

• *Names in the News*



E. A. Christensen



T. H. Applewhite

MISS EDITH A. CHRISTENSEN ('52), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), will receive the William F. Geddes Memorial Award of the American Association of Cereal Chemists (AACC) at the organization's 54th annual meeting in Chicago, April 27-May 1. She is head of the Testing Section, Grain Division, USDA Consumer and Marketing Service, Beltsville, Maryland. In addition to being a long time AOCS member, Miss Christensen has served a six year term as chairman of the Technical Policy Committee of the American Association of Cereal Chemists (1962-68), past chairman of the AACC's Chesapeake Section and general chairman of the 1968 joint AOCS/AACC Meeting in Washington, D.C. She currently serves as a member of the AACC's national board of directors.

T. H. APPLEWHITE ('59) has been named Manager of Edible Oil Products Research at the Kraftco (formerly National Dairy Products) Corporation's R & D Division, Glenview, Ill. He obtained his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry and Plant Physiology at the California Institute of Technology. Upon graduation he joined Dow Chemical as a research chemist, leaving two years later for the USDA's Western Regional Research Laboratory where he stayed eight years, becoming Head of the Oil Chemistry Investigations of the Field Crops Laboratory. Most recently he has been Director of Research for the Pacific Vegetable Oil Company at Richmond, California, and Manager of their Richmond Division. Dr. Applewhite has authored over 35 technical papers and holds patents in the fatty acid and amino acid fields. His professional interests are in organic syntheses, mechanisms, and kinetics; chemistry of fats and oils, fatty acids and amino acids; and in analytical techniques related to such studies. He is a member of the American Oil Chemists' Society, American Chemical Society, and Sigma Xi. He was Chairman of the Northern California Section of the AOCS in 1964 and General Chairman of the 60th Annual Meeting AOCS in San Francisco this year.

P. F. KIRK has been named Director of International Operations for The Harshaw Chemical Company, Division of Kewanee Oil Company. With this promotion, Mr. Kirk assumes responsibility for all of Harshaw's international operations in addition to continuing as coordinator of the Company's export activities. Mr. Kirk was formerly Manager of Harshaw's International Department.

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• *Industry Items*

WURSTER & SANGER, INC., Chicago-based division of Jacobs Engineering Co. has recently acquired all rights, title and interest in the detergent sulfonation and spray drying processes and related equipment designs developed by Industrial Engineers, Inc., of Los Angeles. Announcement of the acquisition was made by Gervase J. Stockmann, president of Wurster & Sanger, Inc. The acquisition broadens Wurster & Sanger's capability to furnish engineering, design, and construction of custom designed process plants and equipment to include detergent manufacture. The processes acquired from Industrial Engineers, Inc. include sulfonation of alkane, dodecylbenzene, or other aromatic organic material, followed by mixing of the sulfonate with suitable builders and other additives, deaeration, and spray drying to produce granular detergent products suitable for both household and commercial use. Wurster & Sanger became a division of Jacobs Engineering Co. last September. The division currently has major projects in the U.S., Canada, South America, Mexico and Burma.

VOTATOR DIVISION OF CHEMETRON CORPORATION has moved into new \$1.75 million manufacturing, office and research buildings at 10300 Bunsen Way, Jeffersontown, Ky. J. E. Slaughter Jr., president, said the division's new facilities have 160,000 square feet and are nearly double the size of its former plant, the new, larger location will enable the division to increase its production of food and chemical processing equipment and dielectric heating apparatus. Votator's former plant and office building in Louisville, has been acquired by the Tube Turns division of Chemetron, which will use the additional space to expand its manufacturing facilities.

OSHTA, INC., New York, engineers to the vegetable oil industry, have just completed a turn-key project for Monarch Fine Foods Ltd., Division of Lever Bros., Toronto, Canada. The project consisted of facilities for deodorizing, vapor scrubbing, hydrogenation, soapstock acidulation, water cooling, and included complete storage tank farm. The work was started in November 1968, and was completed in a record-breaking five months.

Plans for large scale commercial production of 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate (HEA) and hydroxypropyl acrylate (HPA) monomers were announced by THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY. HEA and HPA are currently used in the production of thermosetting acrylic surface coating resins for automotive topcoats and appliance finishes and in emulsion polymers for textile finishes. Additional markets where the monomers will find utility are in production of lubricants, textile intermediates for stabilization of wool, latexes and urethane foam intermediates. Very high purity and improved reactivity of the HEA and HPA monomers are regarded by Dow as major advantages over competing raw materials.

OLEOCHIM company, whose principal equal shareholders are Petrofina S.A. and Ashland Oil & Refining Company, and which produces fatty acids and derivatives (distilled fatty acids, hydrogenated fatty acids, stearic and oleic acids, glycerides, glycerine, fatty acid esters, metallic stearates and candles), has recently inaugurated an expansion plan to develop on the one hand its production capacity, (hydrolysis, distillation, hydrogenation, esterification) and on the other hand its diversification by the production of new derivatives. The forecasted investments for the next two years amount to about 200 millions Belgian Francs and are to be added to the important program already realized by the company during these last years (acquisition of Bougies de la Cour S.A. and Astrolae, f.i.).