Hobby Department

H is WIFE'S INTEREST in family data, back to colonial history, is responsible, he says, for R. T. Doughtie's concern with the membership detail of The Old Guard, which is the honorary society of the National Cottonseed Products Association. About 10 years ago he was elected to membership and more recently to the office of historian, learning by degrees that the records were incomplete.

With the help of T. C. Law, of Law and Company, Atlanta, Ga., president of The Old Guard and the only surviving charter member of the American Oil Chemists' Society, he began compiling a brief history and pictorial record of the membership.



In brief, the history shows that 194 men have been elected to membership from the time that it was organized in May 1919 through May 1960. Active membership in The Old Guard is limited to the number of years of life of the N.C.P.A. and its predecessor organization, the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers Association.

When an active member dies, according to Mr. Doughtie, he is replaced by the election of an active member in addition to the one new active member chosen each year. When an active member retires from business and is elected to honorary status at his request, such member is also replaced by a new active member.

Honorary members are not replaced on death, comments Mr. Doughtie, and the honorary list cannot exceed one-half of the active membership. At present The Old Guard has a roster of 65 active members and 26 honorary members.

I T TOOK Mr. Doughtie about 18 months to trace early membership records and compile the appropriate data. He went through the files of several official publications that the cottonseed crushing industry has had and studied the official proceedings of conventions dating from the early 1890's. In addition, he carried on a great deal of correspondence in order to locate photographs.

Many old photographs, including tintypes, were borrowed from family albums and copied. His task was made more difficult by the fact that only 91 of those elected to membership in The Old Guard are still living. A short time ago however he succeeded in obtaining the last of the 194 pictures.

In October 1959 all the data and pictures were published in a beautiful volume of 200 pages 6×9 in. in dimensions. The looseleaf form was used so that pages may be added for new members together with reports of historical value. This is the only complete record of The Old Guard in existence, and copies have been given to the present members and to some of the families of deceased members. An individual page is devoted to the picture of each member and to his achievements, with date of election to The Old Guard, his age, and date of death. Engrossing as this work has been, Mr. Doughtie has a 15-year-old hobby besides, that of collecting United States coins. In this period he has accumulated pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, halves, and silver dollars. Some of these are quite valuable, and he comments that it is surprising how many coins, relatively rare, can be collected by one who pays attention to the change received as he travels.

Alongside Old Guard history and coin-collecting is the Society activity of Mr. Doughtie. He has been a member of the American Oil Chemists' Society since 1933, and he was chairman of the Seed Analysis Committee from 1937-41. He has served on the Smalley Committee and some of its subcommittees, he has been on the Membership Committee and the Referee Examination Board, and he has been golf chairman for such spring conventions as Memphis and Dallas.

In his spare time from all these affairs he is chemist in charge, supervision of cottonseed grading, Cotton Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S.D.A., with headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., and travels extensively. His personal interest in data, thanks to his wife, carries over into his professional work, deepening his appreciation of important detail.

• Names in the News

J.V. Lauro (1953) has moved from the New York Produce Exchange, New York, to the General Service Laboratories in New York.

L.A. Horrocks (1960) is now a research associate with Cleveland Psychiatric Institute and Hospital, Cleveland, O. He was formerly assistant in physiological chemistry at Ohio State University, Columbus, O.

R.W. Scott (1956), formerly with Armour and Company, Chicago, is now with Sherwin-Wiliams Company, Chicago.

C.B. Patterson (1948) is director of engineering for Purex Corporation Ltd., South Gate, Calif. He was formerly with Pacific Soap Company, San Diego, Calif., as plant manager.

W.H. Leonard (1947), a vice president with Standard Fruit Company, has moved from La Ceiba, Honduras, to 944 St. Charles avenue, New Orleans, La.

A.A. Winston (1954) has moved from Hoboken, N.J., to Chicago and is now with Perkins, S.O.S. Division, General Foods Corporation.

B.L. Hampton (1957), formerly chief chemist with The Glidden Company, Port St. Joe, Fla., is now director, research and development, for Nelio Chemicals Inc., Jackson-ville, Fla.

J.J. Gleason (1950) is now working with the Clougherty Packing Company, Los Angeles, Calif., as manager of production and sales of fats and oils. He was formerly with the Rath Packing Company, Waterloo, Ia.

William Jay Johnson (1958), formerly chief chemist, C. and T. Refinery Inc., Charlotte, N.C., is now assistant plant superintendent, Cudahy Packing Company, Memphis, Tenn.

M.W. Sage (1957) has been named technical director of Hodag Chemical Corporation, Skokie, Ill. He was formerly research director for Van Straaten Chemical Company, Chicago.

F.H. Healey (1956) has been promoted to research and development director, Lever Brothers Company, Edgewater, N.J., from development manager for processing.

R.G. Fulton, board member of the Northeast section of the American Oil Chemists' Society, has been appointed manager of C. and T. Refinery Inc., Charlotte, N.C.

G.E. Barker (1949), formerly technical director, has been named vice president and director of research for Van Straaten Chemical Company, Chicago.