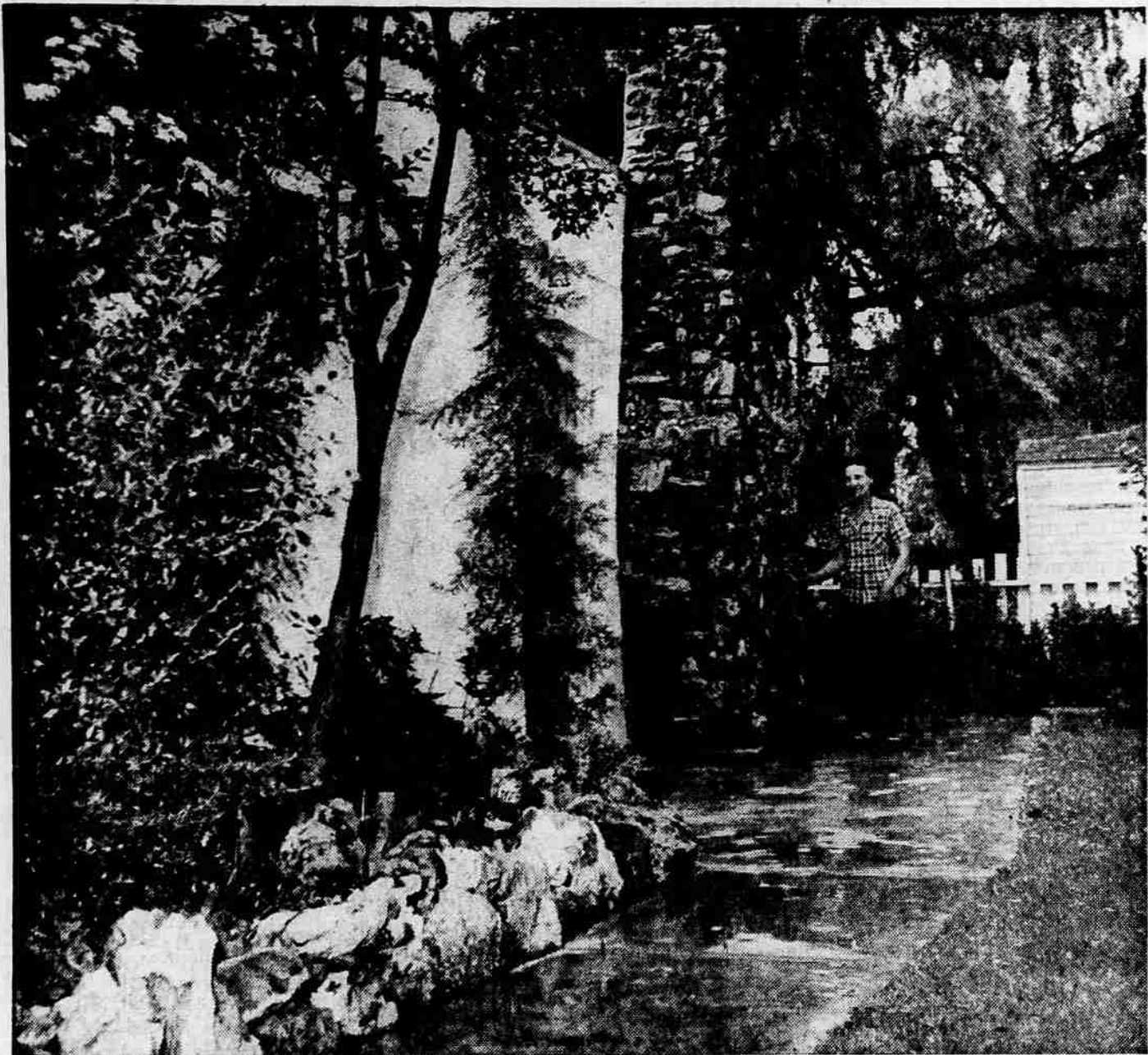




Southern Oregon Gem and Mineral society plans a public show in the boys' gymnasium, Medford Junior High school, June 18-19, and assisting with plans are Mr. and Mrs. J. Duckett. Mrs. Duckett is pictured here near the fireplace chimney of petrified wood which the couple built last summer at their home, 42 Washington street. Members of the society contributed pieces from their own collections for the chimney.



L. A. Mentzer is chairman of the coming show of Southern Oregon Gem and Mineral society. Mr. Mentzer, who has been collecting rocks and gems for 20 years, is shown here working at the polishing wheel made from layers of felt. Tin oxide is used as the polishing ingredient, and in the background can be seen some of the thunder eggs and pieces of petrified wood which Mr. Mentzer has cut and polished. The society's show is to be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., June 18, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 19.

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"Rock Hounds" Plan Show

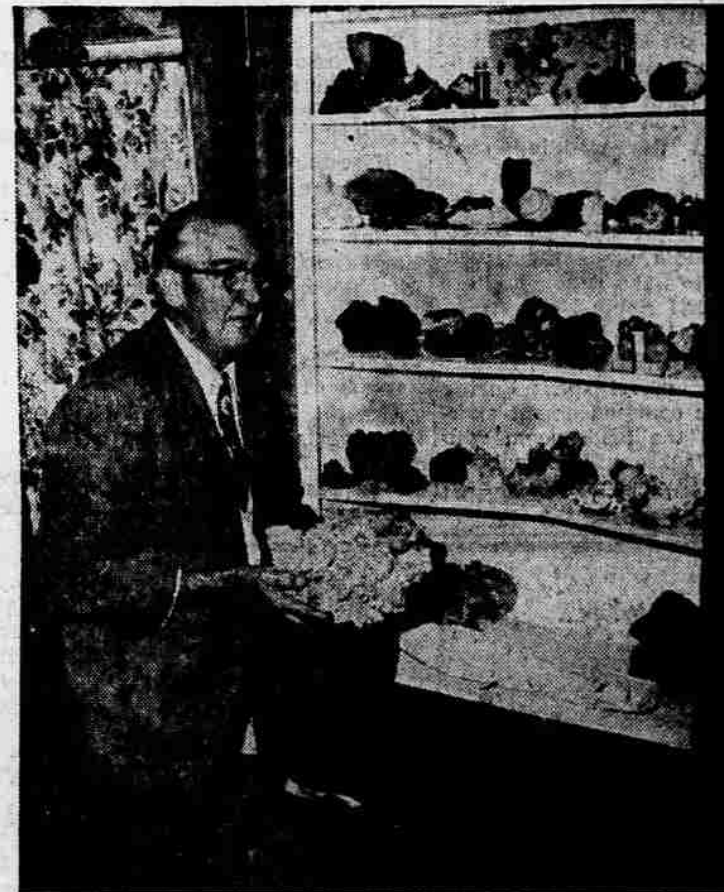


One of the displays will be miniature furniture, dishes and other objects made from agates, petrified wood and similar material by Stanley H. Brown, Tigard, Ore. The exhibit here will be the first showing of Mr. Brown's complete collection.



Every year mineral society members make a field trip to Copco flats near the California-Oregon border. This section yields valuable dendrites—rocks which when properly cut and polished show patterns resembling trees and ferns. Pictured here are the caravan of cars and 37 society members who made the field trip last year.

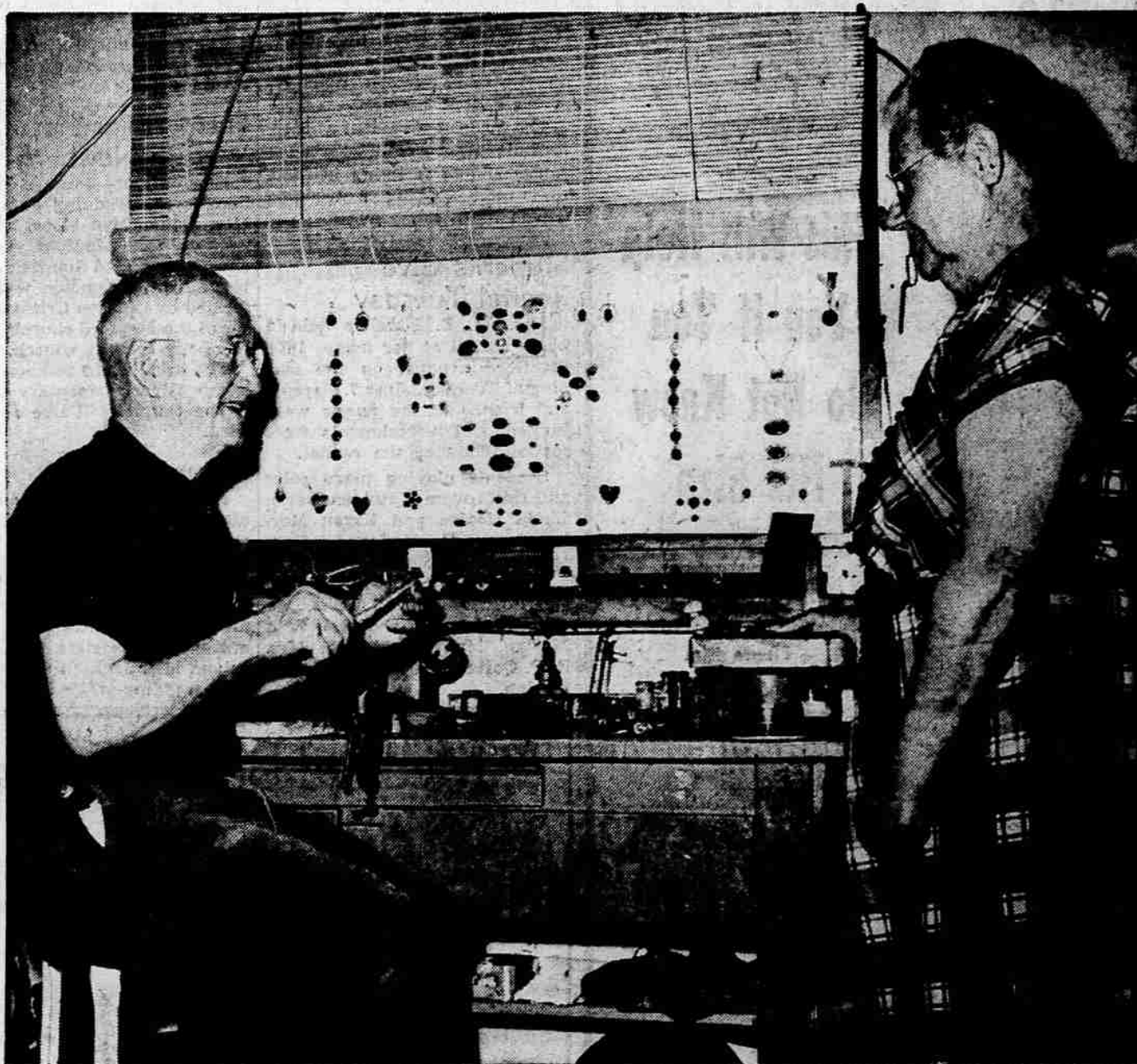
(Photos by Brainerd)



Harry Marx, society president, is shown here holding a crystal formation of a type commonly found in caves in this country. Mr. Marx has a large collection of gems and mineral samples and came to Medford to live because the area is rich in collector's material.



Mrs. Orval Dawson (at left) and Mrs. Delmar Smith are both interested in rocks and minerals and Mrs. Smith is secretary of the society. Mr. Smith, a beekeeper by profession, has collected rocks and minerals for many years and has started a museum near Central Point. Mrs. Dawson, who assists Mr. Smith with polishing and preparation of specimens, holds a completed piece. The large specimen near Mrs. Dawson is a petrified palm root of the type found in southern United States.



Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. Thompson, 26 Newtown street, will be among the society's members exhibiting at the show. Mr. Thompson specializes in jewelry pieces with settings of agate and other beautiful and interesting material. He not only designs and prepares the settings but also designs and casts such pieces as rings and pendants. When the photographer called Mr. Thompson was working on a ring, and in the background are necklaces, bracelets and other pieces.