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# POLLY'S DIARY

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## COLLECTOR'S HEAVEN

When we mentioned buttons last week, we were unaware that thousands of lovely buttons from all over the state were going to be on view in Wichita—we must have been lured by our sixth sense.

Specializing in buttons is one of the joys of Wichita Sunflower Button Club which is hostess to the state clubs today from 1:30 to 4:00 in the Shirkmere Ball Room. Nearly every one of these button enthusiasts specializes in different buttons.

Mrs. Howard Wolf has perhaps the largest collection in the state, in fact so many buttons she stopped counting them years ago. She has particularly interesting "transportation" buttons, one very large one three inches in diameter depicts a lovely maiden in linen duster in an antique model automobile.

Robert Hill is the proud possessor of a fine collection of hunting coat buttons, while Mrs. Hill prefers the colorful old swirl glass variety. Augusta Clawson specializes in all the varieties of pearls and some of her hand carved ones are "out of this world." Dollie Blood, "believe it or not" has gathered together more reptiles and insects than you'd imagine existed.

completed a card of hands and fans, and they are beautiful.

## MEN'S BUTTONS TOO

Mrs. H. D. Lester has accumulated a handsome collection of men's stud buttons. Mary Florence Lawton's golden age buttons are glorious to look at, and how they do shine! Mabel Crocker's fine black glass buttons should take a prize most any place.

Mrs. Frank E. McMullen possesses some rare inlays of silver, gold and mother of pearl. Zelma Sager's favorites are those with heads. She has many famous people, mythological characters and others of interest. Mrs. Ida Mae Reeves collects copper buttons which are really beautiful.

Ruth Elcock—apropos of her name—searches for cocks and roosters and birds of various kinds. Mrs. Grace Wagys assortment of china or porcelain, ringers, bull's eyes and calicos are the envy of all the club. Mrs. R. J. Beckwith is interested in "goofies"—little modern buttons made of bright colored plastic, and once you start collecting "goofies" there is no ending.