

President's Address

THE president has the privilege of reporting on the activities of the Society during his year of office. I call it a privilege because few, if any, of the things that the president reports are of his doing. The long-range items were started before he took office, and the short-range projects are carried out by competent committee chairmen.

The first and most important category is our contributions to the scientific community of which we are a part. The papers presented in our Journal are maintaining, and even exceeding, the high standards set in previous years. The 35-year Index is a tremendous contribution to the literature of our field of activity, and its editor, A. R. Baldwin, deserves the thanks of every member of the Society for his work. I would be very happy if each member of the Society would buy a copy for his own files to show his appreciation.



Procter Thomson

Our methods are constantly improving in accuracy, precision, and scope. This year we had a request to reproduce a portion of them in a monograph put out by the Central Food Technological Institute of Mysore, an Indian subdivision.

The committees and subcommittees of our many technical committees are constantly carrying out work to meet new problems as they arise. To show the breadth of our committee work I would like to have everyone here who is on a technical committee raise his hand.

The Bleaching subcommittee under the leadership of Egbert Freyer has worked out the equivalent strengths of the new American earth. Like any break with the past, this switch in earths has raised problems, but I am confident they are all under control.

Another part of our contribution to the scientific advancement of our field is the short courses. The one held last summer at Texas A&M on Processing of Edible Oils and the one to be held at Lehigh University this summer on Inedible Fat Utilization as arranged by George Crapple are substantial contributions to the advancement of knowledge.

The Referee Board and the Smalley Foundation are indispensable to the operations involved in buying and pressing cottonseed and soybeans and to the trading in the edible oils from these sources.

ANOTHER category under which a large amount of the work of the Society may be grouped is that done to improve the organization of the Society. The outstanding accomplishments are, of course, the establishing of the Northeast Section and the establishment of the Northern California Section. These two groups meeting informally for a number of years are now sections of the Society. Other areas are considering the formation of sections.

Another angle of our organization was explored by your president. Our legal counsel in Louisiana was asked if we could amend our constitution so that hereafter amendments to the constitution could be carried by a 2/3 majority of those voting instead of 2/3 of the members. Our counsel, Charles F. Fletchinger, advised that such a change could not be made under the laws of Louisiana, under which we are incorporated. He pointed out however that our constitution merely laid down objectives and policy. Our procedures are carried in the by-laws, and these can be amended by a 2/3 majority of those voting. This bit of wisdom I'd like to pass on to my successors.

Our membership committee under C. E. Morris has expanded in numbers and effort. You will hear from the chairman on this.

Before we take up those activities which involve our work with people and organizations outside of our Society, I would like you to stand while I read the names of those members who have been removed from our roll by the old gentleman with the scythe.

A. E. Bailey	Loren B. Grimsley	H. R. Mitchell	Ralph W. Bailey	C. E. Glasser
Walter Drack	Louis B. Haas	J. J. Thoede	R. D. Armsbury	H. H. Stevens
Charles W. Fisher	H. A. Mattill	A. E. Wells		

Going then to Society activities which involve those not members of the Society, first and foremost is the Advertising Committee and our advertising representative. Under the able leadership of A. E. McGee and Harley L. Ward our advertising has increased, after a start which appeared discouraging. These two gentlemen have shown again that an intelligent appraisal of the situation, followed by hard work, will cure most problems.

OUR regular affiliations with other societies have been maintained. These societies are the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Inter-Society Color Council, and the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association.

Our association with the National Research Council has been formalized with the appointment of Foster D. Snell to the Division of Chemistry and Chemical Technology Committee.

We are still cooperating with the American Society for Testing Materials on soap analysis and are

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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. Konen 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*.

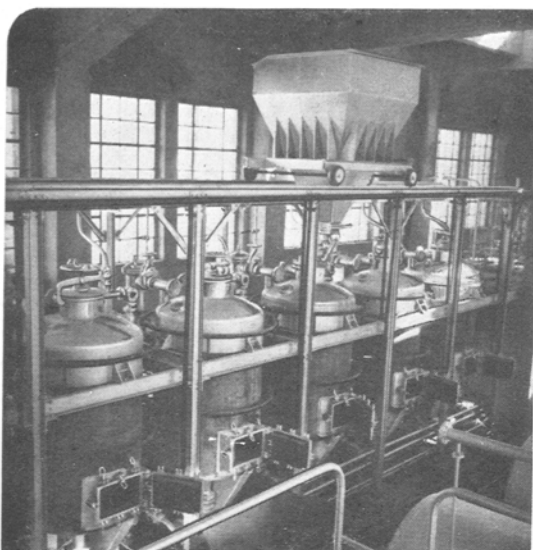
Choice of Chicago for the 1956 fall meeting.

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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