

Governing Board accepts Lundberg's resignation

The Governing Board of the American Oil Chemists' Society reluctantly accepted the resignation of Walter O. Lundberg as Editor of *Lipids*. The resignation was effective June 30, 1974. Dr. Lundberg will be unable to continue his services to the Society in the capacity because his planned travels during retirement will make difficult the constant contact with the editorial office which editorial duties would require. The AOCS, its Publications Committee, the Board of Editorial Advisors and the Board of Associate Editors of *Lipids* are grateful to Dr. Lundberg for his 7½ years of service as Editor, and we wish him a very pleasant and satisfying retirement.

Dr. Lundberg has guided the development of *Lipids* since its second volume, through the most difficult early period of financial uncertainty and struggle for recognition. He has brought this bold venture of the AOCS to a favorable position in both respects. *Lipids* is now self-supporting, and it has achieved the status of a reputable scientific journal with a wide readership. It has been the purpose of the Governing Board and its Publications Committee to establish and maintain a high quality scientific journal in which good research in lipid science may be reported by anyone. Authors from many scientific communities contribute to its volumes, and much latitude has been granted in subject matter and style of presentation. We feel that adequate data on a new phenomenon, clearly presented and interpreted in good language is the primary basis for scientific publication, and that the author bears the responsibility for its veracity.

As *Lipids* now enters a new period of development under new leadership, these principles will remain our guide, and our procedures will continue as they are. We trust that the coming years will reveal additional growth of our venture, and that we can thus expand the service of the AOCS to the scientific community at large. *Ralph T. Holman, Editor.* ■

Tallent named assistant director at USDA Northern Laboratory



W.H. Tallent

William H. Tallent, a *JAACS* associate editor, has been named assistant director at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Northern Regional Research Laboratory, Peoria, Ill., an agency of USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

Since 1969, Tallent, who succeeds W.C. Witham, has been chief of the industrial crops research which is conducting experiments to find new crops for American agriculture that are good sources of useful vegetable oils, proteins, fibers, and other plant constituents which have value as manufacturing raw materials. Unusual fatty acids in seed oils have been discovered by his group, and a family of compounds has gone through several phases of investigation as medicinal agents; one has even been partially synthesized. Prospects have been improved for the commercialization of a special nylon and an industrially useful acid from crambe oil—crambe being a new crop development. Also, good quality bound paper has been made from blends of kenaf with wood pulp, as well as paper suitable for intaglio printing.

A chemistry major at the University of Tennessee, Tallent received a B.S. degree there in 1949 and an M.S. in organic chemistry in 1950. He earned a doctorate in biochemistry at the University of Illinois in 1953, and worked at the National Heart Institute and G.D. Searle and Co., a pharmaceutical firm in Skokie, Ill. before coming to Peoria in 1964.

In 1970, Tallent was president of the Peoria Section of the American Chemical Society, and is now serving as chairman of the Council of the Society of Economic Botany. He was USDA representative on the Codex Committee for Fats and Oils (FAO/WHO) which met in London in late March. He is also a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary fraternity for chemists, Sigma Xi, honorary scientific fraternity, and Alpha Chi Sigma, professional fraternity. ■