

• A.O.C.S. Past President Series

Jay C. Harris, 1965

The 56th President of the American Oil Chemists' Society was Jay C. Harris. Jay was born in Bellingham, Washington, September 2, 1904. He obtained his B.S. Degree from Washington State College in 1927 and his M.S. from the same institution in 1930.



J. C. Harris

He started his career with the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation as an analytical chemist in 1927. From 1928-30 he had a teaching fellowship (metallurgical analysis) at Washington State. From 1930-31 he was a research chemist (explosives) with Du Pont. Until 1936 he was a research chemist with Colgate-Palmolive. He then joined Monsanto where he progressed through Research Chemist, Group Leader, Assistant Director of Research, Director of Research in the Consumer Products Division, Director of Research in the

Research and Engineering Division to Manager of Applications Research for the Monsanto Research Corporation in Dayton, Ohio. He has held that position since 1961.

His committee services in the AOCS include: Education, Membership, National Program and Planning (Chairman), Nominating and Elections (Chairman), AOCS Award in Lipid Chemistry, Associate Editor of the Journal, Soap and Detergents Analysis, and Consolidation of Advertising Activities.

He has achieved the following awards: 1952, ASTM Award of Merit; 1955, CSMA Achievement Award; 1959, ASTM D-12 Certificate Award.

Jay holds 18 patents in the field of detergents, including the original ALL formula, and has published over 90 technical papers on soaps and detergents, hydraulic fluids, metal cleaning, analysis, waterproofing, etc.

Jay and Mrs. Harris have two daughters, Janet Wagner and Carolyn Helmbright and two granddaughters, Joy Wagner and Cynthia June Helmbright.

• Industry Items

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A new 20,000 square foot research center is being built adjacent to the STEPAN CHEMICAL Co. administration building at the corporation's headquarters in Northfield, Illinois. The new building scheduled for completion in mid-1969 will be devoted entirely to product research and development for the firm's Industrial Chemicals Division. The building has been designed to accommodate a series of laboratory bays of roughly equal size. Each bay is complete in itself for a particular project. Presently scheduled are bays for Emulsions, Coatings, Polyurethane Foams, Detergent Evaluation, Analytical Chemistry, General Synthesis, and Polymers. Other areas will house a shared time computer and an information retrieval system. Included too, will be a process development area, and modern, complete, technical library facilities. Designers and contractors for the new building are Engineers, Inc., Newark, New Jersey.

The Tulsa (Oklahoma) Operation of AVCO ELECTRONICS DIVISION has received a contract to supply a multipurpose mass spectrometer for the Atomic Energy Commission facility at Aiken, South Carolina. The instrument will have the capability of analyzing gases, either directly or from gas chromatographs. It can analyze high temperature gases and liquids as well as surface ionization sam-

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NORTHEAST SECTION MEMBERS

Nominations for the Northeast Section Achievement Award are currently being accepted. The deadline for these nominations is:

MAY 1, 1969

Forward your choice, with supporting data, to either:

**D. S. Fritz, Research Director
Woburn Chemical Company
P. O. Box 24, Harrison, N. J. 07029**

or

**A. M. Rossetto, Jr.
L. A. Salomon & Bro. Inc.
P. O. Box 828
Port Washington, N. Y. 11050**

ples and direct sample insertions. A 2500 C electron bombardment Knudsen cell is also provided with the instrument.

WITCO CHEMICAL CORPORATION has acquired Cyclo Chemicals Ltd., a British specialty chemical manufacturer, Witeco's chairman, William.

Cyclo Chemicals Ltd., founded in 1938, manufactures specialty chemicals to meet customers' specifications for the cosmetics, detergent and metal working industries. These include a wide range of fatty alcohol sulfates, in particular, shampoo raw materials and emulsifying waxes as well as specialty surfactants for metal cleaning, electroplating, emulsion polymerization and other uses. The company plant and laboratory is located in the Woolwich Industrial Estate in South East London. Cyclo Chemicals Ltd. has well-developed export markets on the Continent, in South Africa and Australia.

The present management, Frederic Karsten, managing director, and Donald Bass, technical sales director, will continue to manage Cyclo as a subsidiary of Witeco Chemical Company, Ltd.

Witeco Chemical is a leading world-wide producer of specialty chemical and petroleum products. Witeco's international operations include wholly or partially-owned chemical manufacturing facilities, as well as sales offices in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, England, France, Italy, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands and Spain.