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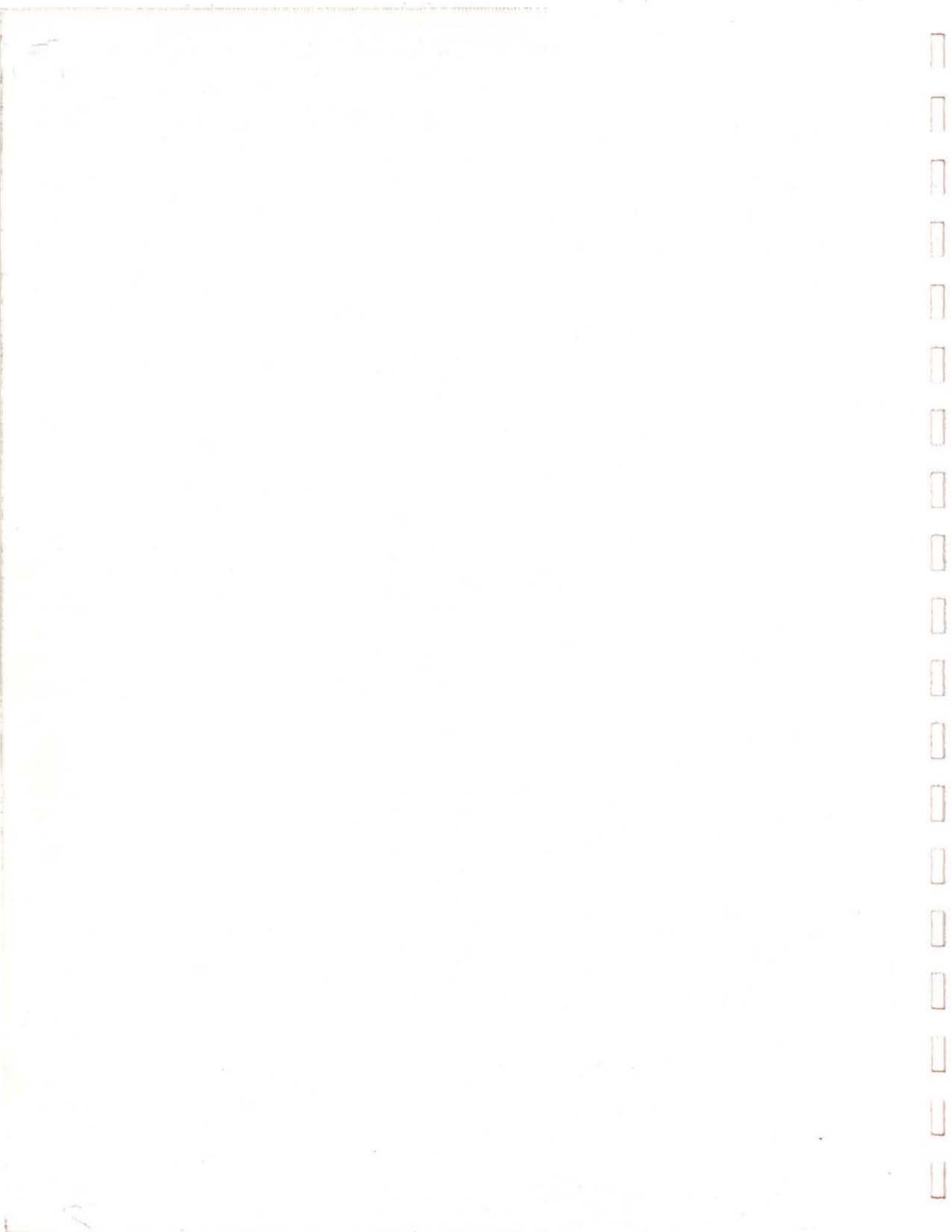
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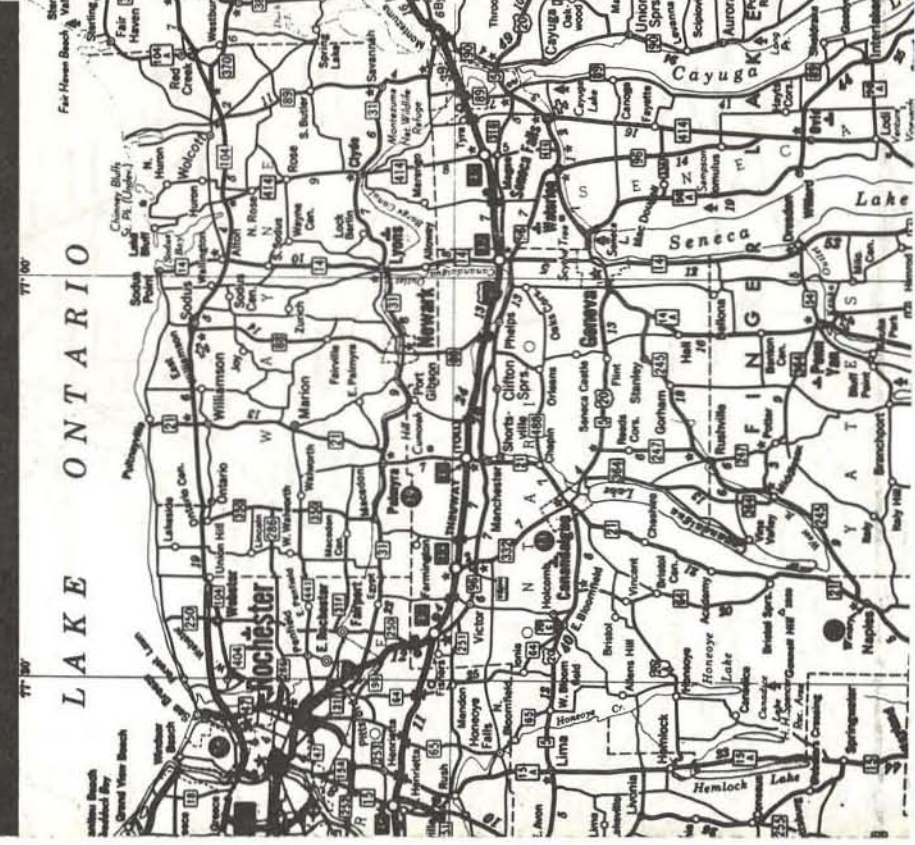
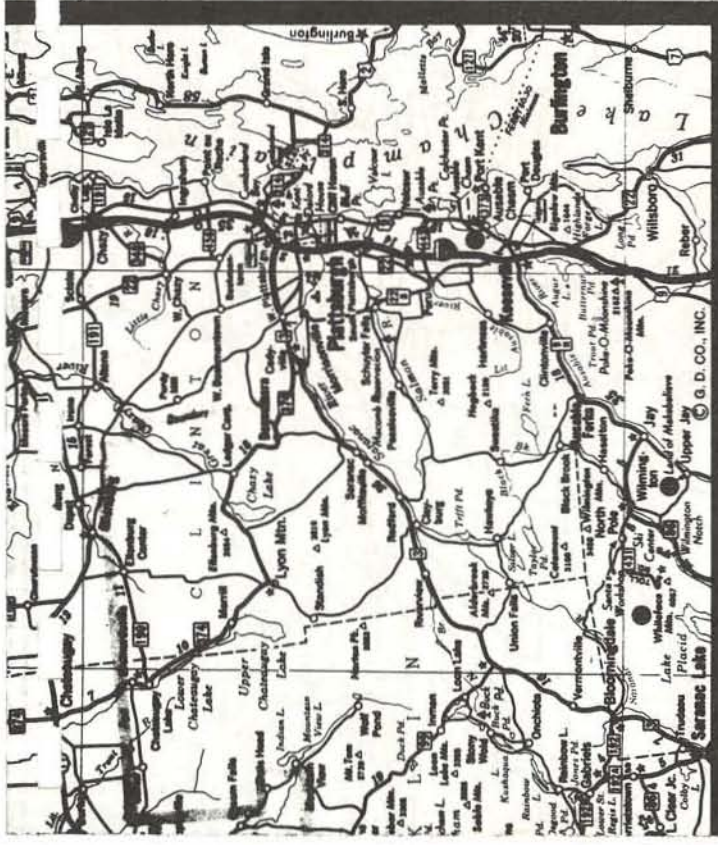


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INTRODUCTION

It is appropriate that the Golden Anniversary meeting of the NYSGA be held at Syracuse University. Syracuse has been involved actively in Association activities since the beginning. As secretary, Harry N. Eaton of SU issued the announcement of the first meeting to be held at Hamilton College in April of 1925. He then was president the next year as Syracuse served as host.

In 1937 SU was host for the 13th meeting with Louis W. Ploger president. Again in 1950 Ploger served as president as Syracuse hosted the 22nd annual meeting on the Silver Anniversary of the formation of the Association (1925-1950). John J. Prucha organized the 36th meeting in 1964.

Syracuse is always proud and pleased to host the Association that may be the oldest organized state intercollegiate geological group in the country. The Association has grown considerably in size and stature from that first meeting 53 years ago (see paper by Lowe and Wolff on history of the Association in this volume). There is no record of the number of attendees but the meeting consisted of a few pages of handouts for the one field trip following a previous evening dinner and lecture. This loose organizational arrangement was successful in the early years and continued until 1953 when Kurt E. Lowe was elected first permanent secretary of the Association. The secretaryship provided a stability and continuity needed for the Association and beginning in 1956 guidebooks for each meeting were kept in print for sale. Lowe was followed in office by Philip Hewitt in 1968 (now the office was termed executive secretary), D.F. Merriam in 1972, and Fred Wolff in 1977. The Association affiliated with the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in 1974.

The Association grew in permanency and organization (it now had a constitution) so did the size of the guidebooks. From a few pages in 1925 to 425 pages in 1977. Subject matter was expanded until today the guidebooks provide one of the most important sources of information on the geology of New York State.

The offerings this year are no exception. In addition to writeups and roadlogs for the 17 trips, background papers on selected subjects are included. Of special importance are the two papers on the history of geology in New York by Don Fisher of the NY State Geology Survey and on the history of the Association by Kurt Lowe and Fred Wolff. These contributions undoubtedly will serve as standard references for years to come.

Each of the authors are to be thanked for their contribution. It is their collected efforts that made this publication possible. A different procedure was used this year on preparing the papers for inclusion in the guidebook. Each author was asked to provide finished copy for direct reproduction. Although this method has its problems (but all publication methods do), it allows authors greater flexibility and the possibility to make last minute changes. It also speeds up production time and reduces costs.

Many people have cooperated in putting on this meeting. Janice Potak assisted in typing, editing, and proofreading material for the guidebook and helped in a variety of other ways. Beverley O'Brien and Debby Blöse also have assisted in preparing material and making arrangements. All of the faculty and students of the Department of Geology at SU have given considerable time and effort in preparing for the meeting. Credit for success of the meeting goes to the entire Department.

Dewey Hale of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce provided material and advice in making arrangements. Owen Muir of the Treadway Inn helped with the housing. Elmer Foote of the SU press assisted with the printed material. Many individuals and other Departments at Syracuse University cooperated in the logistical arrangements.

Last but not least Fred Wolff lent his support for the entire year of preparations. This was most appreciated.

So here are the results for the golden anniversary volume. May the next 50 years of the Association be equally successful and rewarding to those involved and interested with the geology of New York State.

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