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REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE FOR 1966

On November 8, 1966, the Auditing Committee examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Society, including inspection of the contents of the Safety Deposit Box in the Federal Office of the Riggs National Bank. We have found them to be in order for the fiscal year, August 1, 1965–July 31, 1966, and are truly represented by the Report of the Treasurer. The Treasurer, as has come to be expected, has maintained the financial records with exceptional care.

The Treasurer is also to be commended for the voluntary care of the reserve stocks of back issues of *The American Mineralogist*, with all the duties involved, to the financial benefit of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,
 PAUL E. DESAUTELS, *Chairman*
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REPORT OF THE EDITOR FOR 1966

INTRODUCTION

On November 1 the major part of the activities of the editor's office was transferred to the direction of the new editor, Dr. William T. Holser.

The main responsibilities that remained to me included:

1. The November–December number, including the index for 1966.
2. Manuscripts that were received prior to November 1, and which are "in progress," in the sense that they are either in the hands of referees selected by me or have been returned by me to the author for revision. The total number of such manuscripts, as of November 1, was 44 major and 10 notes manuscripts. By January 1, 1967, the total of such manuscripts awaiting final processing was 30. The following report included statistics for all of 1966, but the new editor will report his activities at the end of 1967.

PUBLICATION RESULTS

The Mineralogical Society of America has published during 1966 the following numbers of *The American Mineralogist*:

	<i>Major mss</i>	<i>Notes mss</i>	<i>Pages</i>
January-February	15	11	277
March-April	15	10	372
May-June	19	10	299
July	18	8	298
August	3	0	111
September-October	14	6	208
November-December	14	8	284
Totals for all 1966	98	53	1,849

The August number was a special number entitled "Index of New Mineral Names, Discredited Minerals and Changes of Mineralogical Nomenclature in Volumes 1-50 of *The American Mineralogist*," and is largely the result of Michael Fleischer's indefatigable efforts in indexing and classifying the enormous amount of data contained in our continuing publication, "New Mineral Names," prepared largely by him or under his direction since 1940. The Society and indeed all mineralogists will be indebted deeply to Dr. Fleischer for arranging this information in such highly usable form in an index and in tables.

During 1966 there have been published descriptions of the following new mineral species:

buegerite	jennite
coconinoite	kostovite
γ -dicalcium silicate	metazellerite
gaspeite	roedderite
hendricksite	zellerite
huemulite	

Color plates appeared in two numbers:

March-April	2 plates (4 figures)
July	2 plates (7 figures)

MANUSCRIPT STATISTICS FOR 1966

Manuscripts Received

Major	175
Notes	71
Total	246

Manuscript Backlog

As of November 1 manuscripts on hand (not including the November-December issue) were:

	<i>Major</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total</i>
Accepted	60	18	78
In process of revision or review	44	10	54
Total	104	28	132

The total corresponds to 6 or 7 issues.

Manuscript Evaluation

	<i>Major</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Manuscripts accepted without change or only minor changes.....	34%	40%
Manuscripts accepted only after major changes or complete revision..	50	31
Manuscripts rejected.....	16	29
	100%	100%

Publication Interval

For the major manuscripts published in 1966, the "publication interval" (time from date of acceptance of manuscript until appearance in print) average was 6.5 months.

1961-1966

During the last six years *The American Mineralogist* underwent a period of major expansion and changes. The publication results for this period are as follows:

	<i>pp. publ.</i>	<i>Mss publ.</i>	<i>Mss rec'd.</i>
1961.....	1,543	127	124
1962.....	1,513	152	167
1963.....	1,450	134	195
1964.....	1,803	167	244
1965.....	2,150	195	239
1966.....	1,849	151	246

Numerous other changes also have taken place:

1. A statement of editorial policy was developed (inside front cover).
2. A system of regular selection and rotation of associate editors was developed and put into effect.
3. A rigorous system of critical review of MSS was instituted and a list of reviewers was developed.
4. Standardization of style (headings, punctuation, abbreviations, symbols, references, etc.) was placed into effect.
5. All MSS involving new mineral names or descriptions of new species are now reviewed by the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, I.M.A.
6. A list of rules and suggestions to authors was made up to assist in increasing the quality of MSS ("Preparation of Manuscripts—Instructions to Authors").
7. The mechanics of handling MSS editorially was greatly streamlined with the introduction of standardized records and forms.
8. The files of the editorial office were completely reorganized and a number of items were sent to Dr. George T. Faust for inclusion in the Archives of the Society.
9. Changes in the format of *The American Mineralogist* included:
 - a. New cover arrangement
 - b. New color for cover stock
 - c. "Notes and News" changed to "Mineralogical Notes"
 - d. The March–April number was split into two parts
 - e. The book review section was expanded.
10. The task of sending out back numbers was transferred to the treasurer's office.
11. The complete handling of advertisements was transferred to an Advertising Manager. For these arrangements I am particularly grateful to Martin and Rita Ehrmann, and to the present Advertising Manager, Mrs. Marion Godshaw.

12. The journal was placed under copyright protection.
13. A new schedule of MS submission and galley proof return was developed with George Banta Co.
14. Two special numbers appeared
 - a. "Kerr Number"—Vol. 50, No. 10, October 1965
 - b. "Index of New Mineral Names, etc." by Michael Fleischer—Vol. 51, No. 8, August 1966.

CRITICS

In addition to the Associate Editors (Ivan H. Milne, William T. Holser, Daniel E. Appleman, Stephen E. Clabaugh, Vernon Hurst, Arthur G. Hagner) the following have served as reviewers of manuscripts during 1966:

Bailey, S. W.	Gittins, J.	Ross, M.
Barnes, V. E.	Graf, D. L.	Rowland, R. A.
Barton, P. B., Jr.	Hay, R. L.	Sahama, Th. G.
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Cameron, E. N.	Kelly, W. C.	Strunz, H.
Clark, J. R.	Kohn, J. A.	Swineford, A.
Cloke, P. L.	Kramer, J. R.	Switzer, G.
Conrad, M. A.	Lapham, D. M.	Tettenhorst, R. T.
Coombs, D. S.	Laves, F.	Tilley, C. E.
Denning, R. M.	Leake, B. E.	Thomas, H. C.
Donnay, J. D. H.	Lee, D. E.	Turner, F. J.
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Respectfully submitted,
E. WM. HEINRICH, *Editor*