

## President's Address

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forming a cooperative committee on detergent analysis. Your president is raising the question with the A.S.T.M. as to what business they have in either of these fields as their charter limits them to materials of engineering, but this argument will undoubtedly drag out for a long time.

We have had two contacts with the Department of Agriculture. The first was a purely technical one, involving agreements that would enable them to set up certain accounts that they should be allowed to do anyway. We turned it down because it involved internal affairs of the department in which we had no business.

The second was a request by Secretary Ezra Benson that we support his proposition that the position of agriculture be strengthened through research and education. The Board agreed to this and received a very nice letter, reading as follows:

Thank you for your letter of January 13, 1954, with reference to the proposal to strengthen American agriculture through research and education.

We are pleased to know that the Governing Board of the American Oil Chemists' Society is favorable to the plan. It also pleases us to know that the working relationships between scientists of the Department and those of industry have been satisfactory. We are sure valuable mutual benefits have resulted from the discussions you have mentioned.

We look forward to your continued cooperation.

ALL of this has to do with the past. Let's look ahead. The fall convention this year will be in Minneapolis, with J. C. Koenen as chairman. The spring convention in 1955 will be in New Orleans, with J. W. Brawner as chairman. The fall convention in 1955 will be in Philadelphia, with P. E. Ronzone as chairman. The spring convention in 1956 will be in Houston, and the chairman is yet to be appointed.

PROCTER THOMSON.

## Governing Board Takes Various Actions

EARLIER publication of the annual Revisions of the Methods of Analysis was promised by T. H. Hopper, editor, at the April 11, 1954, meeting of the Governing Board during the Spring convention of the American Oil Chemists' Society at the Plaza hotel, San Antonio, Tex., in order better to serve the N.C.P.A. and N.S.P.A. Procter Thomson, president, presided.

The Northern California Oil Chemists' Society was granted a charter as a section, thus becoming the second one, with a territory in the state of California north of, and including Fresno.

Actions taken by the incoming board, with C. E. Morris in the chair, on April 14 were as follows:

Reappointment of Lucy R. Hawkins as executive secretary; of A. R. Baldwin as Journal editor; of Harley L. Ward as advertising manager; of T. H. Hopper as Methods editor; of J. J. Ganucheau and J. C. P. Helm as New Orleans resident representatives.

Appointment of the following to the Referee Board: N. W. Ziels, chairman, R. W. Bates, R. R. King, R. C. Stillman; C. E. Morris *ex officio*.

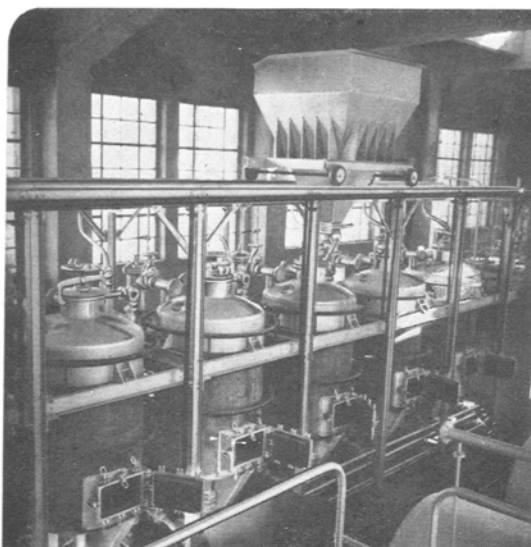
Choice of Chicago for the 1956 fall meeting.

Reappointments to affiliated societies:

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, R. T. Milner, University of Illinois, Urbana. Inter-Society Color Council, Washington: R. C. Stillman, E. B. Freyer, and Francis Scofield; also N. D. Embree, R. R. King, Duncan Macmillan, T. C. Smith, R. T. O'Connor, E. A. Lawrence.

National Paint, Varnish, and Lacquer Association (Scientific Section), Washington: S. O. Sorensen and D. S. Bolley.

National Research Council, Washington: Foster Dee Snell. It was agreed that a study of the advisability of establishing student memberships be undertaken.



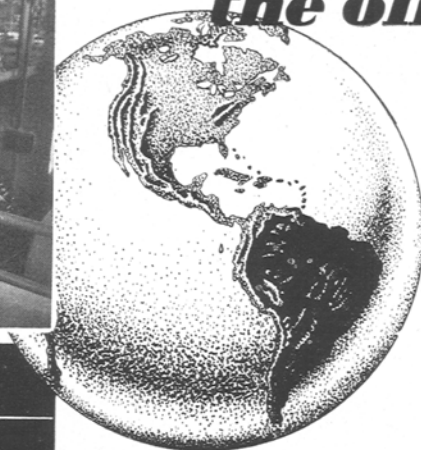
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