

NOTES AND NEWS

CORDIERITE IN PEGMATITES—AN ADDENDUM

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Since the publication of the article on cordierite in pegmatites (*Am. Mineral.*, **35**, 173–184, 1950), some other pertinent cordierite-pinite occurrences were reported to the writer. These include several in Bavaria: Harlachberg, Blötz by Bodenmais, Niederndorf by Kötzing, and Weiding by Altalter (H. Laubmann, *Die Minerallagerstätten von Bayern r. d. Rh.*, Munich, 1924). Laubmann believes the cordierite is formed by “. . . Resorption von Bestandteilen aus dem Nebengestein . . .” (p. 46). Specimens received through the generosity of Louis Moyd of Bancroft, Ontario, were collected from a locality near Fishtail Lake, Haliburton County, Ontario. Here veinlets of quartz and cordierite occur in anthophyllite-garnet-cordierite rock. This occurrence has been recorded by N. N. Evans and J. A. Bancroft (*Am. Jour. Sci.*, **175**, 509–512, 1908). G. E. Moore (*Geol. Soc. Am., Bull.* **60**, 1613–1670, 1949) records massive dark blue cordierite along edge of a quartz vein in altered amphibolite, 1.7 miles S. 40°W of Richmond, New Hampshire, and states (p. 1663), “The cordierite in this locality appears to be hydrothermal, formed as a replacement of the country rock along the quartz vein.”

In October, 1950, Dr. L. J. Spencer completed 50 years as Editor of the *Mineralogical Magazine*. The December, 1950, number of the *Mineralogical Magazine* will be a special number in honor of Dr. Spencer. Also a dinner in honor of the Editor was held after the Anniversary meeting on November 2, 1950, and a presentation of a personal nature was made to Dr. Spencer at the dinner.

At Columbia University the Department of Geology, continuing its policy of rotating administrative duties, has elected Professor Walter H. Bucher to serve as Executive Officer for a period of three years. He succeeds Professor Paul F. Kerr whose term expired on June 30, 1950, and who held office during the difficult period of post-war reconstruction. Professor Marshall Kay has been elected Educational Coordinator and Professor Kerr Research Coordinator. These three will constitute an Executive Committee for the Department.