

# A Tribute to Cooperative Growth and New Stature

## Report of the President 1964-65

THE CONSTITUTION of The American Oil Chemists' Society provides for a Governing Board and for the election of certain officers of the Society who shall perform certain prescribed tasks and such other duties as are necessary to the well being of the Society. The Constitution provides as well for a Report of the President at each annual meeting. Today it is my privilege and pleasure to account to you what has occurred since my induction on April 22, 1964 in New Orleans. There is nothing in this report that is mine alone, except perhaps the words themselves by which this message is conveyed to you. This is a report of the Governing Board, the Executive Committee, the Chicago office, the committee chairmen, the committeemen, and everyone else who has helped to keep this great Society growing during the past year. Like most well conceived and well regulated organizations, the well being of this Society rests upon many capable heads, and no one individual is entirely responsible for success or failure. Right now let me express to everyone my appreciation for the excellent way in which so much time and effort were contributed.

During the past year, three meetings of the Governing Board were held. The business conducted and the actions taken were reported to you through the Journal. We hope that these reports have helped to bring you just a little closer to the workings of your Governing Board. There have been also, during this year, three meetings of the Executive Committee. These meetings were held in Chicago, and at each meeting there was a close association with the Chicago office and its personnel. The formation of an Executive Committee, which was authorized by the Board in New Orleans in 1964, has been of a tremendous help to your President and, I believe, to the Chicago office. As the Society grows in numbers, personal association with the Chicago office tends to lessen. At the same time, the duties of the President and the actions of the Governing Board increase. The Executive Committee has been a big help in modifying both situations.

The American Oil Chemists' Society is a growing organization. Last year we passed the 3,000 mark, and this year we are well past that. The vigor of the Society in the field of Lipid Chemistry is well marked by the many new biochemical and medical members and by the large number of lipid papers on this convention program. This is indeed good. Along with the increase in lipid chemists has come an increase in foreign memberships, and a closer alliance with such men as Professor Kaufman in Germany, Professor Hilditch in England, and Professor Baer in Canada. More foreign members naturally lead to talk of Sections outside continental U.S.A. Such a Section is now being considered but no application has as yet been received for Board action. Growth is a sign of health, and we have growth.

The years bring new members but at the same time we say good-bye to old friends and trusted leaders. This year we suffered the loss of many personal friends and AOCs stalwarts. These whom we honor today are: A. E. Aaland, G. N. Bruce, W. F. Douglas, W. N. Kesler, L. M. Kishler (President 1943), F. R. Leipen, M. F. Mallery, L. E. Osmer, W. R. Prosch, W. E. Santaro, O. L. Scherr.

Let us pause for a moment in memory of these friends.

Growth costs money. As you will learn shortly from our Treasurer, 1964-1965 was not a year during which our assets grew. However, increased income from dues, Journal

subscriptions and advertising, makes balanced books in 1965-1966 an almost certainty. Publications costs have increased greatly during the past five years. This increase has been due to general printing cost upsurges and to an even bigger increase in the amount of material published. The big increase in papers published has come from excellent convention programs and Short Course symposia. No one would recommend that we curtail such programs and consequent publications, but the need for such activities to produce publication funds must be a primary planning consideration.

And speaking of Short Courses, one must note with approbation the Summer Session at Pennsylvania State College on the subject of Quantitative Methodology in Lipid Research. This was an excellent course, well attended, well planned, and a credit to the efforts of our Educational Committee. A 1965 Summer Session is in preparation at Michigan State University. The subject, Oil, Fat and Lipid Processing and Related Analytical Procedures, should appeal to a large number of people and bring forth the latest in processing and analytical methods.

An event of note occurred at the Summer Session at Penn State. At this meeting, Dr. Erich Baer was presented with the first AOCs Award in Lipid Chemistry. This award, symbolic of major contributions in the field, was made possible by funds supplied

by the Applied Science Laboratories of State College. This award serves two excellent purposes. The recognition of individual accomplishment and the recognition by industry of the American Oil Chemists' Society as the Society in the lipid field.

A second Award winner in Lipid Chemistry has been selected by the Awards Committee. Presentation of this award was to have been made this morning at this convention. Unfortunately the chosen recipient is in the hospital and will not be with us. It is my privilege and pleasure to tell you that the Award winner is Professor Ernest Klenk. We are all hoping that he regains his health and will be with us at Cincinnati this coming October.

I would like to call attention to the new directory published at the end of 1964. This is an excellent tool and well put together. My only criticism of it is failure to even mention the Executive Committee. You may rest assured that this was mentioned in certain places. Credit for this up-to-date directory goes to the Chicago Office and to the Advertising Committee. It was certainly needed.

Constitutional changes voted on October 12, 1964, have been made and the revised Constitution is published in the 1964-65 Directory. It is well to bear in mind the reasons for our recent constitutional changes. Basically the changes placed us more firmly on a non-profit tax basis. Loss of non-profit status would make us liable for taxation on nearly all income except dues. The imposition of federal taxes on our already tight finances could be balanced only by cutting the quality of our Journal, a decrease in the number of papers published, or a per-page charge to authors for the publication of papers. Any one of these steps would lower the stature of our Society. Consequently it behooves all of us to keep in mind two things: 1) the necessity of maintaining our non-profit status, and 2) the necessity of providing funds for adequate operation without compromising the professional status of our Journal.

I would like to touch for a moment on our relationship

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with other scientific societies and councils. The American Oil Chemists' Society is affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science; The Inter-Society Color Council; The National Fire Protection Association; The National Research Council's Agricultural Research Institute, Division of Chemistry and Chemical Technology (Fats and Oils Committee) and Food Protection Committee; The Advisory Board, Office of Critical Tables, Academy Research Council; and two USA Committees for the International Standards Organization, TC48 and TC91. TC48 deals with glassware standardization and TC91 with Methods of Analysis for synthetic detergents. My purpose in mentioning this today is to point out that the AOCS representatives to these committees are not just so many names on a piece of paper. Meetings are attended, reports are submitted to the President and the Governing Board. Our Society truly takes its part in the overall family of technical societies. That I failed to mention above our work on technical committees jointly with AOAC, ASTM, ACS, etc., does not detract one bit from the excellent work of these joint technical committees. These committees are on a continuing basis, involve many more people and their work is generally understood and appreciated.

It would be impossible for me here today to express to everyone my appreciation for their efforts to AOCS and their personal help to me. The Chicago office has done a magnificent job. The Journal each year increases in size and in stature and this year was no exception. The Governing Board is above reproach in the handling of AOCS affairs, the Executive Committee has, in its first year, done a tremendous job. The technical committees continue strong. The administrative committees continue to function smoothly and efficiently. The Advertising Committee need bow to none. To all of these, we as a Society are in debt, and I as your President am even more indebted.

The two conventions we have had in the past year, one in New Orleans and one in Chicago, were indeed outstanding successes. Papers, attendance and interest were excellent. Our thanks to the committees who worked so hard to make them so. We know that this convention, starting today, may top them all and we look forward to a most exciting week. Our warm thanks to the Houston Committee.

Certain problems were unresolved this year and will continue with us for some time. These problems include the expansion of the Society geographically, technically and

physically. Physically the problem of housing the Chicago office remains to be settled. This is not a pressing problem, but some solution should be reached before need becomes compelling. Extension of the Society into new fields, the formation of Sections outside the U.S.A., changes in Governing Board representation—in fact, answers to the question, "Our Future—What is it?" needs more than casual examination. A start will be made here in Houston where these matters will occupy the attention of a discussion group under the able leadership of Dr. A. R. Baldwin. Every one of us should think of these things, discuss them and let our opinions be known, but each of us should remember that intelligent action can result only from cool, deliberate and unselfish appraisal of facts. This has been the strength of our organization in the past, and was firmly established in 1909 by our charter members.

There is one committee activity that I would like to tell you about this morning. It is difficult for anyone to realize the scope of the work in this Society and the burden it puts upon a new set of officers to make sure that emphasis and help is being extended in the right places. Perhaps I should say that in spite of the years that many of us have had in the work of all sorts of committees, the Governing Board and Society officers, we ultimately find out how little we know about what other people and other committees are doing or are supposed to do. This is being changed. Under the leadership of Jay Harris, a scope or job description for every officer and every committee is being worked out and put into writing. This will become a part of the presidential manual and will be of vital help to him in the appointment of committee chairmen, to the Board in transacting the business of the Society and to the Chicago office in carrying out its most vital day-to-day operation. Already it has resulted in a better understanding by many of us in just how the Chicago office operates and its needs for space, people, and money. This committee deserves a great deal of credit for its contribution.

In conclusion, let me say, it has indeed been a pleasure and a pride to have served you, the American Oil Chemists' Society. To have done so with any measure of success, without the cooperation of the Governing Board, the Executive Committee and the Chicago office, would have been impossible. To have done so with any measure of satisfaction required the help and strength of every member of this Society and every constituted committee. With the same support, Jay Harris, our President in 1965-66, will do an even better job.

## ISA Announces Content for 2nd Gas Chromatography Course

The 2nd Instrument Society of America (ISA) Short Course on Gas Chromatography will be held on the campus of Colorado Women's College in Denver, from August 23-27, 1965. The course content and teaching staff have been announced by the Course Coordinator, C. E. Borchers of the University of Arkansas. The purpose of this course is to provide advanced training in industrial and laboratory applications of gas chromatography for engineers, chemists and other technical people who have daily responsibility for process and laboratory instrumentation.

The Short Course Faculty will include the following men, all of whom are well known in this complex, highly technical sector of analytical instrumentation: Nathaniel Brenner, Perkin-Elmer Corporation; W. D. Cooke, Cornell University; S. D. Nogare, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc.; Arthur Karmen, Johns Hopkins University; F. W. Karasek, Phillips Petroleum Company; Roy Keller, University of Arizona; James Sternberg, Beckman Instruments, Inc.

Advance registrations should be sent to Prof. C. E. Brochers, University of Arkansas, Graduate Institute of Technology, P. O. Box 3017, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Soybean Association Plans Memphis Meeting

The 45th Annual Convention of the American Soybean Association will be held at the Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 16-18, 1965, according to G. M. Strayer, Executive Vice-President

Two days of formal sessions will be followed by a field trip to a nearby state experiment station. Soybean producers from the surrounding Midsouth area are especially urged to attend, Strayer says.

For further information, contact G. M. Strayer, American Soybean Association, Hudson, Iowa 50643.

## American Chemistry Society Award to J. J. Hazdra

J. J. Hazdra, Associate Professor at St. Procopius College, Lisle, Ill., has received the American Chemical Society Local Section Member Relations Award for the Joliet Section of the Society.

Currently, Hazdra is directing a two-year research project at St. Procopius College on the fundamental structure and the surface chemistry of glass.