

## NOTICES

### PAGE CHARGES FOR *THE AMERICAN MINERALOGIST*

At its meeting of November 18, 1967, the Council of the Mineralogical Society of America instituted a system of page charges for *The American Mineralogist*. This step was taken on the recommendation of the Committee for Financing Expansion of *The American Mineralogist* which, during 1967, considered in detail various plans for coping with the increasing volume of papers submitted to the journal. Both the Committee and the Council gave extended consideration to possible alternatives and to the various considerations involved in page charges.

Page charges were begun by *The Physical Review* in 1930, and their present extensive use by a wide spectrum of scientific journals allows them to keep pace with increases in their accepted manuscripts. As with other Journals, the charge is assessed against the institution supporting the research that led to the submitted manuscript, and can generally be planned for as a final important part of the research, at a small percentage of the total cost. An author whose research has been supported by an institution that is unable, for compelling legal or financial reasons, to honor the bill for page charges will not be required to pay the bill himself. Payment of page charges is not a condition for publication.

In order that this change in policy may be given wide notice, the Council ruled that charges would begin with manuscripts received in the office of the Editor on or after August 1, 1968. The charge has been set by the Council at an initial rate of \$20.00 per page, which is lower than most journals already making such a charge. Rates for reprints will not be changed at present, except that 100 instead of 50 reprints will be sent free to each author.

### CRYSTAL SYNTHESSES — A NEW SERIAL PUBLICATION IN CRYSTAL GROWTH

Springer-Verlag announces a new serial volume entitled *Crystal Syntheses*, to be edited by R. A. Laudise, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey, 07974, assisted by an International Editorial Advisory Board. *Crystal Syntheses* will be patterned after *Inorganic Syntheses* and *Organic Syntheses* and will publish straightforward procedures in recipe format for the growth of single crystals. Where possible, the procedures will be checked in a second laboratory before publication.

Further information concerning *Crystal Syntheses* and instructions for the preparation of manuscripts may be obtained from the Editor.

Professor J. H. Taylor of King's College, Past-President of the Mineralogical Society, was drowned January 25, 1968 while doing field work in the Seychelles Islands.

### SYMPOSIUM ON "VOLCANOES AND THEIR ROOTS," GREAT BRITAIN, SEPTEMBER, 1969.

The International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (I.A.V.C.E.I.) has accepted an invitation from the Royal Society to hold a Symposium on the above topic at the Department of Geology and Mineralogy, Oxford University, between 7 and 13 September, 1969. Field excursions to classic Tertiary and Carboniferous areas of volcanic activity in Scotland and Northern Ireland, lasting 5-6 days, will be

organised both before and after the scientific sessions at Oxford, and will include such districts as the Islands of Skye and Mull, Ardnamurchan, the Antrim coast of Northern Ireland, and the Midland Valley of Scotland.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Dr. J. D. Bell, Department of Geology and Mineralogy, Parks Road, Oxford, England.