## ASSOCIATIONS FORUM

#### Nutrition Foundation Asks Nominations for Awards

The Nutrition Foundation, Inc., has invited nominations for two awards it administers. The awards, the Osborne and Mendel Award and the Borden Award, are to be presented at the foundation's meeting next spring.

The Osborne and Mendel Award, which consists of \$1000, is given in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the general field of exploratory research in the science of nutrition by an investigator who has made significant published contributions in the year preceding or who has published a series of papers of outstanding significance.

Nominations may be made by anyone. The nominations must be accompanied by data on the nominee's accomplishments and sent to the chairman of the nominating committee before Jan. 1. Chairman of the award committee is H. E. Robinson, Research Laboratories, Swift & Co., Chicago 9, Ill.

Preference is normally given to research in the United States and Canada, but investigators in other countries, especially those sojourning here for a period of time, are not excluded.

The Borden Award, which is made available by the Borden Co. Foundation and administered by the Nutrition Foundation, recognizes distinctive research which has emphasized the nutritive significance of the components of milk or other dairy products. It is made primarily for publication of specific papers, but judges may recommend that it be given for important contributions over an extended period of time.

Nominations for the Borden Award must be in the hands of J. B. Brown, Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio, by Jan. 1.

### NACA Southern Group Meets in Memphis This Month

The National Agricultural Chemicals Association southern group will meet on Dec. 15 at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn. The meeting is to take place on the afternoon before the Cotton Insect Control Conference and all interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting is to start at 3:30 P.M. and last until 6:00 P.M.

C. C. Smith, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce in Memphis, will speak on the subject of foreign credit and agricultural financing. Lloyd E. Partain, sales manager and farm market director for Country Gentleman, will talk on

merchandizing and selling to the farm market.

# Two New Directors Chosen by NFA's Board

The National Fertilizer Association has announced the election of two directors to fill unexpired terms. Richard E. Bennett, president of Farm Fertilizers, Inc., South Omaha, Neb., and Walter E. Meeken, vice president of Consolidated Rendering Co. of Boston, Mass., were named to the board during the association's annual fall meeting at Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16 to 18.

Mr. Bennett is a director of the district which includes the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado. Mr. Meeken is a director-atlarge. Terms of both men will expire in June 1954 when the annual elections are held.

### ASTM, AOAC Sponsor Committee On Soil Conditioners

A committee on soil conditioners has been jointly organized and sponsored by the American Society for Testing Materials and the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists. The committee's purpose is to inform consumers on the use and performance of various soil conditioners available.

Chairman of the committee is W. P.

#### CALENDAR

National Agricultural Chemicals Association, Southern Group. Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tenn. Dec. 15.

American Association for the Advancement of Science. Annual Meeting. Boston, Mass. Dec. 27-30

Northeastern Weed Control Conference. New Yorker Hotel, New York, N. Y. Jan. 5-7, 1954. Great Lakes Farm Show. Cleveland Public Auditorium, Cleve-

land, Ohio. Jan. 27-31, 1954. Forest Products Research Society. Grand Rapids, Mich. May 5-7, 1954.

American Association of Cereal Chemists. Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colo. May 23–27, 1954.

Pacific Northwest Regional Fertilizer Conference. Klamath Falls, Ore. July 20-22, 1954. Martin of The Ohio State University. Vice chairman is W. A. Raney of Mississippi State College. H. N. Stevans of B. F. Goodrich Co. is secretary.

# Agricultural Ammonia Meeting in New Orleans in 1954

New Orleans has been selected as the site for the 1954 meeting of the Agricultural Ammonia Institute. Dates will be Dec. 5 to 8.

At the institute's recent meeting in St. Louis, E. W. Thomas of Farm Service Co., Bonneville, Mo., was elected president. He succeeds J. I. Davis, Jr., of Selfco.

#### Renderers' Make Grant for Research on Inedible Fats

The National Renderers' Association has made a \$10,000 grant to the American Meat Institute Foundation to do research related to new uses for inedible fats

A fundamental study of oleic acid and its esters will initiate the research. These studies are designed to define conditions which will restrict the sites of oxidation and limit the formation of secondary oxidative products during the manufacture of various compounds derivable from animal fats. It is hoped that the fundamental data may provide the basis for more economical production of long-chain oxygenated products, such as dibasic acids, which are finding progressively increased utility in industrial applications.

# Jones Elected President of California Fertilizer Association

Beverly H. Jones, president of Sunland Industries, was elected president of the California Fertilizer Association during its 13th annual meeting last month. Other officers who will serve during the coming year are: William E. Snyder, Wilbur-Ellis Co., vice president; Jack Baker, Bandini Fertilizer Co., secretary-treasurer.

### Forest Products Researchers to Meet in May at Grand Rapids

The Forest Products Research Society has announced that its ninth annual meeting will be held May 5 to 7, 1954. Site of the meeting will be Grand Rapids, Mich.

An exhibit of machinery, equipment, and materials will run concurrently with the meeting.