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Professor I. D. Sedletskiy, Docent K. N. Negodayev-Nikonov, and others from the Rostov State University also spoke. All speakers emphasized the great services rendered by P. I. Stepanov in Soviet science and for our people.

The assembly issued the following resolution: (1) to name the coal beds in the Nesvetayevo Shakhly areas of the Donbass 1₁, 1₂, 1₃ "Stepanov"; (2) to request the Minister of Geology of the USSR to adopt the name Academician P. I. Stepanov for the Novocherkassk Mining Technical School; and (3) to publish a collection of geological works dedicated to the memory of P. I. Stepanov.

On 27 November 1947, the conference of the Geological Society was dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution.

Professor I. D. Sedletskiy reported on the subject "Progress of the Geological Mineralogical Sciences in 30 Years of Soviet Rule."

From 24-28 December 1947, members of the Geological Society gave reports at the scientific conference of the Don and Northern Caucasus. A total of 22 reports were made on various subjects. Among those who spoke were: Professor I. D. Sedletskiy on "Mineralogical Classification of Clays"; Professor M. D. Sedletskiy, Docent K. N. Negodayev-Nikonov and Docent I. A. Shampay on "Refractory Clays of the Rostov Area"; Candidate of Sciences, P. S. Samodurov on "Refractory Clays of the Northern Caucasus"; Docent I. Ya. Baranov on "Geology of the Permian Red Conglomerates of the Northern Caucasus"; Docent Miroshnikov on "Disintegration of Paleogene Deposits of the Lower Don"; S. P. Krivokhatskiy on "Geological Study of the Azov-Black Sea Area"; Land Sciences, L. P. Kharchuk on "Geological Study of the Northern Caucasus" and "Baryta Veins of the Northern Caucasus"; Professor B. P. Zhizhchenko on "New Methods of Paleogeographical and Stratigraphic Surveys"; Professor I. D. Sedletskiy on "The Priority of the Russian Scientist"; V. M. Severgin in the "Study of Paragenesis of Minerals"; A. S. Tomkovich on "Results of Operations in the Eastern Sector of the Donbass"; V. A. Mel'nikov and other geologists of the Don and the Northern Caucasus.

On 15 January 1948, the society held a session on the utilization of the mineral raw materials of Rostov oblast in the national economy. The speakers were: S. P. Krivokhatskiy, head geologist of the Azov-Black Sea Geological Administration; V. A. Dem'yanenko, superintendent of the southern division of the Geolstromtrest (Geological Construction Trust); S. M. Shotenberg, head associate scientist of the Institute of Local Industry; Professor N. S. Bogdanov of the Rostov Engineering and Construction Institute, and others.

The meeting was attended by representatives of local industry. A resolution was adopted to further the study and utilization of local mineral raw materials: clay, clay gypsum, marl, sand, and others.

On 26 February 1948, the meeting was dedicated to the problem, "Principles of Coal Formation and the Paleogeographic Distribution of Coal." The report by Docent A. I. Yegorov, thoroughly explaining this problem, was based on actual surveys of material gathered over a period of 15 years. Belts and zones of coal accumulation and the migration of areas of coal formation are being determined.

The following sections of the Geological Society are organized and operational: (1) mineralogical-petrographical (supervisor Prof. I. D. Sedletskiy); (2) geological-stratigraphical (supervisors Professor S. A. Vasyev and Yu. N. Rodzyanko); (3) engineering geology and hydrogeology (supervisor, A. K. Lapionov); and (4) mineral resources (supervisor S. P. Krivokhatskiy).

At meetings of the mineralogical-petrographical section the following reports were discussed: (1) "New Specifications of Clay Minerals" (2) "Studies of Minerals by Means of the Electron Microscope"; and (3) "Rules for Naming Minerals According to Their Chemical Composition Proposed by Professor D. P. Grigor'yev," and others. The section approved Professor D. P. Grigor'yev's

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proposal concerning a rational system for naming minerals, which appeared in the periodical Notes of the All-Union Mineralogical Society.

The department of mineralogy and petrography of the Rostov State University which is doing research on colloid-dispersed minerals under the supervision of Professor I. D. Sedletskiy was directed to work out a system for the classification of colloid dispersed minerals.

The section of engineering geology discussed results obtained by Rostov geologists concerning the problem of loess, its composition, characteristics and genesis.

Scientific instruction is being given by society members to the population. Lectures were given on mineral resources in the Rostov area by Docent K. N. Negodayev-Nikonov: on surveys and prospecting for mineral raw material by S. P. Krivokhatskiy: on development of life on the earth by Docent L. N. Semikhetov and Docent P. V. Miroshnikov.

The mineralogical museum is open and being equipped under the supervision of Professor I. D. Sedletskiy. The geological museum is open and being equipped under the supervision of Professor K. N. Negodayev-Nikonov. Its regional departments are: Donbass geology, Caucasian geology, geology of the Rostov area, general geology, historical geology, and others.

Under the supervision of B. S. Tsigler the organization of the Office of Consultations was started in 1948. The Rostov Geological Society opened two branches: the North Caucasian branch in Essentuki and the Novocherkassk branch in Novocherkassk where work on problems of mineralogy, lithology, metallogenesis and geology is in progress.

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