

• AOCs Past Presidents Series

WILLIAM A. PETERSON, 1955

William A. Peterson was the 46th president of the Society.

Pete, as he was known to most of us, was born in New York City in 1897. He obtained his BS degree from Cooper Union College in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1920.



W. A. Peterson

His first job was washing bottles for Kirkman and Son, who were later purchased by the Colgate Co. Pete spent the rest of his working life with Colgate which later became the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co. and then the Colgate-Palmolive Co.

Pete served on the following committees in the Society: Glycerine Analysis, 1930-32, 1951-59; Soap Analysis, 1931-36; Secretary, Soap Section, 1929-32; Governing

Board, 1951-59, and Chairman, Local Sections, 1953-55. He had been appointed General Chairman of the New York Fall Meeting in 1960 but died suddenly in 1959.

• AOCs Commentary

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As you have heard from the Treasurer's report, this was a healthy year financially. Total assets grew \$49,000. Although net revenue was down from the truly unusual level of last year it still was a very respectable \$28,000.

You will be interested in knowing that we have been fortunate in obtaining much needed office space. I recommend that when any of you are in Chicago you stop at 35 East Wacker Drive and visit our light, roomy, and pleasant offices. The contrast to the old crowded quarters is almost startling.

As you all know, our Constitution has been thoroughly revised and the revisions submitted to the membership for their assessment. We will learn your decision in a few minutes. Now, however, I am happy to take the opportunity to commend our Past President, Ronald Stillman, for a painstaking, intelligent job which required all of his unusual knowledge of the workings of the Society gained through many years of active participation.

Some giant advances have been made in the preparation of several manuals which act as guides in the conduct of Society business. One of the most important is the Committee Scopes Manual which describes the scope and function of all committees, their makeup, and their method of operation. Lois Crauer deserves kudos for this.

Another is the Meetings Planning Manual. Those of you who have served on the meetings committees know how important this is. Thanks go to Ade Rodeghier and his committee.

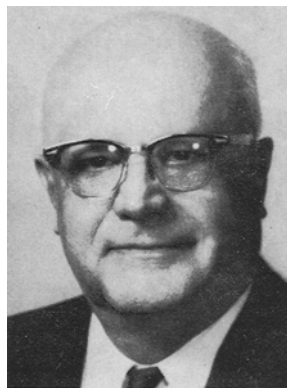
The Awards Administrative Committee, competently led by Ron Stillman, has extended and revised the rules for the awards administered by our Society.

It is my sad duty to read the names of our colleagues who have died during the past year: D. C. Picard (1910—longest term membership in the Society's history—58 years); H. M. Abbott (1935); W. F. Beedle (1936); William F. Gelden (1930); R. E. Berry (1966); A. R. Gudheim (1934); J. P. Harris (1927); F. H. Lehberg (1953); R. J. Leonard (1956); Charles Raschke (1940); Leopold Sender (1948); Ezra Staple (1964); Frank Woodson (1928); J. F. Zievers (1952); W. G. Reese (1948); and Sidney Singleton (1943). In addition we were advised of the death of Mrs. J. R. Mays, the wife of J. R. Mays (1916, President 1950-51). Let us stand for a few moments of silence in respect to their memory.

TURNER H. HOPPER, 1956

Turner H. Hopper became the 47th president of the Society in 1956.

"Hop," as he is known to all of his friends, was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, July 22, 1894. He obtained his



T. H. Hopper

Bachelor of Arts Degree from Westminster College in 1917 and a Master of Arts from the University of Missouri in 1920, in Agricultural Chemistry. His employment over the years includes: 1917-1920, Assistant Agricultural Chemist, Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station; 1920-1939, Agricultural Chemist, North Dakota Agricultural Experimental Station; 1939-1942, Leader, Analytical Section, USDA Regional Laboratory at Urbana, Illinois. From May, 1941 to November, 1942 he

was Director; 1942-1958, Head of Analytical Section, Southern Utilization, Research and Development Division of the Agricultural Research Service (USDA), New Orleans; 1958-1962, Chief of Oil Seed Crops at the above organization.

He served in the US Naval Reserve during World War I. Hop is a member of the Sigma Xi fraternity, RESA, ACS (Emeritus) AIC (Emeritus) and an Honorary Member of the AOCs. He has received numerous awards, viz: USDA Superior Service Award, AIC Honor Scroll, AOCs Special Merit Award for ten years' service as Editor of Analytical Methods, and the Alumni Achievement Award of Westminster College. He has authored approximately 100 papers and supervised or contributed to the development or research leading to the publication of nearly 550 papers and patents by individuals under his supervision.

He was Secretary of the Society from 1951-1954 and, like J. J. Vollertsen, he worked tirelessly for the Society. Among the administrative committees on which he saw service were: Membership, Nominating and Elections, Convention Manual, By-Laws Revision, Emeritus Membership, Check Sample, New Orleans Representative and New Orleans Convention Chairman. On most of these he was chairman. He also served as chairman of the following Technical Committees: Soybean Analysis, Seed & Meal Analysis (1944-1960); Uniform Methods and Editor of Analytical Methods (1950-1960).

During his administration three new committees were originated, viz: Statistical, Technical Safety and the National Program and Planning Committee.

Hop is now retired, and he and his wife, Clayton, reside in Higbee, Missouri.

Before I close, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the cooperation and superb performance of a great group of officers and of the members-at-large of the Governing Board. I wish I could take the time to tell you of the outstanding contributions of each in graciously giving of his and her time and talents to the solution of the myriad problems, simple and complex, involved in the smooth running of this active Society. I thank also the membership of the Society for the compliment and the confidence you expressed in me by electing me to this highest office in the Society. I hope that I have been worthy of it.

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND REISER