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COLORADO CHAPTER
FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY

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Results of election of officers for the Friends of Mineralogy (National) for the year 1980 were as follows: President - Del Oswald, Vice-President - Anthony Kampf, Treasurer - Arthur Johnstone, and Secretary - Peter Modreski.

A meeting of the Bulletin 1114 revision and update committee was held on April 16th. Present were: J. A. Murphy, E. B. Eckel, R. R. Cobban, P. C. Modreski, and E. E. Foord. All efforts are proceeding very well and the committee estimates that the data collection is past the half-way point. All of the data provided by Dr. E. W. Heinrich has been transferred to data cards. The cards have been sent back to Dr. Heinrich for final corrections and/or additions. A number of journals and periodicals have been completely scanned for the period 1958-1979. Paula Hansley has been most instrumental in compiling all of the available published literature from computer data bases. She has also abstracted many of the available M.S. and Ph.D. theses done in Colorado. D. S. Collins has completed a survey of the U.S.G.S. Professional Papers and is working on Bulletins now. R. R. Cobban and J. A. Adams have compiled data from the American Mineralogist up to 1975 and L. S. Hedricks will be completing the period 1975-1980. P. C. Modreski will be examining U.S.G.S. open-file reports. J. A. Murphy has examined the Mineralogical Record, Lapidary Journal, Rocks and Min-

erals, and Rocks and Gems. E. E. Foord has compiled data from U.S.G.S. Bulletins, open-file reports, and other published journals.

The next meeting of the Colorado Chapter will be at the Denver Museum of Natural History on Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 P.M. Joseph E. Taggart will present a program titled "Mineralogy of the Hansonburg Mining District, New Mexico". Joe has worked in this district for a number of years and has a paper on this district prepared for the Mineralogical Record. He has taken numerous excellent color photomicrographs of mineral specimens from the district and his presentation should be of much interest to the membership.

New minerals to Colorado keep popping up due to the efforts of various chapter members. The most recent is the mineral, swartzite, from the Schwartzwald uranium mine. Pete Modreski identified this species by X-ray diffraction in a specimen which was coated with a number of secondary minerals. Over 70 minerals have now been identified from the Schwartzwald Mine.