

News of the Month

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ASSOCIATIONS

Papers Invited for Symposium on Vacuum Techniques

The Committee on Vacuum Techniques, Inc., invites the presentation of papers at the Second Symposium on Vacuum Technology to be held at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh 13, Pa. on Oct. 13 to 15. The first symposium was held at Asbury Park, N.J., in June 1954.

The program will deal with equipment, instrumentation, fundamental developments in vacuum technology, standards, nomenclature, methods and techniques, and vacuum systems applications and processes. Those interested in presenting a paper should contact Mr. Rudy Koehler, Committee on Vacuum Techniques, Inc., Box 1282, Boston 9, Mass.

Program Announced for June Convention of NPF

Nationally-known leaders in the field of agriculture, industry, and government will appear on the program for the preliminary convention of the National Plant Food Institute at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., June 12 to 15.

Presidents Russell Coleman of The National Fertilizer Association and Paul T. Truitt of the American Plant Food Council estimate that more than 800 fertilizer manufacturers, material producers, agricultural leaders, and others will be present for the convention. The Council and NFA will be consolidated into the National Plant Food Institute, effective July 1.

Registration will begin on Sunday, June 12 and the convention will get underway on Monday, June 13 with a meeting of the Institute's board of directors-elect and a forum featuring problems relating to fertilizer-pesticide mixtures, sponsored by the technical service committees of NFA and APFC.

M. V. Bailey, technical director, agricultural chemicals division, American Cyanamid Co., will be the moderator for the forum and other speakers will include: K. D. Jacob, head, Fertilizer and Lime Section, USDA, Beltsville; C. T. Harding, general manager, fertilizer division, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp.; John D. Conner, attorney, Sellers and Conner, Washington, D. C.; and Rodney C. Berry, Virginia State Chemist, Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Events Monday afternoon include a



USDA Holds Nematology Workshop

A nematology workshop was held at USDA's golden nematode control headquarters at Hicksville, Long Island, N. Y., recently. Some 40 federal and state employees in the New York area concerned with nematode regulatory problems attended the 11-day course. One of the instructors, A. L. Taylor, nematologist for the horticulture crops research branch, USDA, demonstrates a technique for preparing microscopic slides of nematode. Looking on are Irving Granek and Raymond Godin, plant pest control branch employees

ladies' garden party, a refreshment hour, courtesy of nitrogen producers, a dinner, and open house.

An address by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture E. L. Peterson and a youth panel of representatives of the Future Farmers of America, 4-H Clubs, and the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association will be features of the Tuesday, June 14 morning sessions. E. A. Geoghegan of New Orleans, La., chairman of the board of directors of NFA, will preside and address the convention and will be followed by Edwin Pate, Laurinburg, N. C., who will speak as chairman of the executive committee of APFC.

Youth panel participants on the Tuesday morning program will be: Prof. William B. Ward, head, Department of Extension Teaching and Information, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., moderator; William D. Gunter, Live Oak, Fla., national president of the Future Farmers of America; Lamar Ratliff, Baldwin, Miss., representing 4-H Clubs; Joe Strickland and Tommy Dotson of Summersville, W. Va., representing the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association. The annual banquet, preceded by a refreshment hour, will conclude the Tuesday program.

Senator John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, and Rep. Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.), chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, will be feature speakers at the Wednesday morning, June 15 session, at which Mr. Pate will preside.

Preceding the addresses, George Gage, Anderson, S. C., will present the "In Memoriam" resolutions.

Another feature of the Wednesday program will be the presentation of scrolls to winners in the nation-wide Soil Builders Award for Editors contest by Louis H. Wilson, secretary and director of information of the American Plant Food Council.

British Crop Protection Conference in November

Great Britain's National Crop Protection Conference is being planned for Nov. 1 to 3. It is to be held in Eastbourne and will be sponsored by the pesticides group of the Society of Chemical Industry. Also collaborating on the conference will be the Association of British Insecticide Manufacturers, the British Agricultural Contractors' Association, the National Association of Corn

and Agricultural Merchants, and the National Farmers' Union.

In general, the conference discussion will center around the practical aspects of the use of insecticides and fungicides in agriculture and horticulture.

Further information can be obtained from G. L. Baldait, c/o Plant Protection, Ltd., Yalding, Kent, England.

AOCS Short Course on Analytical Techniques

Analytical techniques will be the theme for the seventh annual short course sponsored by the American Oil Chemists' Society at the University of Illinois, Aug. 1 to 5. Chemists from industry, university, and research institutions will conduct the five-day course especially designed for laboratory workers in the field of fats and oils.

Among the analytical techniques to be discussed and demonstrated are x-ray, ultraviolet and infrared spectroscopy, dilatometry, chromatography, Craig counter-current extractions, flavor evaluation, and performance testing.

Further information can be obtained from the society's office, 35 E. Wacker

CALENDAR

American Association of Cereal Chemists. Chase Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. May 15-19.

International Bread Congress. Hamburg, Germany. May 31-June 3.

Fertilizer Section, National Safety Council. Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va. June 12.

Institute of Food Technologists. Columbus, Ohio. June 12-16.

National Fertilizer Association and American Plant Food Council (joint meeting). Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. June 13-15.

Western Agricultural Chemicals Association. Clark Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. June 21.

Pacific Northwest Plant Food Association. Regional Fertilizer Conference. Boise Hotel, Boise, Idaho. June 28-30.

Ohio Pesticide Institute, Wooster, Ohio. Aug. 9-11.

American Society of Agronomy. Davis, Calif. Aug. 15-19.

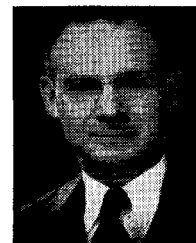
Drive, Chicago 1, Ill. Advance registration is required.

PEOPLE

King to Receive Appert Medal

Charles Glen King, scientific director of the Nutrition Foundation, has been chosen to receive the 1955 Appert Award of the Chicago Section of the Institute of Food Technologists. The award, made annually to commemorate the discoverer of canning technique, will be presented during the annual meeting of the IFT next month. Dr. King will be cited for distinguished work in vitamins, enzymes, synthetic fats, for furthering scientific interest in biochemistry, sanitation, human nutrition, and for his leadership in nutrition.

M. J. Blish, recently retired research executive with International Minerals & Chemical, will head an industry research



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