

• Local Section News

North Central Section

A joint meeting of the North Central Section, AOCS, and the Midwest Section, AACC, was held February 14 at the Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute, Chicago.

R. A. Reiners, Corn Products Co., welcomed registrants to the program, entitled "Rheology of Emulsification and Stabilization." An introduction to the first portion of the program was given by Lars Wiedermann, National Dairy Products Corp. Papers presented included: "Basic Concepts of Emulsification, the HLB Principal," by Thomas Aylward, Atlas Chemical Co.; and "Rheology of Non-Newtonian Substances," by D. N. Holcomb, National Dairy Products Corp.

An introduction to the second portion of the program was given by C. D. Stone, Quaker Oats Co. Papers given included: "Chemistry of Corn Starch Derivatives," by W. G. Hunt, Anheuser-Busch; and "Water Activity, Chemistry and Applications," by D. P. Stone, Semi-Moist Pet Foods, Quaker Oats Co.

An after-dinner talk was given by P. E. Taek, Jewel Tea Co. A movie, "Deep Frontier" was shown, and a final paper, "Application of Hydrocolloids to Food Use" was presented by T. R. Andrew, Kelco Company.

Northern California Section

Emeritus Member Samuel Belden Dies at 73

Sam Belden (1921) died January 11 in a local hospital following a sudden illness. Funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, January 12.

The members of the Northern California Section will miss Sam. He has been a friendly, active member of the Section for many years, having joined the Society in 1921. At the time of his death he was an emeritus member.

On Dec. 31, 1967 he retired from Ranchers Cotton Oil Company where he had held the position of chemical engineer for the past six years. Earlier, he had been Chief Chemist for the Producers Cotton Oil Company. Before coming to Fresno, Sam also held the position of chief chemist with the San Joaquin Cotton Oil Company in Chowchilla and chemist with the California Cotton Oil Company in Los Angeles.

Sam was born in Cucamonga, California, and lived in Fresno for 38 years, traveling to the San Francisco area for the Northern Section meetings.

He was a former president of the Fresno Council of Churches, and in addition to his AOCS activities, was an active member of the National Association of Professional Engineers.

His survivors include his wife Mary, a daughter, Mrs. Harry Begg of San Diego, and three grandchildren.

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Northeast Section



T. H. Smouse

T. H. Smouse, Research Chemist at the Anderson, Clayton Foods Division in Dallas, Texas, was the speaker at the Northeast Regional AOCS Meeting, Feb. 6, 1968.

Dr. Smouse spoke on the subject of soybean oil reversion, a problem well known to those in the oil and food industries. He described numerous investigations that have been made throughout the world in analyzing the source of the off-flavor. Recent progress in eliminating off-flavor was evaluated, as well as methods contemplated for future use in combating the

problem.

The studies Dr. Smouse has made in this field began in 1961 at Rutgers, The State University, where he did research on reversion of soybean oil under the direction of S. S. Chang, Professor of Food Chemistry, Department of Food Science. After receiving an MS in 1964 and a PhD in 1965, Dr. Smouse joined the Campbell Soup Company at their Institute for Food Research. Recently he became a Texan, when he was appointed head of the Flavor Chemistry Laboratory at Anderson, Clayton's new W. L. Clayton Research Center.

Biochemistry of Lipids Conference in England

The 12th International Conference on the Biochemistry of Lipids is to be held at the University of Loughborough, England, from Sept. 9-12, 1968. The Conference President will be Prof. A. T. James, and the theme will be "The Biochemistry and Function of Unsaturated Fatty Acids."

Plenary lectures will be given by S. Bergström, Konrad Bloch, R. R. Brenner, J. D. Bu'Lock, R. M. C. Dawson, D. A. van Dorp, R. T. Holman, E. D. Korn, L. J. Morris, D. H. Nugteren, B. Samuelsson, W. Stoffel, P. K. Stumpf, P. R. Vagelos, and S. J. Wakil.

There will be a limited number of contributed papers on the general theme of the conference, in addition to the invited lectures. The proceedings will not be published, but abstracts of contributed papers will be available to participants before the meeting.

Those who wish to present papers should submit abstracts (maximum 150 words), no later than *April 1, 1968*, to the Secretariat of the 12th ICBL, Colworth House, Sharnbrook, Bedford, England.

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