

E. M. James Named President, Procter Thomson, Vice President

OFFICERS of the American Oil Chemists' Society for the 1952-53 term will be as follows: president, E. M. James of Lever Brothers Company, New York City; vice president (and membership chairman), Procter Thomson of Procter and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, O.; secretary, T. H. Hopper

of the Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans; treasurer, J. J. Vollertsen, retired chief of chemical research development for Armour and Company, Chicago; members-at-large: A. R. Baldwin, Corn Products Refining Company, Argo, Ill.; W. A. Peterson, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company, Jersey City, N. J., and N. A. Ruston, Emery Industries Inc., Cincinnati, O.

Serving with these seven newly elected officers will be four past presidents, forming a Governing Board of 11: A. E. Bailey, 1951; J. R. Mays Jr., 1950; V. C. Mehlenbacher, 1949; and C. P. Long, 1948. Retiring past president is R. T. Milner, 1947.

Results of the balloting by mail were announced at the opening session of the 43rd annual meeting, held at the Shamrock hotel in Houston, Tex., on April 28, and the officers assumed their duties at the close of the meeting on April 30.

Mr. James has been vice president and membership chairman during the past year; Mr. Hopper and Mr. Vollertsen succeed themselves; and Dr. Baldwin, who is editor of the Journal of the A.O.C.S., continues on the Board.

Mr. James (1932) is assistant to the technical adviser to the board of Lever Brothers and prior to going with this firm in 1937 had been a department head with the Sharples Specialty Company, Philadelphia, since 1929. He has been vice chairman of the Refining Committee of the Society since 1943 and chairman since 1949, also serving on the advertising and nominating committees in recent years. In 1935 he was elected third vice president, in 1947 second vice president, and in 1951 vice president.

Mr. Thomson (1933) is associate director in charge of process standards, Chemical Division, Procter and Gamble. He has been with this firm since 1920 and before that was chief chemist for Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, Muskegon, Mich. Previously he had been chemist for Sears, Roebuck and Company, Chicago, and superintendent for the Forest Products Chemical Company, Memphis, Tenn. For the Society he has served on the Color Committee since 1944 and as chairman since 1950. He has represented the Society on the Inter-Society Color Council since 1950.

A member since 1936, Mr. Hopper is head of the Analytical and Physical Division, Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans. Prior to 1942 he had been leader and director of the Analytical Section for the U. S. Regional Soybean Laboratory at Urbana, Ill., for five years. He was chairman of the spring meeting in New Orleans in 1948 and 1949 and has been on the Governing Board since 1949. In 1950 he was named technical editor of the Methods and chairman of a committee to prepare a convention manual, which has since been completed and distributed to various convention chairmen. He has served on such committees as soybean analysis, membership, check samples, uniform methods, nominating and election; and he is chairman of the Seed and Meal Analysis Committee.

President of the Society in 1925 and honorary member since 1947, Mr. Vollertsen has been treasurer since 1947. He has also been associated with two important Society committees: Uniform Methods, 1920-47, chairman from 1928 on; and chairman, Smalley, 1936-47. He retired in December 1946 from Armour after 23 years of service.

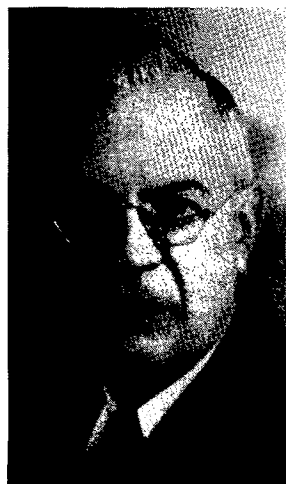
THIS will be Dr. Baldwin's second term as member-at-large. A member since 1944, he is a chemist and was given the Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1943. He



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has been on the Journal Committee since 1946, chairman since 1949, and editor since 1949. He served on the Membership Committee in 1946-47; Education and Fat Analysis since 1947; Nominating and Elections 1949-51; Special Finances 1949, 1952; and Chicago Convention 1946-47, 1949, 1951.

Mr. Peterson (1926) is head of the Standardization and Quality Control Division, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company,

Jersey City, N. J., since 1948. He was given the B.S. degree from Cooper Union in 1920 and entered the soap industry as chemist for Kirkman and Son, Brooklyn, N. Y., becoming successively chief chemist, production supervisor, and technical director. Following its merger with Colgate, he was made plant chemist in 1934, and from 1936-40 he served as specialist on plant production problems for all domestic plants. During 1940-42 he was process supervisor, and in 1943 he was transferred to the research and development division as process supervisor. For the Society he has served on the Glycerin Analysis Committee, 1930-32, and on Soap Analysis from 1931-36, acting as secretary of the Soap Section, 1929-32. He is president of the Northeast Oil Chemists' Society.

Chairman of the Society's 1952 fall meeting in Cincinnati, October 20-22, Mr. Ruston (1936) is a director of development and service for Emery. After being graduated from Rose Polytechnic Institute in 1920 with the degree of B.S. in chemical engineering, Mr. Ruston was with Sears, Roebuck for four years, then with the Ciba Company, 1924-30. He was chairman of the Advertising Committee for the A.O.C.S. Journal from 1947-51 and a member of the Special Finance Committee in 1949-50.

England Builds Plant

A new continuous solvent extraction plant has recently come into operation at the oil mills of the British Extracting Company Ltd., Bromborough, on a site which was allocated for oil extraction mills by the first Lord Leverhulme in 1912. This plant is designed to extract the oil from groundnut kernels by special methods which will allow the protein in the residual meal to be used for the production of the new wool type fiber called "ardil" fiber.

A.O.C.S. CALENDAR

1952—Cincinnati, Netherlands-Plaza hotel, Oct. 20-22

R. T. Milner Receives Recognition

THE April, 1952 issue of Chemurgic Digest includes an article about Reid T. Milner, director of Northern Regional Research Laboratory, Peoria, Ill. The article gives a short biography of Dr. Milner in addition to describing his many contributions to the field of chemistry. His picture appears on the cover.

Dr. Milner was a member of the group which showed the way to bring penicillin into large-scale production in volume ample not only for the Armed Forces but also for civilian needs.

The article also cites Dr. Milner for his contribution during the war years in standardizing the tests for the oil content of soybeans. He has also contributed as a scientific investigator by his work on low-temperature specific heats, micro-analysis, and development of new methods for studying the chemical composition of corn, wheat, oilseeds, agricultural residues, and other farm commodities to determine their possibilities for wider use by industry.



R. T. Milner

The use of a new permanent filler for lines and numbers on laboratory thermometers has been developed by Kimble Glass, division of Owens-Illinois Glass Company. The new development adds to the life of the laboratory thermometer and overcomes a common fault, the disappearance of markings due to the erosion of acids and organic elements. Amber in color, the new filler stands out clearly against the white and yellow backgrounds of the thermometers.

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