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*Seventy-Fifth
Anniversary Dinner Meeting*

OF THE

**New York Mineralogical Club
Inc.**

NOVEMBER 16TH, 1961

Held at
THE FACULTY CLUB
Columbia University
New York City

Officers, 1961

Neal Yedlin, *President*

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Past Presidents, in Chronological Order

George F. Kunz	Olaf Andersen
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Paul F. Kerr	Frederick H. Pough
Herbert P. Whitlock	Ralph J. Holmes
Frederick I. Allen	Neal Yedlin
Alfred C. Hawkins	Frederick D. Stenbuck
Gilman S. Stanton	Curt G. Segeler
Bertram T. Butler	Daniel T. O'Connell

Victor Pribl

MENU

Fresh Fruit Cup, Minted

Celery Hearts Green and Ripe Olives

Braised Top Sirloin of Beef-Burgundy Sauce

Franconia Potatoes

Broiled Herbed Tomato

Sautéed Sugar Cured Peas

Parker House Rolls

Continental Salad

with Wine and Vinegar Dressing

Meringue Glassé with Melba Sauce

Demi-Tasse

PROGRAM

Neal Yedlin, *Toastmaster*

Ernest Weidhass: *Our Club in the Past*

Ralph J. Holmes: *The Second Half Century*

Mary Mrose: *Minerals du Jour*

Paul F. Kerr: *Presentation of Honorary
Membership to J. Robert Oppenheimer*

HISTORICAL SKETCH

On September 21, 1886, in the home of Professor Daniel S. Martin at 236 West 4th Street, this Club was organized through the efforts of George F. Kunz, B. B. Chamberlin and Professor Martin. Monthly meetings followed at the homes of members with the hosts presiding so that no President was named. George F. Kunz was elected Secretary.

At the sixth meeting in March, 1887, the name, New York Mineralogical Club was adopted. A Constitution and By-Laws was approved at the eighth meeting. No President being required by this Constitution, none was elected until April, 1895 when George F. Kunz became the Club's first President, which office he held for many years.

At the end of the Club's first year it had a membership of forty-six, including notable mineralogists. Today the Club's active membership is one hundred and seventy-five. Seventy-five years later, none of the original members is alive.

In 1891 the Club joined The Scientific Alliance and through this Alliance later became an affiliate of the New York Academy of Science. Since 1898 most of its meetings have been held in the Museum of Natural History and at Columbia University. In 1937 the Club was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York as a membership corporation. In the same year a bequest from its founder, George F. Kunz, permitted the accumulation of funds for educational and mineralogical purposes. Periodically awards are made for competitive papers on such subjects.

The Club's fine collection of the minerals of New York City in the Morgan Mineral Hall of the Museum of Natural History includes fine specimens of xenotime, chrysoberyl, garnet, dumortierite, stilbite, tourmaline and beryl, together with many other species.

Named after members of the Club are the minerals (and varieties): austinite, bementite, cahnite, canfieldite, eglestonite, englishite, frondelite, hiddenite, jefferisite, kempite, kunzite, montgomeryite, moseite, nivenite, overite, palacheite, roebblingite, schallerite, sklodowskite, spencerite, whitlockite and yedlinite.

Honorary Members

*William H. Bragg
Marie S. Curie
Edward S. Dana
Victor Goldschmidt*

Herbert P. Whitlock

*Alfred Lacroix
Charles Palache
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