

Literature Review Committee

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ACTIVE research is more productive when investigators are familiar with past work and possess current knowledge on their subjects. An attempt to keep up-to-date on oils, fats, and soap would most probably require more time than the average investigator could afford to spend. With this in mind, the Annual Review was designed as an aid to solve some of the literature problems for many members.



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The committee to prepare this review was organized as the result of a suggestion to the Governing Board of the Society by R. C. Newton. Its purpose was to classify each year's literature on fats, oils, and soap with only a brief report on the information in each article.

The first four reviews (1934-1937) were prepared under a committee comprising G. R. Greenbank, G. S. Jamieson, H. A. Mattill, and R. C. Newton (chairman), with the assistance of M. M. Piskur.

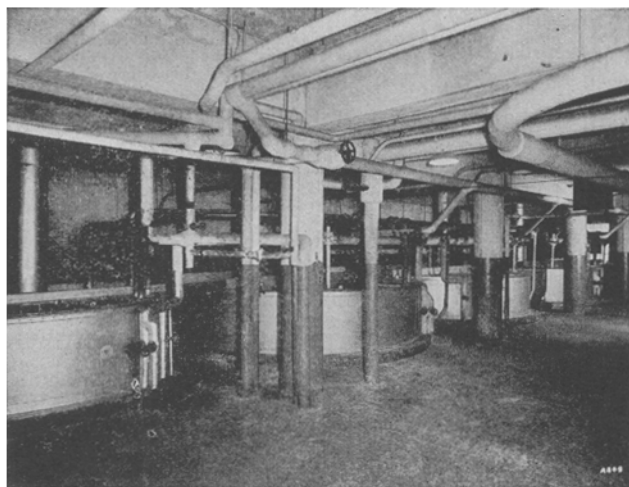
The assistance of the last was solicited because part of the committee work was of the same type as rendered to his employers; that is, compiling the information could be conveniently accomplished in combination with his regular work. Later Dr. Newton, in limiting his activities on account of growing responsibilities, relinquished the chairmanship. The present chairman was then appointed. To date 11 reviews have been published under the supervision of this committee.

Our efforts are toward comprehensiveness and brevity, yet the information is sufficient to allow the reader to select those items into which he may wish to look further. It is noncritical, for all criticisms of methods, procedures, or theories are those of the authors of the papers reviewed. Current literature from about 120 scientific and technical journals is abstracted throughout the year by the library staff of the Swift and Company Research Laboratory. After classification of this compilation into a tentative draft, it is submitted to the committee. The committee reviews the tentative draft for omissions and errors and makes editorial suggestions and corrections. After these are incorporated, the review is submitted to the journal editor for publication.

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