

Obituaries

Eldon Rice

Eldon E. Rice, chairman of the AOCS Awards Administration committee and an AOCS member since 1945, died unexpectedly at his home in Palos Park, IL, on Nov. 9, 1977. He was 64 years old.

Dr. Rice was chief nutritionist for Swift & Company's Research and Development Center in Oak Brook, IL.

Dr. Rice received his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Illinois in 1938, joined Swift in 1941, and was with the firm throughout his career except for a two-year leave of absence to work with Cantor & Associates on an Agency for International Development program in India.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; sons, David and Allen; a daughter, April Peck, and a grandchild, Anita Ann Peck.

Dr. Rice had served on several AOCS committees and subcommittees, including the publications committee, Journal committee, the Awards Administration committee and the Award in Lipid Chemistry subcommittee. He also had served as an associate editor of the Journal.

Dr. Rice was also a member of the Institute of Food Technologists, the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Nutrition, the Illinois Nutrition Committee, the Society for Nutrition Education, the Association of Vitamin Chemists, the Chicago Nutrition Association, the National Livestock and Meat Board Research Grant Committee, the Poultry and Egg Institute's Research Council and served as a consultant to the National Association of Margarine Manufacturers. He had served as Swift's representative on the American Health Foundation.

He was a founder of the Park Lawn School for the mentally retarded in Palos Heights, IL. The family has suggested that persons who wish may make memorial contributions to the Park Lawn School. ●

Carl M. Cater

Dr. Carl M. Cater, associate professor of biochemistry and biophysics, and research chemist and head, oilseed products division, Food Protein Research and Development Center, Texas A&M University died November 19, 1976, when his private plane which he was piloting crashed on takeoff en route from Peoria, Illinois, to College Station, Texas.

Dr. Cater had been a member of AOCS since 1966 and had served on the publications committee, journal subcommittee; uniform methods committee; protein nutrition committee, available lysine subcommittee; and seed and meal analysis committee, gossypol and oil extraction studies subcommittees.

Dr. Cater was well known and highly regarded for his work in researching and advancing the use of oilseed proteins in food products. He held offices in several societies and served as chairman or member of numerous committees of technical societies and industrial associations. He was author or co-author of more than 50 significant technical papers and research reports and was a frequent lecturer on subjects related to oilseed processing and utilization. Beginning in 1973 he had served as Associate Editor of Peanut Science, a publication of the American Peanut Research and Education Association and since 1974 as Associate Editor of Cereal Chemistry, scientific journal of the American Association of Cereal Chemists.

Dr. Cater was born in Waller County, Texas, August 8, 1925. He graduated as valedictorian of his high school class

and entered Texas A&M University in 1942. His education was interrupted by three years of Naval service in the Pacific Theater during World War II and two more years during the Korean War. Between these wars he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry from Texas A&M in 1949 as a Distinguished Student and member of the Scholarship Honor Society. He returned to Texas A&M University from the Korean War to earn a Master of Science degree in biochemistry and nutrition in 1963 and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in biochemistry and biophysics in 1968.

Dr. Cater is survived by his wife Betty and two children, a son Randall and daughter Connie, both married. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, College Station, Texas, where he had served as chairman of its board of deacons and taught a men's bible class. ●

Soybeans top poll

Soybeans were named as a prime food of the future more frequently than any other food source in a poll of 1,543 adults by the Gallup Organization.

The poll, commissioned by the Food Protein Council, found that 33 percent of the persons questioned named soybeans as the primary future source of protein for human nutrition, 24 percent cited meat, and 21 percent listed fish.

About 54 percent said that within the past year they had eaten foods containing soy protein as a primary ingredient; 40 percent said they had eaten soy protein foods at least a few times; and 14 percent said they had done so frequently.

The poll found that persons in younger age groups and those living in large cities have more favorable views of foods containing soy protein. Fifty-five percent of all consumers said they believe soy protein provides adequate or superior nutritional value; among college graduates, 63 percent supported that view.

"The acceptance of soy proteins for nutritional and economic reasons, demonstrated by the Gallup survey, combined with the functional properties that soy proteins offer to food processors, paint a very promising picture for food industry and soy protein manufacturers," Phil St. Clair, FPC chairman, said. ●

Cosmetic quality control course

"Applied Quality Control for the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Industries" will be the subject of a three-day course Jan. 19-27, 1977, in Mundelein, IL, sponsored by the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Industries Division and the North-eastern Section of the American Society for Quality Control.

Fee for ASQC members is \$200; nonmembers, \$220. Registrations may be made with Julian Philip, Abbott Laboratories, D-445, 14th & Sheridan Rds., North Chicago, IL 60064 (tele: 312-688-8553).

The course will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in the Holiday Inn at Routes 45 and 83 in Mundelein.

Cincinnati session scheduled

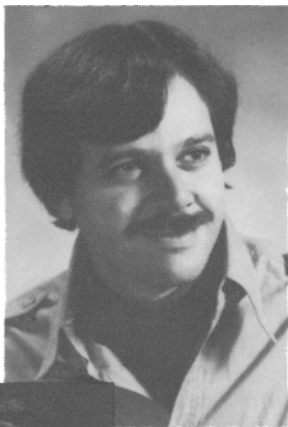
A course on practical statistical method for the food, drug, and cosmetic industries will be held March 3-5, 1977, in the Carrousel Inn, Cincinnati, sponsored by the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Division and the Cincinnati Section of the American Society for Quality Control. Course fee is \$225 for ASQC members, \$250 for nonmembers. Registration deadline is Feb. 21.

The course will cover easy-to-learn practical statistical methods for quality control personnel and applied scientists in the plant and in the lab. Registration information available from: Paul W. Robinson, 5775 Euclid Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45236 (tele: 513-559-3840). ●

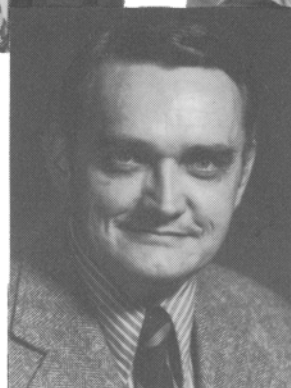
ERRC appoints three



Jerry W. Harlan



Philip E. Pfeffer



Stephen H. Feairheller

Three new research leadership appointments have been announced for the Eastern Regional Research Center (ERRC) of USDA's Agricultural Research Center.

Dr. Jerry W. Harlan has been named assistant director for program operations with Dr. Stephen H. Feairheller replacing him as chief of the Hides and Leather Laboratory at the center. Dr. Philip E. Pfeffer has been named research leader for the Milk Components Research Group.

Dr. Harlan has been chief of the Hides and Leather Laboratory for the past two years. He received a B.S. in chemical engineering, an M.S. in physical science, and a Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Feairheller joined the laboratory in 1964 and has served as research leader for the modification research group since 1973. He received his B.S. from Pennsylvania State University and his Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Pfeffer, a member of the animal fat products exploratory reactions group at the center since 1968, received his A.B. in chemistry from Hunter College of the City University of New York and his M.S. in chemistry and Ph.D. in physical-organic chemistry from Rutgers University. ●

ACS elects Dr. Harrison

Dr. Anna J. Harrison, professor of chemistry at Mount Holyoke College, has been named president-elect of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Harrison will become ACS president in 1978.

Other officers elected in balloting that concluded late last year are: William J. Bailey, professor of chemistry at the University of Maryland, and Robert W. Parry, professor of chemistry at the University of Utah, directors at large; Gordon L. Nelson, General Electric Co., Plastics Business Division, manager, combustibility technology, Region I director; and Herman S. Bloch, Universal Oil Products Co., director of catalysis research; Region V director. ●

Cereal Chemists elect

Walter Bushuk took over duties as president of the American Association of Cereal Chemists during that group's 61st annual meeting.

Dr. Bushuk is with the plant science department at the University of Manitoba. Other new officers are Daniel C. McPherson of General Mills, president-elect; William J. Hoover, American Institute of Baking, treasurer; George Miner of Peavey Co. and John Watson of Watson Foods Co. Inc., national directors.

AOCS member David Kritchevsky of the Wistar Institute was a guest speaker during the luncheon of the AACC's protein division.

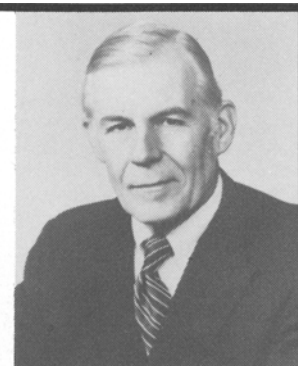
Award recipients at the meeting were Isydora Hlynka, the Thomas Burr Osborne Medal; Rudolph M. Sandstedt, the Alsberg-Schoch Memorial Lectureship; and Kenneth A. Gilles, the William F. Geddes Memorial Award.

The 1977 annual meeting will be held Oct. 23-27 in the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, CA. ●

Crop estimates

Crop estimates for 1976 soybean and corn crops in the United States were 1,252 million bushels and 6,063 million bushels respectively as of Nov. 1. T.A. Hieronymus, extension economist at the University of Illinois, says the world carryover probably will be smaller next Oct. 1 than it was last October. Supplies will be abundant, Hieronymus says.

MacGregor heads NRA



AOCS member Alastair J. MacGregor, president of Kentucky Chemical Industries, Inc., of Cincinnati, OH, has been elected president of the National Renderers Association.

MacGregor previously had served six years on the group's board of directors and as first vice president since 1974. MacGregor has been with Kentucky Chemical since 1942 and was named president in 1957.

MacGregor succeeds Robert N. Peterson of Peterson Manufacturing Co., Los Angeles, CA, who has served as president since 1974. New first vice president is Jordan I. Heller of Denver (CO) Recycling Co. Chester K. Twiss, president and chief executive officer of Corneco Corp. in Tewksbury, MA, was named second vice president.

During its November meeting the association presented Gene Hopton with a "distinguished service award." Hopton is chief of engineering services for Inland Products, Inc. of Columbus, OH, and a former president of the association. He has served as a technical advisor for the United States delegation on fats and oils to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Agency.

Donald S. Austin was presented an "award of appreciation." Austin was with Procter & Gamble for 40 years until his retirement in 1975, working in research and development of fatty acids. Austin is the principal author of "Better Rendering," first published in 1949 and updated in 1967. ●