

# ASSOCIATIONS FORUM

## Program of Gordon Conferences Announced by AAAS

The schedule and program for this summer's Gordon Research Conferences have been announced by the sponsor, the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Conferences will be held from June 14 to Sept. 3 at Colby Junior College, New London, N. H., the New Hampton School, New Hampton, N. H., and Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H.

Among the conferences of interest to agricultural and food chemists are those dealing with food and nutrition, to be held Aug. 9 to 13 at Colby Junior College, and with vitamins and metabolism, Aug. 16 to 20 at Colby.

Hartley W. Howard will be chairman of the food and nutrition conference and Anthony A. Albanese will serve as vice chairman. The general subject to be discussed on the first day is obesity and the second day's subject is to be agricultural practices and nutritional quality of crops. The third and fourth days' programs are general and the fifth day's subject will be dextran and methylcellulose gums.

The vitamins and metabolism conference will be chaired by Grace A. Goldsmith and P. L. Day will be vice chairman. No symposia-type programs are planned for this conference.

Attendance at each conference is limited to a maximum of 100 scientists, in order that informal discussion will be encouraged.

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Requests to attend should be made to W. George Parks, University of Rhode Island, Kingston.

## Panel Discussions for NFA Meeting Announced

Subjects of and participants in two panel discussions planned for the National Fertilizer Association meeting have been announced. The meeting is to take place at the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., June 14 to 16.

On the panel, "What Makes Fertilizer Move?" will be Harold R. Dinges, director of product sales for Spencer Chemical; George E. Smith, professor of soils at the University of Missouri; and O. E. Anderson, secretary of the Ohio Bankers Association. H. H. Tucker, president of the Coke Oven Ammonia

Research Bureau, will moderate the discussion.

A second panel discussion, on the granulation process, will run concurrently. Edwin C. Kapusta, NFA's staff chemical engineer, will moderate this discussion. Those on the panel will be: W. W. Coffin, Link-Belt Co.; Robert J. Engelhardt, John J. Harte Co.; John O. Hardesty, Agricultural Research Service, USDA; and L. D. Yates, Tennessee Valley Authority.

Other details of the program were announced earlier (AG AND FOOD, May 12, page 530).

## Symposium on Food Sterilization With Radiation at ACS Meeting

The Chairman of the ACS Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, C. S. Boruff, has announced that the Division is now planning a symposium on Radiation Sterilization of Food and

Pharmaceuticals for the Fall Meeting of the Society in New York. The symposium is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 13. Chairman of the symposium is Bruce Morgan, chief, Radiation and Sterilization Project, Quartermaster Food and Container Institute, 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago 9. Correspondence regarding prospective papers should be addressed to him.

## Soil Microbiology Conference To Take Up Soil Pesticides

The American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America will sponsor a soil microbiology conference at Purdue University, June 22 to 24. The sponsors point out that a discussion group on the evening of June 23 on the effects of insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides on microbial activities in soils will be of particular interest to entomologists, pesticide specialists, and agricultural chemicals manufacturers. Particular emphasis in the discussion will be given to soil insecticides, and, in addition to discussion of the effects of pesticides on microorganisms and soil fertility, microbial effects on the compounds will be considered.

Other subjects to be taken up during the conference are: the physical properties of soils as affected by microbial activities, organic matter transformations, and frontiers in soil microbiological research. Further information can be obtained from L. W. Erdman, Plant Industry station, USDA, Beltsville, Md.

## Change in APFC Program

The American Plant Food Council has announced that H. B. James of the department of agricultural economics at North Carolina State College will replace Earl O. Heady, Iowa State College, on the program for its meeting (AG AND FOOD, May 12, page 530). The meeting takes place June 10 to 13 at the Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.

## 3-Day High Vacuum Symposium In Asbury Park, N. J., in June

A High Vacuum Symposium will be held in the Berkeley Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park, N. J., June 16 to 18. The symposium will be sponsored by the Committee on Vacuum Techniques, Boston, Mass., a nonprofit corporation formed to organize the symposium.

The program has been planned to interest engineers, production people, and researchers in the fields of high vacuum processes.

## CALENDAR

**Manufacturing Chemists Association**, annual meeting and joint outing with the **Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association**. Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. June 3-5.

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

**American Plant Food Council**. The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va. June 10-13.

**National Fertilizer Association**. Hotel Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. June 14-16.

**Animal Health Institute**. Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill. June 14-16.

**Institute of Food Technologists**. Hotel Biltmore, Los Angeles, Calif. June 27-July 1.

**Pacific Northwest Regional Fertilizer Conference**. Klamath Falls, Ore. July 20-22.

**Ohio Pesticide Institute**. Summer Tour. Wooster, Ohio. Aug. 10-12.

**American Soybean Association**, annual meeting. Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

**American Chemical Society**. 126th National Meeting, New York, N. Y. Sept. 12-17.