



The organization committee of the North Central Oil Chemists' Society, assembled on March 23, 1954, at the Builders' club, Chicago, is shown above: (left to right, seated) S. S. Fein, J. P. Harris, K. F. Mattil, N. W. Ziels, and A. F. Kapecki; (standing) Max Wolf, J. L. Schille, H. T. Spannuh, R. W. Bates, L. R. Dugan Jr., and A. A. Rodeghier. (Absent: A. W. Haskell and W. A. Rateike.)

## Elect Officers For North Central Oil Chemists

THE newly-named North Central Oil Chemists' Society had its second dinner meeting at the Builders' club in Chicago on March 23, 1954. About 130 men and women from the industries related to fats and oils heard Reid T. Milner, chief, Northern Regional Research Laboratory, trace the history of this laboratory from its origin in 1936 through its contributions to the late war effort and its more recent move from Urbana, Ill., to its new home in Peoria, Ill. The next meeting is May 25.

Officers for the year 1954-55 were elected:

President—K. F. Mattil, Swift and Company  
 Vice President—J. P. Harris, J. P. Harris Inc.  
 Secretary—N. W. Ziels, Lever Brothers Company  
 Treasurer—R. A. Reiners, Corn Products Company  
 Members-at-Large:  
 A. W. Haskell, Southern Cotton Oil Company  
 A. A. Kiess, Armour and Company  
 A. A. Rodeghier, Durkee Famous Foods

Chairmen of several standing committees were appointed as follows:



Officers of the new North Central Oil Chemists' Society, Chicago, are as follows: (left to right) R. A. Reiners, J. P. Harris, K. F. Mattil, N. W. Ziels, A. A. Rodeghier, and A. A. Kiess. (Absent: A. W. Haskell.)

Membership—R. W. Bates, North American Laboratory Service  
 Program—H. T. Spannuh, Wilson and Company  
 Publicity—N. W. Ziels  
 House and Arrangements—A. F. Kapecki, Wurster and Sanger Inc.

Beginning in October of this year a program of four to six meetings is being planned. It is hoped that at some future date the local group may apply for affiliation as the Midwest Section of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

## Detergent Abstracts and Papers Available

The American Society for Testing Materials, 1916 Race street, Philadelphia 2, Pa., has announced the availability of two detergent publications, "Bibliographical Abstracts of Methods for Analysis of Synthetic Detergents" and six "Papers on Soaps and Other Detergents." The abstracts contain 20 pages and cost \$1.25. They are presented to keep pace with the accelerated growth of the synthetic detergent industry and cover the years 1929-1951.

The first five papers were presented at the March 1953 meeting of ASTM Committee D-12 on Soaps and Other Detergents and are reprinted from the ASTM Bulletin. The sixth paper was added because of its related interest. The group of papers has a self-cover and costs 75 cents. Both the abstracts and the six papers are available at a combination price of \$1.50.

## ASTM Will Publish Directory

The Directory of Commercial and College Laboratories, hitherto compiled and published by the National Bureau of Standards of the U. S. Department of Commerce, will be published in the future by the American Society for Testing Materials, according to a recent agreement between the two organizations. First published in 1927, the Directory has been periodically revised. It provides information concerning the location of testing laboratories together with the types of commodities and the nature of the investigations the laboratories are prepared to undertake.

The directory is designed to be of assistance to the large number of purchasers who are not equipped to make their own acceptance tests and therefore have hesitated to buy on specifications.