

Organize Midwest Oil Chemists

Karl F. Mattil, Swift and Company, John P. Harris, John P. Harris Inc., and N. W. Ziels of Lever Brothers Company called 10 other oil chemists together at a luncheon in Chicago at the Western Society of Engineers on December 1, 1953, to discuss organization of a local chemists' group similar to the Northeast section organized some years ago in New York.

The purpose of such a group is to bring together chemists interested in oil, fat, glycerine, soap, margarine, shortening, and related fields who may or may not be members of the American Oil Chemists' Society. By such a group meeting it is intended to stimulate interest and freer association of ideas and to make possible a meeting place for those chemists in these fields who might not otherwise be able to attend the national A.O.C.S. meetings. Eventually this group could apply to the Society for sectional recognition.

The first meeting will be at the Builders club, 228 North LaSalle street on Thursday, February 4, 6:30 p.m. At this dinner meeting Ralph H. Potts, technical director of Armour and Company, will report on "Chemical Plants in Europe." Dr. Potts has just returned from an extensive inspection trip of Armour's and other installations in Europe. Important topics of organization, election of officers, and future meetings will occupy the business agenda of the first meeting of this group. Other members of the committee-at-large are:

- L. R. Dugan, American Meat Institute Foundation
- R. W. Bates, Armour and Company
- S. S. Fein, Kraft Foods Co., Chicago
- Max Wolf, QMC Food and Container Institute
- Jacob L. Schille, Best Foods Inc., Chicago
- Hiram T. Spannuth, Wilson and Company
- A. A. Rodeghier, Durkee Famous Foods
- Alfred F. Kapecki, Wurster and Sanger Inc.
- Allen W. Haskell, Southern Cotton Oil Company
- W. A. Rateike, Kraft Foods Company

These representatives will contact all possible prospective members of the new organization in their various communities.

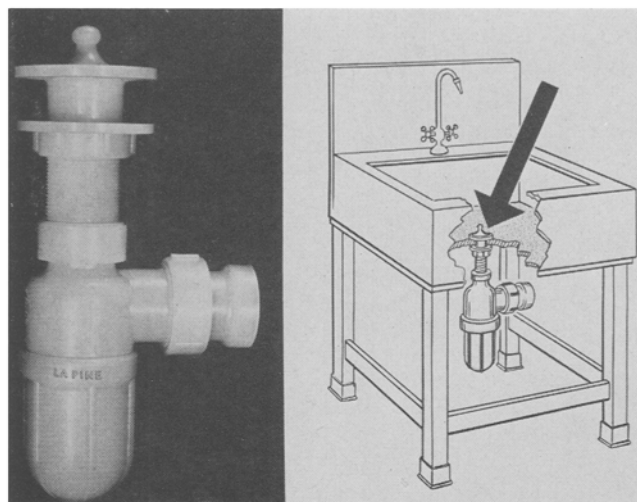
N. W. ZIELS
Secretary

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OXIDATION and antioxidants were the subjects of discussion at the meeting of the Northern California Oil Chemists on November 20, 1953, in San Francisco. Short talks on different phases of this broad field were given by Conrad Gaiser, Norman Spellberg, Constance Willard, Brant Newson, and Ernest Kester. The discussion which was moderated by Lee Avera included comments on rancidity problems in the soap industry by Bill Wood and on the caustic effect in oil processing by John Blum. A lively discussion followed the talks. John Blum and Bill Wood reported high lights of the fall convention of the American Oil Chemists' Society in Chicago.

Attendance at this meeting was 68. A constitution and by-laws were adopted in anticipation of early affiliation with the American Oil Chemists' Society, and a steering committee for 1954 was elected: F. L. Avera, chairman, B. G. Vant Hof, G. A. Kopas, Constance Willard, F. H. Eldred, and Francis McKenna, members.

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