

# ASSOCIATIONS FORUM

## Food Technology Honorary Formed at University of Mass.

A group at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, have announced formation of an honorary food technology society to be known as Phi Tau Sigma Honorary Society. The organization is to be incorporated under the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Purposes of the organization are "to encourage the application of fundamental science to food technology, to honor and recognize achievements in the field and to promote fellowship, thereby stimulating the free exchange of knowledge in food technology." It is intended that charters will be granted for the establishment of local chapters in other areas.

Goals of the society are to be carried out through an active program of scientific lectures, discussion meetings, and social gatherings by chapters as well as the election to membership of qualified food technologists and advanced students of food technology.

Carl R. Fellers, head of the food technology department at the university, was elected honorary president at the recent meeting.

Member and officers of the board of directors are: Gideon E. Livingston, chairman of the board and president of the society; William D. Powries, vice president of the society; Enio Felicotti, secretary-treasurer; Donald E. Westcott, executive secretary; Milton P. Baldeuf; Robert V. Decareau; and Maynard A. Steinberg. Headquarters are at the university.

## Cottonseed Processing Clinic Scheduled for Next Month

The third annual Cottonseed Processing Clinic, sponsored jointly by the Valley Oilseed Processors Association and the USDA Southern Regional Research Laboratory, will be held at the laboratory in New Orleans on Feb. 15 and 16. All interested persons are invited to participate in the industry-research discussions at this working conference.

On the first day the laboratory will give progress reports on the present status of several research projects, including the following: nutritional investigations on cottonseed; exploratory work on new cooking procedures; use of special reagents to improve color of cottonseed oil; application of the filtration-extraction process to cottonseed, soybeans, and minor oilseeds of the South; survey and preliminary investigations of the cleaning of cotton-

seed; and screw pressing research carried on by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station for the Department of Agriculture.

The second day's program, presented by the association, will feature the problem of improving linter quality. Talks will be given on the economic value, quality standards, and the desirable characteristics for different uses; operating standards for seed cleaning and lint room machinery; use of different types of seed and lint cleaners; and developments in seed cleaning and lint cleaning.

Those needing hotel accommodations should write to E. A. Gastrock, Southern Regional Research Laboratory, 2100 Robert E. Lee Blvd., New Orleans, La., by Feb. 1, indicating the anticipated date and hour of arrival.

## DISA Names Task Group to Study Milk Dispenser Standards

The technical committee of Dairy Industries Supply Association has formed a task committee to formulate a suggested sanitary standard for bulk milk dispensers.

Every known U. S. manufacturer of the type of equipment under consideration is invited to participate, as a member or an observer.

To date fifteen sanitary standards for various types of dairy industrial equipment have been issued, and others are in process of formulation. This process is often protracted as the maker-user-sanitarian discussions and revisions occur. After the issuance of a standard agreed upon by all the discussion parties, later

experience and further technical progress periodically may lead also to revisions.

## Fertilizer Essay Contest

"More Profits From Greater Fertilizer Use" is the subject of the 1953-54 fertilizer essay contest, sponsored by the soil improvement committee of the California Fertilizer Association. Only vocational agricultural students of junior colleges are eligible. Announcements have been directed to the vo-ag instructors of twenty California junior colleges, urging full participation of the students in their soils and crops classes.

Essays are not to exceed 2500 words, and are to be in the office of the association in San Marino not later than April 30, 1954. Awards will be made before the end of the school year.

The best essay entered will receive \$100 and the author's school will hold the perpetual trophy for the ensuing year. The author of the best essay in each other competing school will receive \$25.

## Fatty Acid Meeting in New York Jan. 26

The fatty acid division of the Association of American Soap & Glycerine Producers is scheduled to meet in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on Jan. 26. The meeting begins with luncheon, at which the speaker will be H. E. Longenecker, dean of the graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh. His topic will be the role of the university in fats and oils research. At the afternoon session, papers will be delivered on trends affecting usage of fatty acids in emulsifiers, alkyd resins, and plasticizers. Recent advances in engineering and equipment for fatty acids will also be discussed.

## Sulfite Pulp Manufacturers Make Grants for Torula Research

Research grants to the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota totaling \$4500 for studies bearing on utilization of spent sulfite liquor are announced by the Sulphite Pulp Manufacturers' Research League.

The two grants provide fellowships to investigate those values of torula yeast which remain unknown in the feeding of poultry. Torula yeast is manufactured from the sugars in spent sulfite liquor by a subsidiary of Rhineland Paper Co., and a larger torula yeast plant is now being constructed by Charmin Paper Mills at Green Bay.

## CALENDAR

**National Canners' Association,** Annual Meeting. Atlantic City, N. J. Jan. 23-25.

**American Soap & Glycerine Producers' Association.** Fatty Acid Division. Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y. Jan. 26.

**Great Lakes Farm Show.** Cleveland Public Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio. Jan. 27-31.

**Cottonseed Processing Clinic.** USDA Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans, La. Feb. 15-16.

**Forest Products Research Society.** Grand Rapids, Mich. May 5-7.

**American Association of Cereal Chemists.** Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colo. May 23-27.