

ASSOCIATIONS FORUM

NAC to Celebrate 20th Birthday During 3-Day Meeting at Spring Lake

A PANEL DISCUSSION on fertilizer-pesticide mixtures is one feature of the three-day meeting arranged by the National Agricultural Chemicals Association to celebrate its 20th anniversary. The meeting starts on Sept. 9 and continues through Sept. 10 and 11. It will be held in Spring Lake, N. J., with headquarters at the Essex and Sussex Hotel. A big turnout is expected, according to Lea S. Hitchner, NAC executive secretary, and additional accommodations have been arranged at the Monmouth Hotel.

Other features of the meeting include addresses by J. Earl Coke, assistant secretary of USDA, and George P. Larrick, deputy commissioner of FDA.

Throughout the meeting, there will be special observance of the 20th anniversary of the NAC, which was first organized at a special meeting in Atlantic City on Aug. 22, 1933. The incorporation was certified at Dover, Del., the following February and the association's first meeting was held on March 5, 1934. Mr. Hitchner served as the first president until 1940, when the by-laws were changed to make the office of president rotate among executives of the industry. Mr. Hitchner has been executive secretary since that time.

NAC has grown from an original membership of 14 to its present 140.

Agenda for the first day of the meeting will include the address from NAC president, Arthur W. Mohr, president of California-Spray Chemical Corp. Mr. Hitchner will make his report to the membership on that day. The session will be presided over by NAC's vice president, Paul Mayfield of the Hercules Powder naval stores department.

At the first day's session, J. Earl Coke will also speak. Mr. Hitchner said that Mr. Coke's address will provide the association with its first opportunity to hear from an official of the new administration.

Another speaker on the first day will be Joseph F. Battley, president of the National, Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, who will discuss the services that a trade association can bring to its members and the public. W. Raoul

Allstetter, vice president of the National Fertilizer Association, will point out some of the principals of merchandizing chemicals for the American farmer.

The discussion of fertilizer-pesticide mixtures is scheduled for the entire Thursday morning session. A panel of experts will make brief, formal presentations. There will be time for discussion from the floor, which is to be off-the-record so that members can discuss problems freely.

L. Gordon Utter of Diamond Alkali's organic chemicals division will preside. Panelists will be: M. D. Farrar, head of the department of entomology at Clemson Agricultural College; Rodney C. Berry, state chemist, Virginia Department of Agriculture; C. C. Compton, Julius Hyman Division of Shell Chemical; and Eugene Ordas, head of Velsicol Corp.'s product development. One other panel member is to be selected.

The last day's session will be devoted largely to several phases of pesticide marketing and use. Richard O. White, chief of the registration section of USDA's insecticide division, will discuss some of the principal problems involved in the registration of pesticides. George L. McNew, director of the Boyce-Thompson Institute for Plant Research, will talk about the importance and place of fungicides in agricultural production.

The last day's program will include the address from FDA deputy commissioner, George P. Larrick. His talk is expected to be of major interest to the industry, farmers, and the public, because of the now-pending legislation and establishment of residue tolerances.

On the lighter side of the program will be events such as the reception for members and guests to be held during the evening of the first day. The golf tournament will be scheduled for the second afternoon and the banquet at 7:30 P.M.

CALENDAR

Symposium on Abnormal and Pathological Plant Growth. Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, Long Island, N. Y. Aug. 3-5.

XIIIth International Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry and 1st Physical Chemistry Conference, with XVIIth Conference of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. Symposium: Macro-molecules, Uppsala, Sweden. Aug. 5-7.

Gordon Research Conferences, AAAS. Chemistry of Steroids and Related Natural Products. New Hampton School, New Hampton, N. H. Aug. 3-7.

Gordon Research Conferences, AAAS. Food and Nutrition. Colby Junior College, New London, N. H. Aug. 10-14.

Gordon Research Conferences, AAAS. Nucleic Acids and Proteins. New Hampton School, New Hampton, N. H. Aug. 24-28.

Gordon Research Conferences, AAAS. Vitamins and Metabolism. Colby Junior College, New London, N. H. Aug. 24-28.

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