



Dr. I. Hara, Mrs. R.R. Allen, wife of outgoing president, new president Dr. R.T. O'Connor and R. Robinson, joint meeting general chairman.

## R.R. Allen completes term as AOCS President

*The following is the address presented by Dr. Allen upon passing his gavel down to the newly elected AOCS President.*

Fellow AOCS members, JOCS members and guests, as I reach the end of my term as your president, I want to take a few minutes to look where the Society has been, is now, and to speculate about the future.

First let us look back over the past year. When I took the gavel from Steve Chang, I paraphrased part of an old song "do new things but keep the old, one is silver the other gold." The past year has seen some new things. For one, much work by many people bore fruit, and we bought and moved into our own building on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana. We are at present occupying about half the building and will shortly rent part of the space to other organizations. The main office wing is two stories, and a circular library is connected by a short hall; a very attractive and functional headquarters and one we can be proud of.

To go with the new building we had a new Executive Director, Jim Lyon. Jim didn't come as part of the building, although he worked for the former owners, the National Council of Teachers of English, but he must have found a home in the building since he is still there. Jim had a big job to do when he joined us. Not only did he need to learn to deal with Oil Chemists and our peculiarities, but to find and train a whole new staff.

I wish you all could have been with me the day I spent at the office the last of January. I wanted to find out how things really were so I went from office to office and visited with the girls while Jim was occupied elsewhere. The phrase I heard repeated in every office was, "This is the best place to work I ever experienced." As one girl said, "We each have our own job to do, but yet we all have a common goal." When you hear things like that from the staff, there must be a reason and the reason, of course, is Jim Lyon.

Have you noticed how the Journal looks now? Have you noticed the publication dates are coming closer to the scheduled dates? Have you noticed we are selling our own official supplies now? If you received the financial report, you can now tell where the money comes from and goes. This all didn't happen by accident; the elected officers didn't do it, but the staff of your headquarters did it, and we are very proud of that group and their leader. We made a change and turned up gold.

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## R.T. O'Connor accepts gavel for 1972-73

*The following is Dr. O'Connor's Inaugural Address, presented to members of the Society at the Awards-Inaugural Luncheon, Wednesday, April 26, in Los Angeles.*

As I accept this Gavel, symbolic of the office of the President of the American Oil Chemists' Society, I am reminded of a remark by a former Secretary of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare on the occasion of his taking the office of office as a Cabinet Member; Dr. John W. Gardner said "We are all faced with a series of great opportunities—brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems."

Before I get into my very lengthy inaugural address I want with all sincerity to thank all members here and all members who might hear what I say here for selecting me to serve as President of the American Oil Chemists' Society.

With considerable emotion I acknowledge this great honor (and I do consider it a great honor) that you bestow upon me here today. I might, very probably will at times, question the wisdom of your actions, but I assure you I will ever deeply cherish them.

Three score and three years ago our founders formulated this, a new society, based on the proposition that men engaged in a common effort can collectively achieve more than the sum of their individual endeavors.

Now our predecessors, testing this concept, have advanced this ideal to a new height. We stand today at a new resting place in our climb to achieve our ultimate objectives.

We can acknowledge the noble achievements of those who worked before us—a new permanent home on the University of Illinois campus—our AOCS Foundation—a computerized, more efficient procedure for producing not one but our two journals—new advanced relations with our international members, as illustrated by our joint meeting a few years ago with the International Society for Fat Research, and here with the Japanese Oil Chemists' Society; or as evidenced by our next-scheduled meetings with members to our north, in Canada, and then a bit later, to our south, in Mexico. And we can recount many many more accomplishments. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense nothing we can say here can in any way enhance the noble achievements which they who preceded us have worked so hard to advance. It is, rather,

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● **Smalley Committee presents cups. . .**

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b) Oil

First Place (Proficiency Index 0.318), a tie  
George C. Dickinson, Dickinson Laboratories, Inc., El Paso, Tex.  
James P. Minyard, Jr., Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, State College, Miss.

Exceptional High Rating, Upper 5%  
James E. Williams, Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, Clarksdale, Miss.  
Henry J. Fischer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Kansas City, Kan.  
Ronnie M. Fox, Texas Testing Laboratories, Dallas, Tex.  
John R. Ledin, Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, Des Moines, Iowa  
Millegge A. Clark, Hartsville Oil Mill, Hartsville, S.C.  
Roger C. Miller, George W. Gooch Labora-

tories, Ltd., Los Angeles, Calif.  
Arthur C. McConnell, Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, North Little Rock, Ark.  
G.A. Seward, Swift & Co. Soybean Mill, Frankfort, Ind.

c) Nitrogen

First Place (Proficiency Index of 0.328), a tie  
Horace J. Keith, Paymaster Oil Mill Co., Lubbock, Tex.  
Vera Pierce, Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, Lubbock, Tex.

Exceptional High Rating, Upper 5%  
Edward R. Hahn, Hahn Laboratories, Columbia, S.C.  
Millegge A. Clark, Hartsville Oil Mill, Hartsville, S.C.  
Biffle Owen, Planters Manufacturing Co., Clarksdale, Miss.  
Gladden M. Brooks, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, State College, Miss.  
Ronnie M. Fox, Texas Testing Laboratories, Dallas, Tex.  
James E. Williams, Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, Clarksdale, Miss.  
William J. Johnson, Buckeye Cellulose Corp., Memphis, Tenn.

● **R.T. O'Connor accepts gavel. . .**

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for us here to dedicate our efforts to continuation of the work which they here have so nobly advanced.

It is not sufficient for us to stand at our newly attained and lofty position—at an advantage point higher than any heretofore attained—and contentedly gaze back down on the glorious past achievements of our Society.

It is rather for us from our new advantage point to look up and see more clearly the paths yet before us which we must climb if we would reach the pinnacle—the ultimate achievement of the objectives of our Society.

We must not view these “impossible tasks” before us unless we see them as they really are—our glorious opportunities, our splendid chances to attempt, in some small way, to match the noble achievements of those who preceded us.

It is an awesome task we lay before us—to match their earlier achievements. But with the aid of the able members you have elected to serve you, with me—with the ever capable, willing and dedicated help of those same former leaders, many of whom are still with us—with the help of our host of talented and dedicated committee chairmen and committee members—with the valuable assistance of our still new but well-trying Executive Director and of the dedicated and capable staff he has in so short a time assembled in our new home in Champaign—and lastly, and most importantly, with the help of all our members—we cannot fail; we will not fail.

Therefore, we can today, with renewed enthusiasm, dedicate ourselves to the unfinished tasks before us to achieve the ultimate objective of our Society. We must devote our efforts to convincing our members—and more all those who should be our members—of the real advantage of collective effort through our Society. We must bring all our members and all who should be our members together in one common effort and here resolve that the American Oil Chemists' Society will ever continue to be of greater service to our science, to our profession, to our industry and to our members. ■

d) Crude Fiber

First Place (Proficiency Index of 0.374)  
John R. Ledin, Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, Des Moines, Iowa

Exceptional High Rating, Upper 5%  
James E. Williams, Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, Clarksdale, Miss.  
William H. Jennings, Jennings Laboratory, Virginia Beach, Va.  
Robert Hein, Dawson Mills, Inc., Dawson, Minn.  
H. de Lambilly, Laboratoire Duquesne-Purina, 27 Mont-sur-risle, France  
Richard L. Erickson, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, State College, Miss.  
David A. Bradham, Jr., Barrow-Agee Laboratories, Greenville, Miss.  
John H. Lynch, Law & Co., Atlanta, Ga.

e) Combined Moisture, Oil and Nitrogen Results, for the Smalley Cup

First Place (Proficiency Index of 0.414)  
James P. Minyard, Jr., Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, State College, Miss.

Exceptional High Rating, Upper 5%  
John Ledin, Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, Des Moines, Iowa  
Horace J. Keith, Paymaster Oil Mill Co., Lubbock, Tex.  
James E. Williams, Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, Clarksdale, Miss.  
Lynn A. Hawkins, Jr., Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, Memphis, Tenn.  
Vera Pierce, Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, Lubbock, Tex.  
Melba V. Rodgers, Texas Testing Laboratories, Lubbock, Tex.  
Arthur C. McConnell, Woodson-Tenent Laboratories, North Little Rock, Ark.  
Edward R. Hahn, Hahn Laboratories, Columbia, S.C.  
Millegge A. Clark, Hartsville Oil Mill, Hartsville, S.C. ■

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