# Symposium on Essential Fatty Acids in Honor of George O. Burr

The discoverer of essential fatty acids, George O. Burr, will be honored by the Society at a symposium on essential and polyunsaturated fatty acids at its Los Angeles meet-The discovery, published in 1929, resulted from work



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done at the University of Minnesota by Dr. George O. Burr and the late Mildred Burr, his wife. Their work was an outgrowth of studies on vitamin E made with Prof. H. M. Evans of the University of California, Berkeley. From their discovery of the essentiality of linoleic acid has arisen a large field of nutritional and biochemical study which has given new meaning to the role of fat in the diet, and has been the basis of new trends in the edible oil industry.

The program now being planned by R. T. Holman,

Chairman of the Biology and Nutrition Section of the National Program and Planning Committee as a part of that committee's contribution to the meeting in Los Angeles, will include speakers from the major research groups presently concerned with essential and polyunsaturated fatty acids. Commitments have already been received from Ernst Klenk of the University of Cologne, R. R. Brenner of Buenos Aires, H. J. Thomasson of Unilever Research Laboratories in The Netherlands, Prof. J. F. Mead and Roslyn Alfin-Slater of Los Angeles, Hilda Wiese of Childrens Hospital of the East Bay, Oakland, Raymond Reiser of Texas A&M University, and Herman Schlenk and R. T. Holman of The Hormel Institute. Former colleagues of Professor Burr will act as chairmen of the sessions and lead discussion.

# Record Attendance Expected for IFT Portland Meeting

Attendance at the May 22–26, 1966 Annual Meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists is expected to total over 3,000 members and nonmembers. They will represent industry, research, government and education. IFT exhibitors will occupy 200 booths—a new record. Topics at the technical program will cover recent technological aspects and overviews of the entire food industry. The total meeting spectrum includes new product development, quality control, engineering, packaging, production, sanitation, instruments and instrumentation, and automation as related to foods today and those of the future.

The meetings will be held at the Memorial Coliseum

Portland, Ore. For further information contact C. L. Willey, Executive Secretary, IFT, 176 West Adams St.,

Chicago, Ill. 60603.

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### Nominations Being Accepted for MacGee Honor Student Program

Nominations for awards from the MacGee Honor Student Program for the AOCS Spring and Fall Meetings of 1966 are now being accepted. These awards will give outstanding graduate students an opportunity to hear technical sessions at Los Angeles and Philadelphia and to participate in all the activities of the Meetings. Those chosen will receive an all-expense-paid trip, including round trip air fare, registration and activities fees, hotel room and meal expense.

The award, under the sponsorship of the AOCS Educa-

tion Committee, N. H. Kuhrt, Chairman, and the MacGee Program sub-committee, under the direction of S. S. Chang, was designed to stimulate interest in the field of fats and

Nominees must have been enrolled in their present graduate school for at least one year and must have conducted research in the field of lipids for their dissertations. Judgment of nominations will be based upon the academic status and experience of the Nominee, recommendation of his major professor and a statement from the Nominee of his interest and research plan in the field of fats and oils.

Winners in 1965 were E. M. Stearns, Jr., Purdue University; Howard Klausner Vanderbilt University; R. L. Pereira, University of Connecticut; Chung-yen Peng, Michigan State University; and E. T. Sheehan, University of

Any faculty member of a college or university may nominate students for the award. Nomination forms will be sent to those who have attended at least one AOCS meeting or have published at least one technical paper in the JAOCS during the previous year. Requests for information and nomination forms should be sent immediately to S. S. Chang, Food Science Department, Rutgers, The State University, New Brunswick, N.J.

# Fatty Acid Producers' Council Fellowship Awarded to Rutgers University

A Fellowship Program sponsored by The Fatty Acid Producers' Council has been awarded to the Department of Food Science at Rutgers University under the direction of Stephen Chang. The work to be done is the isolation and chemical characterization of minor constituents and impurities in fatty acids, which relate to the color and odor stability characteristics of the product. The initial work will use oleic acid to develop methodology necessary for such studies.

The program is expected to extend over several years, with the ultimate aim of tying in the fundamental findings with the practical problems faced by The Fatty Acid

Working with Dr. Chang on this project is S. Lin, a graduate assistant at the University.

The North Central Section is exploring the feasibility of running a charter jet flight to the Spring Meeting. Plans are to fly to Los Angeles, Saturday April 23rd, with return scheduled from San Francisco Sunday May 1st. Couples should be able to fly round trip for about \$60 more than the ordinary jet coach fare for one person. Interested persons should contact Bob Evans, IN 3-4815, 3557 Peterson Ave., Chicago 60645.

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