

## Vollertsen and Paquin Named Honorary Members

**I**N A SURPRISE move during the 38th annual meeting at New Orleans petitions were circulated to present the names of two distinguished men for election to honorary membership in the Society, and these were duly elected at the session on May 22, at which S. O. Sorensen presided: Felix Paquin and J. J. Vollertsen.

Mr. Paquin was a founder of the group known as the Society of Cottonseed Analysts which later became the American Oil Chemists' Society and was president pro tem in 1909 and president in 1910. He is owner of the laboratory, Felix Paquin and Associates, in Galveston, Texas, and habitually attends all the annual meetings. He was invited to share the responsibilities of presiding at the afternoon session on May 20. The petition on his behalf read as follows:

"Mr. Paquin has rendered special service to the Society as its first president in 1910 and served as president pro tem during the year 1909, at which time the original steps in organization of the Society were taken."

Mr. Vollertsen has been a member of the Society since 1916, chairman of the Uniform Methods Committee since 1920 and chairman

since 1928, also chairman of the Smalley Foundation Committee since 1936, and member of the Journal Committee since 1932. He has also served as chairman of the Chicago convention committee for several years. In December 1946 he retired from his position as chief of chemical research development, Armour and Company, Chicago. The petition for him read as follows:

"As an expression of the high esteem with which Mr. John J. Vollertsen is held by the entire membership of the American Oil Chemists' Society and in recognition of his invaluable contributions to the growth and activities of the Society during his many years of faithful and continuous service, we the undersigned members of the Society hereby recommend that he be elected an honorary member of the Society for life."

Reports by officers and committee chairmen marked both business sessions: on May 20—president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairman, and Journal chairman, among the former; Oil Color, Refining, Seed and Meal Analysis, and Smalley among the latter; May 22—Gossypol, Cellulose Yield, Spectroscopy, Referee Examining Board, and Uniform Methods. In addition, the latter session heard the report of the committee appointed to comment on the presidential address and the report of the election committee. These reports will be published in the Journal, for the full information of the membership.

**T**HE outgoing Governing Board on May 19 authorized the Procter and Gamble Company to purchase and prepare English fullers earth up to the amount of two tons. Actions by the incoming board on May 23 were as follows:

- Reappointment of H. L. Roschen as Journal editor and of V. C. Mehlenbacher as technical editor
- Appointment of J. C. P. Helm and J. J. Ganucheau as New Orleans legal resident representatives
- Appointment of Mrs. Lucy R. Hawkins as executive secretary
- Reappointment of the Referee Examining Board, with the following members: A. S. Richardson, chairman, G. W. Agee, E. B. Freyer, J. P. Harris, and R. T. Milner
- Authorization of the annual directory in 1947 and of a 10% increase in display advertising rates
- Discontinuance of the war-time policy of waiving dues for members in service
- Selection of the 1948 spring meeting place and dates: New Orleans, May 2-6

Approval of the special educational committee's report on the possibility of arranging a short course for oil chemists

Acceptance of the report of the special committee on constitution and by-laws.

It was agreed to issue a call for a special business session at the fall meeting to consider adoption of the revised constitution and by-laws, as presented by Lamar Kishlar, chairman, G. W. Agee, R. T. Milner, H. S. Mitchell, and A. A. Robinson.

## R. T. Milner Elected President of A.O.C.S. for 1947-48

**R**EID T. MILNER, head of the analytical and physical chemistry division of the Northern Regional Research Laboratory, Peoria, Ill., since 1941, was elected president of the American Oil Chemists' Society at the 38th annual meeting in New Orleans, La., on May 22, 1947. Dr. Milner succeeds S. O. Sorensen of the Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Minneapolis. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and has his M.S. degree from Illinois and his Ph.D. from the University of California in 1928.

Beginning with the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Dr. Milner has continued since 1929 in government work, going to the Fixed Nitrogen Laboratory of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1930 for six years; then to the U. S. Regional Soybean Industrial Products Laboratory for five years, the last two of which were as director. In the Society he has been active on various committees: Soybean Analysis, Refining, Color, Bleaching Methods, Membership, Fat and Oil Analysis, Seed and Meal Analysis, and Constitution and By-laws, which has been a special committee.

Other officers for 1947-48 are as follows:

- C. P. Long, Procter and Gamble, Cincinnati—first vice president
- E. M. James, Lever Brothers Company, Cambridge, Mass. second vice president
- V. C. Mehlenbacher, Swift and Company, Chicago—third vice president
- L. B. Parsons, Lever Brothers Company, Cambridge, Mass. fourth vice president
- H. L. Roschen, Swift and Company, Chicago—secretary
- J. J. Vollertsen, retired from Armour and Company, Chicago—treasurer.

The Governing Board of the Society is made up of these officers and the four most recent past presidents: Mr. Sorensen; R. R. King of Mrs. Tucker's Foods, Sherman, Texas; K. S. Markley of the Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans; and Lamar Kishlar of the Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis. Retiring member of the board in 1947 was H. S. Mitchell of Swift and Company, Chicago.

Mr. King was chairman of the Nominating and Election Committee, assisted by E. W. Colt, G. A. Crapple, J. R. Mays, Jr., and T. H. Hopper.

Howard D. Lightbody has been appointed chief of the food research and development division, QUARTERMASTER FOOD AND CONTAINER INSTITUTE in Chicago, War department. He was formerly chief of the biochemical division of Western Regional Research Laboratory, Albany, Calif.

The 1946 Book of A.S.T.M. Standards (1916 Race street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.), now practically completed, gives more than 1,400 widely used specifications, tests, and definitions. It has been issued in five parts. Part III-A gives material on soaps.



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