

• Local Section News

Northern California Section Meets in Richmond, California

Friday night, November 22, was the scene of a meeting at the Point Orient restaurant, Point Richmond, California, attended by our 67 chemists and their guests. Among these was Jim Clouse from the Southern California Section and 23 feminine guests from the Northern California Section.

The Chinese banquet, including delightful oriental spice delicacies, preceded an address by C. L. Rasmussen, Industrial Specialist, Western Regional Laboratory, USDA, Albany, California. Mr. Rasmussen presented as his subject "World Food Problems and Prospects."

An optimistic viewpoint was presented concerning the rate of food technology advance in comparison to the rate of population increase. A general conclusion was reached that we have enough food and technology at present, but the challenge is how to distribute it and how to educate individuals to its acceptance.

The election results for 1969 were announced and our new officers are: Bob Delmont, Chairman; Barbara Cunningham, Glen Fuller, Harold Olecott and Frank Sullivan as Steering Committee members.

The meeting was closed with a request for the aid of every member for the 1969 National Convention to be held April 20 to 24 in San Francisco, and for which our Section is the host. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the '69 San Francisco Convention.

Third Northeast Section Achievement Award Honors Waldo C. Ault

On November 19 the Northeast Section of the American Oil Chemists' Society celebrated the presentation of its Achievement Award to W. C. Ault in ceremonies at the Franklin Motor Inn in Philadelphia, followed by a lecture on lubricants testing by C. W. Lawler.

The Section established the Award in 1966 to honor outstanding accomplishments in the fields of fats and oils, whether by research or industrial development. Previous awardees have been R. W. Riemenschneider and Daniel Melnick.

In presenting the Award, Section President August M. Rossetto Jr. noted that Dr. Ault's many and varied contributions to lipid research had been accomplished both directly and through the work of others. For twenty-five years he led the fat research program of USDA's Eastern Regional Research Laboratory near Philadelphia, from which he retired two years ago. The author of ninety publications and patents, he made, in addition to basic studies on animal fat composition, important contributions to the manufacture of synthetic rubber and developed improved processes for manufacturing lard oil and oleic acid. Under his impulse the value of fat in poultry and livestock feeds has been recognized both scientifically and commercially throughout the world. Under his direction was done the basic research leading to the present large-scale use of epoxidized oils as stabilizers for vinyl plastics and the recognition of long-chain comonomers as efficient internal plasticizers. He made many other contributions in fields such as biodegradable detergents, lubricants, and the stability and shortening properties of lard.

Other aspects of his career and his service to the AOCS, the American Chemical Society, and Drexel University are reported in *JAOCS* 45, 460A(1968). Active in his retirement he continues as an associate editor of *JAOCS*; since 1967 he has been associated with the Applied Science Laboratories of State College, Pa.

In accepting the Award and acknowledging the acclaim of his friends, Ault spoke of the many satisfactions received from team-work, contributions toward career development and personal relationships over the years.



W. C. Ault shows Mrs. Ault Achievement Award scroll just presented by President A. M. Rossetto, Jr.

Among the many friends who came to pay homage were S. S. Chang, Vice-President of the Society, Professor and Mrs. Arthur Rose of Applied Science Laboratories, and Daniel Swern, Chairman, Philadelphia Section, American Chemical Society.

In a short business meeting S. S. Chang spoke on the desirability of having an AOCS Fall Meeting in New York in 1977. Those present enthusiastically voted their support to his views. Professor Chang also urged better communications between local Sections and the national Society, and asked for a communications officer representing the Philadelphia area. Frank G. Shea agreed so to serve.

C. W. Lawler, Manager, Fuels and Lubricants, Alcor Inc., traveled from San Antonio to give the featured lecture of the occasion. He spoke on "The Philosophy of Bench Testing of Gas Turbine Synthetic Lubricants." He discussed the various approaches available in developing new or improved lubricants with respect to initial and total costs and the all-important time factor. In the past too much effort had gone into screening tests of questionable validity and not enough attention had been given to simulative tests that accurately predict end-use performance. This very lucid presentation was well received and engendered an animated question-and-answer period.

• San Francisco Meeting, Ladies Entertainment

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original, beautifully restored, and the streets are enhanced by trees and shrubs.

On another tour of the city we will capitalize on the age-old adage that "Flowers are a girl's best friend" and visit the Orchid and Gardenia Nursery in South San Francisco. From there we will sightsee our way across town and travel across the Golden Gate Bridge to beautiful Marin County. Then to lunch on the terrace at the Alta Mira, overlooking Bohemian Sausalito. We will take you to the Trade Fair where you can see (and maybe buy) some of California's fine wares.

In addition to the Sunday evening Mixer and Reception, Tuesday afternoon's fine selection of Plant Trips, and Tuesday evening's Banquet and Entertainment, many "Do-It-Yourself Projects" will be provided for your pleasure and entertainment. A more complete description of the Ladies Events, as well as a time schedule, will be available at a later date.