

## NOTES AND NEWS

### MINERALS FOR DESTROYED MUSEUMS

The Continental Committee wishes to urge all Local Committees and every mineralogist to contribute minerals at the earliest possible date. Shipments are now being prepared for the following museums: (1) Liège, Belgium; (2) Kiev, Ukraine; (3) Caen, France; (4) Prague, Czechoslovakia; (5) Brussels, Belgium. They should be ready by the end of May 1946. Please indicate for which museum each package is intended. Ship in separate containers gifts for different institutions. For detailed instructions, please refer to the original appeal (*Am. Mineral.*, 30, 538-40, 1945, July-August issue).

CHARLES PALACHE, *Chairman*.  
J. D. H. DONNAY, *Secretary*.

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Dr. Bennett Frank Buie has been appointed Professor of Geology and Mineralogy at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina. Dr. Buie was recently released from the Army where he had served as a Major in the Corps of Engineers attached to the Persian Gulf Command.

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The Department of Geology of the University of South Carolina has recently acquired the Colburn Mineral Collection. This collection is well known to mineralogists as it is especially rich in rare and beautiful minerals from the Southern Appalachians.

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The Pennsylvania State College has recently issued Circular 20 entitled "Opportunities for Productive Work through Mineral Industries Research." This interesting and instructive 36 page pamphlet can be obtained free of charge by writing A. W. Gauger, Director, Mineral Industries Experiment Station, State College, Pennsylvania.

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Meetings of The New York Mineralogical Club, Inc., were held in January and February. At the January meeting Dr. Lester Stroeck spoke on "The Applications of Spectroscopy in Economic Geology," and pointed out how this method assisted in the discovery of a large deposit of the rare beryllium mineral helvite.

At the February meeting it was announced that Professor Kerr would edit Mr. Trainor's paper on the Minerals of Tilly Foster for publication by the Club. At the same meeting Dr. E. Jacobs of the University of Vermont and State Geologist spoke on the minerals of that State. Some of the unusual localities mentioned were Mt. Mansfield, South Strafford and Mt. Belvidere.

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### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP IN MINERALOGY AND GEOLOGY

A half-time teaching assistantship in mineralogy and geology is available at Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, to a student who, having the equivalent of a B.S. degree, becomes a candidate for the M.S. degree at this institution. The student may register for 12 credit hours each semester, a minimum of 36 credit hours being required for the Master's degree. The assistantship pays \$675 for the School year of nine months. Tuition fees amount to approximately \$60.

Applications, supported by letters of recommendation, should be addressed to Dean Curtis L. Wilson, Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, Rolla, Missouri.