

PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES  
NEW YORK MINERALOGICAL CLUB, INC.

*Meeting of March 17, 1943.*

Dr. A. C. Hawkins discussed "Mineral Collecting in the Southeastern United States," giving accounts of his collecting at various localities with emphasis on those in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia. Specimens from Dr. Hawkins' collection were exhibited.

Dr. Pough, on behalf of the Education Committee, announced that his classes in mineral identification had been successfully concluded and called attention to several recent publications of interest to mineralogists.

At the end of the meeting Mr. Edwin Skidmore of the New Jersey Mineralogical Club exhibited an improved ultra-violet lamp and many fluorescent specimens.

*Meeting of April 21, 1943.*

Mr. Archibald N. Goddard of Detroit entertained the members with many stories of his collecting experiences. Specimens exhibited included crystallized silver and copper, copper in calcite, and a splendid specimen of Chilean proustite which Mr. Goddard presented to the American Museum of Natural History.

The following officers were elected for the subsequent year:

PRESIDENT: Mr. James A. Taylor

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. F. H. Pough

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: Dr. Robert B. Sosman

SECRETARY: Miss Elizabeth Armstrong

TREASURER: Dr. Cecil H. Kindle

DIRECTORS: Mr. John N. Trainer, Mr. Gilman S. Stanton.

Mr. Trainer announced the death on April fourth of Mr. John Vlismas.

*Meeting of May 19, 1943.*

Dr. Robert B. Sosman of the U. S. Steel Company Research Laboratories addressed the club on "Some Minerals of Professional Interest to the Steel Maker." He described the process of steel-making from the mining of the ore to the manufacture of the finished products and told what natural or artificial minerals are encountered at each step. Specimens of ores were exhibited including maghemite, a magnetic oxide of iron which closely resembles hematite in appearance. Dr. Sosman demonstrated the distinction between the two minerals by sprinkling the powder of each on a paper held over a magnet. Among the minerals produced in the blast furnace are anorthite, gehlenite, larnite, forsterite, and monticellite.

A tribute to the late Mr. Vlismas was read before the club by Mr. Sampter. Mr. Vlismas was a skilled "craftsman in stone" and created many unusual and beautiful things in his shop where club members were always welcome.

The retiring officers presented their annual reports and the incoming officers were installed at the end of the meeting.

*Meeting of October 20, 1943.*

In accordance with the club's custom the first meeting of the year was devoted to accounts of collecting and exhibits of material by members of the club. Travelling by train, bus and foot, many had visited interesting localities. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sampter collected mica, beryl, rose quartz, and feldspar crystals from the Scribner mine in Maine;

Dr. A. C. Hawkins collected titanite and tremolite from Easton; and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Marcin found two-inch siderite crystals at Roxbury, Connecticut, that are now on display at the National Museum. Mr. L. A. Morgan displayed a large, deep purple cluster of amethyst crystals from Paterson, N. J., and hematite selectively crystallized on the prism faces of quartz crystals.

Other members exhibited specimens that they had bought or traded or collected in previous years.

ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG, *Secretary*