrey Nichols



Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club 21st Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well



Verde Antique - Tri-Colored Marble - Jade

WHAT IS A TAILGATE? It all began about 16 years ago when the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club began hosting a free field trip and sale at Stoddard Wells collecting area. The Tailgate is open to all clubs and rockhounds. Everyone is allowed to sell or buy just about anything. Most items for sale are related to gems, minerals findings, and other related things, but you never know what you will see. The area is also noted for its abundance of rocks for collecting.

CAMPING: This is a dry camp area, so bring in your own water and other necessities. Supplies are available at the Bell Mountain service road. Roads are desert dirt and can handle motorhomes with no problem.

GEM AND MINERAL COLLECTING: Verde Antique, Green & Black Jade collecting areas are within walking distance from the Tailgate. The Verde Antique is in float and in a quarry. Jade with magnetite inclusions can be found in seams. Digging tools are needed for the better materials. A Field Trip on Saturday will take collectors to the nearby Sidewinder Mountains to find Tri-colored Marble which ranges from greys to dark green. A four wheel drive is advised for this trip.

BAKE SALE: There will be a Pie Booth with many delicious baked goods available throughout the Tailgate. This will be hosted by the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club.

RAIN OR SHINE

SEE YOU THERE!