Dr. Clark to Conduct Basic Chemical Research Into Cottonseed Products

R. E. P. Clark has been selected by the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers Association to get underway the program of basic research that has been under consideration for the past five or six years. Dr. Clark will conduct his investigations in the laboratories of the Bureau of Chemistry, and will have the cooperation of the entire staff of Government investigators.

The fact that this step has been undertaken is one that should be of particular gratification to the American Oil Chemists' Society. It was the Society which first proposed the step. It has been Society Chemists who have been behind the movement ever since. And in the personnel of this year's committee one finds leaders in the Society's activities. The committee for 1927 is composed of E. R. Barrow, chairman; W. H. Irwin, H. J. Morrison, Felix Paquin and David Wesson. Louis N. Geldert is secretarv.

Dr. Clark will first take up the study of cottonseed meal. He already has begun a study of gossypol, and will endeavor to learn enough of its character and behavior to render it non-poisonous in feeding.

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Ph. D. Degrees at the University of Iowa, where in his postgraduate work he specialized in organic chemistry and bacteriology. Since that time, he has been engaged in organic chemical research.

The inauguration of this program of basic research marks a step of the greatest importance to the cotton oil industry.

REFINERY FOR SHERMAN, TEXAS PLANNED

The cotton oil refining plant of the old Mutual Refining Company at Sherman, Tex., has been purchased by the Munger Oil & Cotton Company, of Mexia, and is being renovated for early operation. The Munger Company has crude oil mills at Mexia and Teague.