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NOTES AND NEWS

NEIL A. MINER AWARD

THE Clay Minerals Society notes with pleasure the presentation by the National Association of Geology Teachers of its 1967 Neil A. Miner Award for teaching excellence to Walter D. Keller, Professor of Geology at the University of Missouri. Dr. Keller is a past Chairman of the Committee on Clay Minerals, which governed the affairs of our organization prior to formal incorporation as a Society. He also has been a frequent contributor to the annual proceedings volumes of *Clays and Clay Minerals*. It is appropriate that the lead article in this issue is by Walter Keller.

SHORT COURSE ON LAYER SILICATES

THE American Geological Institute, 1444 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, announces that additional copies of the Lecture Notes used in conjunction with the Short Course on Layer Silicates can be purchased for $8.00 each. The Short Course was given over a three day period just prior to the annual meeting of The Geological Society of America in New Orleans, November 1967. Its purpose was to give geologists an opportunity to bring themselves up to date in particular aspects of clay mineralogy.

The Lecture Notes are in mimeograph form and contain a total of 437 pages and 85 diagrams. The following 12 lectures are included.

S. W. Bailey:	Polytypism of Layer Silicates Crystal Structures of Layer Silicates – I Crystal Structures of Layer Silicates – II
G. W. Brindley:	Nomenclature, Geometry of Ideal Layers, Bonding Silicate Swelling in Water and in Organic Media Disorder in Phyllosilicates
W. D. Keller:	Geological Occurrences of the Clay-Mineral Layer Silicates – I, II, III
D. R. Wones:	Compositional Variations and Phase Equilibria of some Layer Silicates Compositions of the Micas Phase Equilibria of the Micas

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