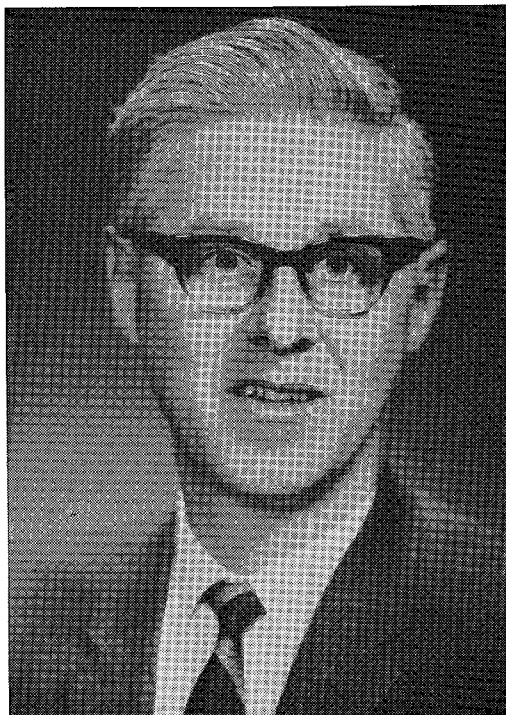


## IN MEMORIAM



**JOHN A. GOWER**

B.A.Sc., 1950, M.A.Sc., 1952 (U.B.C.); Ph.D., 1955 (M.I.T.).

Dr. John A. Gower, devoted teacher and scientist and close friend of mineral exploration and mining in Canada, died on February 22, 1972, after a long illness.

Dr. Gower, associate professor of mineralogy and mineral exploration in the Department of Geology at the University of British Columbia, was greatly admired and respected by his students, colleagues and professional associates. He was one of Canada's leading experts in the field of mineral exploration.

Jack Gower was born in Victoria, B.C., on April 19, 1921. Before entering University, he served with the R.C.A.F. from 1940 to 1946. He

attended Victoria College in 1946 and graduated in Geological Engineering from U.B.C. in 1950. He obtained his Master of Applied Science degree two years later at the same institution. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology granted his Ph.D. degree in 1955. He joined Kennco Explorations, Toronto, in 1955, became Vancouver District Exploration Manager in 1958, and joined the Department of Geology at the University of British Columbia in 1967.

During his career with Kennco Exploration, he published several papers on mineral identification, geochemical sampling and the mining industry. He assisted the late Professor R.M. Thompson with the extension course in mineralogy for rock hounds and prospectors. After Professor Thompson's death, he undertook identification of mineral specimens for the British Columbia rock and mineral societies. He was a member of the Mineralogical Society (Great Britain), the Mineralogical Society of America, member of the Executive Committee of the Mineralogical Association of Canada, member of the Geological Society of America, the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (Great Britain). He served as a director of the Mining Association of B.C. from 1960 to the present. He was a member of the executive of the B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines and served as President in 1965 and 1966. In addition, he was a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia and served as a member of the Board of Management of the B.C. Research Council and a member of the faculty advisory committee of the B.C. Institute of Technology and the U.B.C. Department of Mineral Engineering.

He was a devout Lutheran, a member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Student Foundation at U.B.C., formerly Chairman of Congregation and member of Church Council, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Coquitlam and since 1967 a member of St. Timothy's Worshipping Community, U.B.C.

He will be long remembered by the undergraduate students at U.B.C. for his personal interest in their progress and his willingness to search out a job for an unemployed student regardless of the time he had to devote. He will especially be remembered by the graduate students for his mineral exploration seminars which were held at his home in the evening. They benefitted greatly from his vast knowledge of techniques and case histories in mineral exploration.

His greatest interest, from the day he arrived at U.B.C., was to secure a new geology building for the Department he loved so much. He was personally responsible for raising a large portion of the funds from private and corporate donors. His success manifests itself in the present new

Geological Sciences Centre. In late December, he was happy to personally see his mineralogy laboratory established in the new building. It is sad that he will not be present at the official opening ceremony.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Florence (née Wells) ; two sons, Leonard John, aged 16, and Frederick James, aged 12 ; a brother, Elvin of Coquitlam, B.C. ; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Bruce of Victoria, and Mrs. Joan Gillatt of Duncan, B.C.

It is fitting, because of his deep personal interest in the overall welfare of his students, that a memorial fund be established at the University of British Columbia. This fund will be used to endow a scholarship in his name to support deserving geology students.

For those many friends who knew Dr. Gower in his fields of interest other than geology, tributes to the Lutheran Campus Centre, U.B.C. and the B.C. Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation, 2656 Heather St., Vancouver, B.C., would be appropriate.