

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

AS WE open this, the 44th annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society, it is my privilege to make you an accounting of the manner in which your officers have pursued the objectives of the Society during the year 1952-53. From the Secretary's report you have learned that the Society affairs have proceeded smoothly throughout the year, and from the report of the Treasurer you have learned that the finances of the Society are in a healthy condition.



E. M. James

As you are aware, the Society maintains a large number of standing committees, which are continually working on our methods either in an endeavor to improve upon them or to devise new methods for the analysis and quality control of the many products with which we in our industry are called upon to deal. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of the continuing efforts of these committees and of their chairmen, who are doing so much to add to the stature and prestige of the American Oil Chemists' Society. A number of recommendations arising from the work of our standing committees are being presented to the Uniform Methods Committee and will be acted upon by that body at this meeting. You may hear later brief reports from some of the committee chairmen outlining their activities during the past year.

The Official Methods of the American Oil Chemists' Society, under the very able editorship of Mr. T. H. Hopper, have been carefully revised, and improvement in the reprinting of these methods has been inaugurated.

Turning to the administrative activities of our Society, I wish particularly to thank the members of the Governing Board, of which I have had the honor to serve as chairman during the past year, for their unfailing cooperation and thoughtful analysis of the matters which have been brought before us for action. Also I am deeply grateful to our executive secretary, Mrs. Lucy R. Hawkins, for her great assistance to me and the other officers of the Society during my term of office.

The extremely rapid growth shown by the Society during the years 1943-49 has slowed down considerably, but as you will learn from the report of our Membership Committee, we are still growing, and our membership list is larger each year. A gratifying result of the efforts of this year's committee has been the number of former members who have been brought to reestablish themselves in good standing during the year 1952-53.

We have each year the sad task of reporting the passing of some members of our Society. The year 1952-53 is no exception, but our loss has been smaller in number than in past years. I have asked the Committee on Resolutions to express the sympathy of the Society to the families of these members, and you will hear their report later this morning. The list follows:

J. W. McBain, March 12, 1953
M. L. Hartley, July 11, 1952
C. G. Heywood, December 30, 1952
D. C. Ingraham, August 1952
H. A. Johnston, March 17, 1953
M. H. Palmer, July 21, 1952

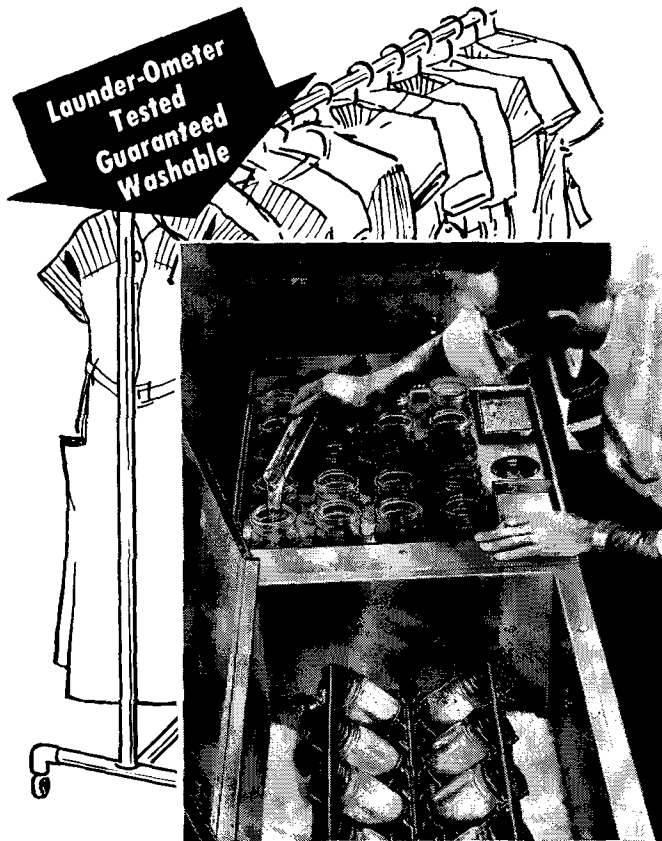
THE Journal continues to grow in importance and service rendered not only to members of the Society but also to the industry as a whole. The Abstract Section has grown particularly, as the Journal editor will tell you. This, in my opinion, is a most encouraging and healthy sign.

Dr. A. R. Baldwin, the hardworking and able editor of our Journal, has this year undertaken a monumental task which, I believe, should prove of the greatest value to every member of the Society and to all of our subscribers. This task is an assembling of a cumulative index covering all the papers published in our Journal since its inception in 1917. No one who has not undertaken such a project can have any idea of the tremendous labor involved, and the fact that he undertook the work is an eloquent testimony to Dr. Baldwin's enthusiasm for increasing the value of the Journal to our readers. Dr. Baldwin in his report of the Journal activities will give you more details as to when the cumulative index will be available and the manner in which it will be distributed.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. A. E. MacGee, ably assisted by our advertising manager, Mr. Harley L. Ward, the Advertising Committee has done yeoman service during the past year, and our list of advertisers has been increased.

The past year has been marked by two extremely successful and well attended meetings. Acknowledgment on the part of the Society for their highly successful efforts is due to Mr. William Argue and his committee and to Mr. Norman Ruston and his group for the smooth and efficient organization of the Houston and the Cincinnati meetings. We also wish to express our appreciation to Mr. J. A. Kime and the local New Orleans committee for their work on the meeting which has begun so auspiciously today.

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Under the auspices of the Education Committee a short course in soap and detergents was held at Rutgers University in July, 1952. Dr. Foster D. Snell and his local committee worked very closely with the authorities of the university with the result that the facilities offered to the students were excellent. The lecturers were drawn from a wide variety of companies, both soap and glycerine manufacturers and suppliers. The enrollment was 120; and the success of the course was attested by the enthusiasm of the students and the number of requests which we have had to repeat this course as soon as practicable.

In July, 1953, the Education Committee is sponsoring another short course, under the chairmanship of Dr. Lindsay at College Station, Texas. It is concerned with the technology of the production and processing of vegetable fats and oils. Dr. Lindsay has arranged an excellent program. I am confident that the response to the Texas A & M meeting will once more demonstrate the great value to our industry of these short courses, sponsored by the American Oil Chemists' Society.

Last year President A. E. Bailey appointed a Special Committee on Finances consisting of Mr. C. E. Morris, as chairman, Dr. Baldwin, and Mr. J. J. Volterlsen. This committee proved of great value not only in studying the finances but also in giving aid and guidance to our executive secretary in policy matters. The committee was continued this year and has again been of great assistance to all of us, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank them personally and on behalf of the Society for the work they have done.

DURING the past year we have received two requests from the Orient for aid in placing chemists and chemical engineers in this country in order to learn the techniques of oil seed crushing and oil processing. Of course, the American Oil Chemists' Society as such has no facilities for taking care of such requests, but it is interesting and significant that these individuals have turned to us for assistance. We have done what we could to aid them by getting in touch with the embassies of their countries and bringing their cases to the attention of the International Institute of Education. It seems to me that we as a Society should make every effort to aid our foreign members who wish to broaden and augment their technical knowledge of our industry. It would vastly increase the stature and prestige of the American Oil Chemists' Society internationally, should we be able to further the educational aspirations of worthy individuals from overseas.

Despite the generally increasing attendance figures of our annual and semi-annual meetings there are still many members of the Society who are unable to be present. You will remember that last year President Bailey reported to you on the activities of a special committee which was appointed to study a request for the formation of local sections of the American Oil Chemists' Society. Two groups whose members are actively engaged in the technology of oils and fats have been organized, one on the west and the other on the east coast. The membership of these groups is predominantly made up of members of the American Oil Chemists' Society, and they meet periodically. At some of these meetings, at least, a speaker is obtained who discusses briefly some phase of our industry of interest to those attending. These two groups have

Thompson Elected President, Morris to Be Vice President

RESULTS of the 1953 election of officers by mail, based on the return of 978 ballots by active members, as announced at the annual meeting in New Orleans on May 4, indicate that the following will serve for the 1953-54 term, beginning in May 1953:



Procter Thomson

Gamble Company, Cincinnati, O. Mr. Morris is production manager, refinery, Armour and Company, Chicago. Mr. Hopper is head of the Analytical and Physical Division, Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans, La. He has been secretary since 1951. Mr. Kapecki, the incoming treasurer, succeeds J. J. Vollertsen, president in 1925 and treasurer since 1947. He is secretary of Wurster and Sanger Inc., Chicago.

This will be Dr. Black's first term on the Governing Board. He is assistant director of research for Swift and Company, Chicago. Mr. Konen, research director for Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Minneapolis, returns to the Board after a lapse of one year. Mr. Peterson, who is head of the Standardization and Quality Control division, Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company, Jersey City, N. J., now begins his second year on the Board.

President—Procter Thomson
Vice President—C. E. Morris
Secretary—T. H. Hopper
Treasurer—A. F. Kapecki
Members-at-large—
H. C. Black
J. C. Konen
W. A. Peterson

These seven officers, together with the four most recent past presidents, will make up the Governing Board during the coming year. The past presidents will be E. M. James, A. E. Bailey, J. R. Mays Jr., and V. C. Mehlenbacher. The retiring past president is C. P. Long. The new vice president will act as membership chairman.

A full sketch of each candidate was given in the March issue of the Journal. Mr. Thomson is associate director, in charge of process standards, Chemical Division, Procter and



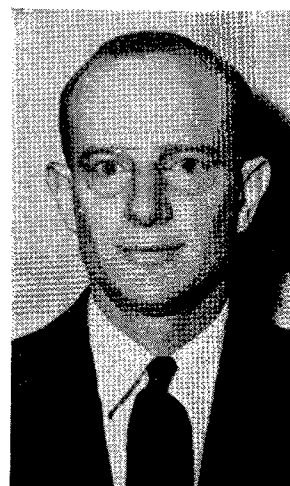
C. E. Morris



T. H. Hopper



A. F. Kapecki



H. C. Black

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petitioned the Governing Board to be recognized as local sections of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

A second committee was appointed to study the possibility of forming local sections under our constitution and by-laws. After careful consideration this committee reported that a constitutional amendment was not necessary, that the Society might vote to amend the by-laws to permit the recognition of local sections. All of you received the proxy ballot covering this amendment and, I hope, sent it in with your election ballot. Later this morning you will hear a report by the Secretary of the tabulation of the vote. It is my hope, which is shared by other members of the Governing Board, that this new step will strengthen and broaden the influence of our Society.

In conclusion, I should like to say that I have enjoyed my year as your president, and I have done my best to live up to the high standards set by my predecessors in office. I am deeply appreciative of the support which I have received from the membership as a whole.

E. M. JAMES.

J. P. Clancy has been shifted from the southern area of EMERY INDUSTRIES INC., Cincinnati, O., chemical sales staff, to New England. He will join J. M. Washburn in sales of all Emery products.



J. C. Konen



W. A. Peterson

A.O.C.S. CALENDAR

1953—Chicago, Sherman hotel, Nov. 2-4.

1954—San Antonio in spring. Minneapolis in fall.