

# Oil Chemists' Society Meets in New York

## Second Fall Meeting Accomplishes Formation of Section Devoted to Soap Chemistry

**T**HE second Fall meeting of The American Oil Chemists' Society was called to order in the Board of Managers' room of the New York Produce Exchange at 10 A. M. October 25, with a large and enthusiastic attendance of members and visitors.

Mr. H. P. Trevithick, Past President of the Society, introduced President Beatty of The New York Produce Exchange, who welcomed the Society to New York and to the Exchange, and extended an invitation to all present to have luncheon in the Produce Exchange Luncheon Club as guests of the Exchange. The complete text of Mr. Beatty's address follows:

"**FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN OIL CHEMISTS' SOCIETY:** In the name of the members of the New York Produce Exchange, as well as of myself, it is a pleasure to greet and welcome you to this Exchange. We are glad you have come and we hope while here you will be able to see something of this city of ours.

The Oil Industry is something about which I have little knowledge. It is entirely foreign to my line of business, as I am a grain man, but since becoming President of this Honored Institution, it has been gratifying to be in touch with the Cotton Seed Oil Futures Market and learn something of its workings.

While I understand your Society is not very old as years go, your organization covers a wide field and has proven its worth by its rapid growth. We are pleased to have

a voice in your Association through our own Chief Chemist, Mr. Trevithick. The New York Produce Exchange values this Association so much that our rules require that the methods of the American Oil Chemists Society, as published in the Interstate rule book, must be followed, wherever applicable, by our Bureau of Chemistry. Further the Chief Chemist of our Bureau of Chemistry, Mr. Trevithick, is an official referee chemist of the Interstate Association and a past president of your Society, and this Exchange has manifested its interest in the Society by having its Chief Chemist present at your annual meetings. This special group, I believe, is particularly interested in the soap end of this business and this will appeal to those of our members who are buying and selling the products to be made into this useful article, but which in our younger days many of us had no liking for. We hope our Trade will reap benefit from the personal contacts and friendships formed through your friendly association with our members, and we in turn want you to derive corresponding benefit by your holding your convention here. Altogether, I believe, you will have much in common to discuss concerning your great industry as a whole and particularly in the analysis of cotton oil. We are glad to give you a cordial welcome."

The program of the meeting was outlined by Mr. Trevithick, who then relinquished the Chair to Mr.

Putland, the President of the Society.

Reports of Committees were read, following which a paper on Olive Oil was presented by Sidney Musher, of The Pompeian Corporation, Baltimore, Md.

Dr. R. B. Trusler, Fellow of the Mellon Institute, presented a very interesting paper on "Soaps from Organic Bases" in which he discussed in some detail the properties and preparation of soaps from triethanolamine. This paper will be reported in full in an early issue of OIL & FAT INDUSTRIES.

A paper on "Metallic Soaps" was read by M. F. Lauro, of the New York Produce Exchange Laboratories.

Mr. A. K. Church of Lever Bros, next spoke on the "Need of a Soap Section" and outlined several ways in which a soap section could begin a program of activity. It was requested that those interested in the formation of a soap section meet in the afternoon for discussion.

A discussion of the "Fundamental Relation of the Problems of the Margarine Industry to those of the Oil Chemists" was presented by Dr. J. S. Abbott, secretary of the Institute of Margarine Manufacturers.

Dr. W. D. Richardson announced a meeting of the Committee on the Analysis of Commercial Fats and Oils for Friday, after the morning session.

Mr. Morrison spoke briefly in favor of the formation of a soap section.

Mr. Herman Aspegren called attention to some discrepancies in the rules for action of the Governing Committee.

Mr. Putland called upon the members present to make themselves better acquainted with each

other by rising in turn and announcing their names and business connections.

The business meeting was then adjourned and all present repaired to the Produce Exchange Luncheon Club, where a most enjoyable luncheon was served. Mr. John Murray, Chairman of the Cottonseed Oil Committee of the New York Produce Exchange, made a short talk at luncheon, explaining the working of the futures trading in cottonseed oil on the Exchange market, then the members and guests were taken to the floor of the Exchange where they had an opportunity to witness the trading in actual operation.

The second day's meeting was held in the Colonial Room of the McAlpin Hotel, and was called to order by President Putland at 10:00 A. M.

The first paper for the day was presented by Prof. A. W. Thomas of Columbia University on the Subject of "Gibb's Law of Absorption and its Significance in Emulsions, Froths and Foams."

"The Use of Fats in Baking" was the subject of the next paper by Dr. M. B. Graff. This paper was read by Mr. Morrison in the absence of Dr. Graff.

Mr. S. N. Cummings of the Pyram Products Co. addressed the Society on the subject of "Coloring Soaps".

A paper on the "Spontaneous Heating of Oils and Fats" was read by Mr. N. J. Thompson of the Associated Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P. M. until 2:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. and the first paper was presented by Dr. Judd of the Bureau of Standards, which was a report of the results of the color

vision tests made at New Orleans.

"Reports of Some Mackey Tests of Vegetable Oils" was the subject of a paper read by Mr. Herman Aspegren of the Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Corporation.

A paper by A. P. Lee and John E. Rutzler, Jr., describing some of the properties of alkaline earth stearates was read by Mr. Rutzler.

Mr. Putland announced that Mr. A. K. Church had been selected as Chairman of the Soap Section.

Before adjournment, the following Resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the New York Produce Exchange, and particularly its President, Mr. William Beatty, and the Chairman of the Cotton Seed Oil Committee, Mr. John Murray, have been most courteous and considerate in entertaining our Society, be it resolved that the thanks of the Society be extended to Mr. Beatty and Mr. Murray and to the Exchange.

The following were present:

A. W. Putland, Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Corp.; H. P. Trevithick, N. Y. Produce Exchange; Jacob Wolfson, National Oil Products Co.; F. DeLeouw, Lucidol Corp.; Dr. J. S. Abbott, Institute of Margarine Mfrs.; Sidney Musher, Pompeian Corp.; E. T. Marceau, Gold Dust Corp.; A. W. Krebs, Chemical Engineer, J. E. Rutzler, Jr., Pilot Lab.; A. H. Salomon, I. A. Salomon & Bro.; W. A. Peterson, Kirkman & Son; R. M. Sharlach, Soap Gazette & Perfumer; J. G. Vail, Philadelphia Quartz Co.; M. L. Sheely, Armour Soap Works; D. S. Collard, Metasap Chemical Co.; H. M. Dickinson, Swan & Finch Co.; Arthur Delafontaine, Corn Products Refining Co.; L. F. Hoyt, Larkin Co.; J. J. Vollertson, Armour & Co.; H. J. Morrison, Procter & Gamble Co.; A. K. Church, Lever Bros. Co.; J.

M. Lubit, Flash Chemical Co.; C. F. Kaegebehn, R. T. Vanderbilt Co.; Miss Rosalind U. Norris, Postum Co.; R. C. Hatter, Van Camp Pkg. Co.; Francis M. Turner, Oil Process Co.; M. Doniger, National Lead Co.; R. B. Trusler, Mellon Institute; C. J. Gundel, Fels & Co.; R. M. Miller, A. H. Thomas Co.; A. G. Stern, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co.; David Wesson, Wesson Oil Co.; M. F. Lauro, N. Y. Produce Exchange; W. D. Richardson, Swift & Co.; A. A. Jackson, Glidden Food Products Co.; W. H. Irwin, Swift & Co.; Alan Porter Lee, Oil and Fat Industries; W. H. Dickhart, N. Y. Produce Exchange; M. Kuelman, N. Y. Produce Exchange; H. V. Cadwell, Central Scientific Co.; Herman Aspegren, Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Corp.; B. Morey, Larkin Co., Inc.; A. J. Redpar, Consulting Chemist; L. M. Tolman, United Organic Chemical Co.; J. M. Wilson, Gold Dust Corp.; L. C. Whiton, Edouard Bataille; N. J. Thompson, Assoc. Fact. Mutual Labs.; Dr. Deane B. Judd, U. S. Bureau of Standards; J. W. Hegeman, Lever Bros. Co.; R. R. Gibson, C. P. R. Co.; Wm. E. Brady, C. P. R. Co.; Edward J. Emmer, J. B. Dewsnap; W. E. Anderson, Yale Univ.; J. E. Egan, Procter & Gamble Co.; Dr. A. W. Thomas, Columbia Univ.; R. W. Perry, Gunns, Ltd.; C. J. Kenlan and S. M. Williams, National Oil Products Co.; Alfred Garrigues, Manhattan Soap Co.; P. M. Wiswall, Postum Co.; A. R. McQuillan, Houchin-Aiken Co.; D. Jorysch, H. Kohnstamm & Co.; J. R. C. Boyer, Jr., Boyer Oil Co.; S. W. Cummings, Pylam Products Co.; C. L. Turner, Factory Mutual Insurance Co.; G. H. Banks, Swan & Finch Co.; G. M. Holbrook, Armour & Co.; Ira P. MacNair Wayne E. Dorland, Soap.