

## The Northeast Oil Chemists' Society

ON February 28, 1950, nearly 100 of the members of the American Oil Chemists' Society gathered at the Military Park Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, to form what is known as the Northeast Oil Chemists' Society. The idea for a group of this kind was born at a dinner to honor C. Victor Serbell on his retirement from the industry a few months previously. As was fitting for the occasion, Mr. Serbell, now deceased, was guest speaker for the organizational dinner meeting.



W. A. Peterson

Peter Kalustian, of E. F. Drew and Company, was elected first president of the group, and it was decided that members of the edible oil, industrial oil, soap, and other allied industries would be contacted to become members of the organization. During the two and a half years of its existence the Northeast Oil Chemists' Society has grown to a membership of over 250, of which approximately 70% are members of the A.O.C.S. Most of the members are from the metropolitan New York area, but many come from Philadelphia, Pa., and from Baltimore, Md., and Delaware.

Meetings of the Northeast O.C.S. are conducted every two months and follow a pattern set up by the first president, Mr. Kalustian, consisting of dinner at a hotel in New York City or in Newark, N. J., a short business session, a guest speaker, and ending with a forum in which all present participate. President Kalustian, and retiring president W. A. Peterson, of Colgate-Palmolive-Peet, have given freely of their time and effort to make the Society successful. In their selection of speakers and their subjects they have given the Society a varied

list in attempting to cover as many phases of the fatty oil industry as possible.

Speakers and their subjects to date have included: G. A. O'Hare, of Congoleum-Nairn, "Dry-ing Oil Developments;" J. E. Slaughter, of Girdler Corporation, "Margarine Products;" E. W. Segebrecht, of Armour and Company, "Chemicals from Fats;" L. D. Jones, Sharples Corporation, "Continuous Soap Processes;" Francis Scofield, National Paint, Varnish, and Lacquer Association, "Fats and Oils in Paints;" Morris Mattikow, of Refining Uninc., "Developments in Refining Procedures;" S. S. Gutkin, of Falk and Company, "Segregated Fish Oils to Replace Conjugated Oils;" E. M. James, of Lever Brothers Company, "The Solexol Process;" E. A. Lawrence, of Colgate-Palmolive-Peet, "Continuous Fat Splitting;" F. B. White of Foster Wheeler Corporation, "Fractional Distillation;" and F. H. Smith, of Sharples Corporation, "An Analysis of the Centrifuge in Vegetable Oil Refining."

OFFICERS of the Northeast Oil Chemists' Society for the business year commencing June, 1952, will be: president, Henry W. Ladyn, of Armour and Company; vice president, G. A. O'Hare, of Congoleum-Nairn; secretary, E. A. Sigworth, of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company; treasurer: J. A. Preston, of E. F. Drew and Company. The Governing Council will consist of the following: Peter Kalustian, of E. F. Drew and Company; F. G. Shea, of C. F. Simonin's Sons Inc.; J. W. Bodman, of Lever Brothers Company; C. H. Haurand, of Best Foods Inc.; and R. C. Husong, of Spencer-Kellogg and Sons Inc.

The officers and council members of the group, all familiar with the code of ethics of the American Oil Chemists' Society, have used this code as a guide in forming and carrying on the work of the Northeast Society. They are pledged to support the aims of the A.O.C.S. and are at present giving whole-hearted support to the coming short course on soaps at Rutgers University in the summer. In addition, the Northeast group is providing a place for those in the fatty oil industries and allied businesses to meet in order to discuss problems and to learn of new developments in their various fields of endeavor.

In his address to the organizational meeting Mr. Serbell advised the group to promote fellowship and education and to give friendly assistance to young men starting in the business of fats and oils and soap. This good advice has been and will continue to be the basis for existence of the Northeast Oil Chemists' Society.

F. G. SHEA.