

NEWS

SPRING CONVENTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President W. G. McLeod wishes to make the announcement given below:

The following members of the American Oil Chemists' Society have been appointed to the nominating committee which shall report at the annual meeting of the society, April 30, May 1, in Houston, Texas:

Dr. H. A. Schuette, 719 Farwell Drive, Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. H. C. Dormitzer, Wilson & Company, 41st Street and Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. A. A. Robinson, Standard Nut Margarine Company, 1106 Roosevelt Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. A. A. Robinson is Chairman of the Committee, and he suggests that the members of the Society can be of assistance to the Committee by writing their suggestions as to officers for the year 1942-43.

It is hoped that many members will take this opportunity to help the Committee in this important work.



"ABSTRACTS OF ARTICLES AND PATENTS ON MOLECULAR DISTILLATION"

In connection with its work on the molecular distillation of the glycerides and minor constituents of soybean oil, the U. S. Regional Soybean Industrial Products Laboratory, Urbana, Ill., during the past several years has assembled a file of patents and journal articles dealing with all phases of molecular distillation. Recently the laboratory has made available, in mimeographed form, abstracts of this literature for the use of other workers interested in applying this valuable physico-chemical tool to research in other fields of organic chemistry.

Abstracts of nearly 160 patents are included, arranged in groups under parent patents. In addition, mention is made of more than 110 research reports, descriptions of apparatus, reviews, etc. Adequate indices are provided.

This mimeographed publication is identified as ACE-115 (RSIM-55) entitled, "Abstracts of Articles and Patents on Molecular or Short-Path Distillation," and may be obtained free, as long as the supply lasts, upon request to the U. S. Regional Soybean Laboratory, Urbana, Illinois.



NATIONAL CHEMICAL EXPOSITION

Plans are now shaping for the second National Chemical Exposition sponsored by the Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society, to be held November 17 to 22 at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago.

It is reported that more than 60 per cent of the available exhibition space, double the area of the first show held in December, 1940, is already under contract with leading firms throughout the country. It is anticipated that all of the space will be disposed of at an early date.

VOTATOR METHOD OF HEAT TRANSFER FOR LIQUIDS AND VISCOUS MATERIALS

A new booklet describes a unique and highly efficient mechanism for heating or cooling of liquids and viscous materials, which also offers mixing, emulsifying or aerating simultaneous with heating or cooling. The unit is known as the Votator. Outstanding features are: (1) Heats or cools *in seconds*, by a patented principle of passing a very thin film of product over a relatively large heat transfer surface. (2) Continuous rapid flow of product through unit. (3) Uniform temperature, accurately controlled. (4) A completely closed system. (5) Simplicity of design, which permits easy cleaning and enables unit to be connected into virtually any processing system. (6) More economy—due to increased speed and efficiency of heat transfer, use of less heat transfer medium, and facilities for simultaneous mixing. The Votator is available in standard sizes and designs. Helpful charts, diagrams, cross sections, and reference tables are included in the booklet. For a copy of the booklet on the "Votator Heat Transfer Unit," address: The Girdler Corporation, Votator Division, Louisville, Kentucky.



The third annual meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists is to be held June 15 to 17 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Organization of the local arrangements committee and plans for staging the meeting are under the guidance of Dr. C. H. Bailey, acting dean and director, department of agriculture, University Farms, St. Paul, Minn. Registration headquarters and meeting places for sessions will be announced at a future date.

The proposed program consists of four three-hour sessions, two lunch-hour sessions and a day of plant visitations. Details of the program are being worked out by the program committee headed by M. E. Parker, production manager, Beatrice Creamery Co., Chicago, chairman; and Harold Macy, professor of dairy manufactures, University Farms, St. Paul, Minn., vice-chairman.



Of interest to those working with the pH factor in oil and soap techniques, and with the color of oils and other transparent materials, should be the electrical scientific instruments described in the bulletin 104 published by the Coleman Electric Co., Maywood, Ill.



The Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc., manufacturer of caustic soda, soda ash, and other chemicals used in making soap, is observing its fiftieth anniversary. The company was incorporated in Virginia in 1892.



Norman F. Kruse, for the past six years technical director of the soybean expeller and extraction plants of Central Soya Co., Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been appointed general superintendent of all soybean processing and feed mixing operations of the company. Mr. Kruse will have full supervision of all manufacturing and laboratory standards. He will continue to live and have his headquarters in Decatur, Indiana.