

Obituaries

Herbert Sieck

Herbert Sieck, a member of the American Oil Chemists' Society since 1921, died Oct. 30, 1976, at the age of 86.

Mr. Sieck had been an emeritus member since his retirement in 1966 when the firm of William Garrigue & Company Inc. dissolved. Mr. Sieck had been with the firm more than 40 years.

In his retirement he spent much of his time tutoring students in the science department at the junior high school in Skokie, IL. Mr. Sieck resided at 843 Bryant Ave. in Winnetka, IL.

Alston G. Thompson Jr.

Alston Groves Thompson Jr. a member of AOCS since 1933, died Nov. 16, 1976, in Memphis, TN, following several months' illness. He was 68. Mr. Groves had suffered a heart attack Aug. 29.

Mr. Groves had joined AOCS in 1933 while with the Southern Cotton Oil Company in Columbia, GA. In 1959, he moved to Memphis, TN, as a plant chemist with Hunt Foods and had retired in 1974. He became an emeritus member of AOCS in 1974. He served on the Seed and Meal Analysis Committee from 1934 to 1946 and on the Neutral Oil Loss Subcommittee from 1963 to 1973.

Survivors include his widow, Nelle; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Hutto of Gadsden, Ala.; several brothers and sisters and five grandchildren. Mr. Thompson was a graduate of Clemson and an elder at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

Two meetings planned

Plans have been announced for the 25th annual colloquium, Protides of the Biological Fluids, to be held May 2-6, 1977, in Brugge/Belgium and for a program on The Lipoprotein Molecule to be held May 8-20 in Brugge/Belgium.

The first program will be divided into four major topics: Lipoproteins, Cell-Lines in the Study of Lymphocyte Antigens and Receptors, Symposium on IgA, and New Methods. Information is available from Secretariate, 25th Colloquium "Protides of the Biological Fluids," Simon Stevin Institut-Jerusalemstraat 34, B-8000, Brugge/Belgium.

The second program, presented by the NATO Advanced Study Institute, will include sessions on Isolation and Composition of the Lipoprotein Molecule, Structure of the Lipoprotein Molecule, Metabolism of the Lipoprotein Molecule and Molecular Variation and Pathology. Information is available from Dr. Hubert Peeters, Director of the ASI, at the above address.

Aspen symposium planned

A five-day symposium on hepatic and biliary lipids will be held August 1-6, 1977, at the Given Institute of Pathobiology in Aspen, Colorado.

The format will include comprehensive presentations as well as small group seminar and informal luncheons and dinners. Symposium directors will be Dr. Fred Kern Jr. and Dr. Rolla B. Hill. Topics will include synthetic and control mechanism of cholesterol, bile acids, complex lipids, and lipoproteins and their physiological function.

Tuition will be \$200. Information and registration material is available from Joan Leatherbury, Executive Secretary, Given Institute of Pathobiology, 100 E. Francis, Aspen, CO 81611.

Rensselaer offers color technology courses

Three continuing education courses in color technology will be offered this spring and summer by The Rensselaer Color Measurement Laboratory at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY.

The courses are:

Principles of Color Technology, June 6-10, introductory course in basic color technology for those with no previous formal education in field.

Color Technology for Management, June 13-14, executive course for management employees responsible for research, production, or marketing of colored products.

Advances in Color Technology, June 20-24, advanced course with discussion and laboratory workshops on color measurement, colorimetry, color preception, color differences, turbid-medium theory, and color appearance.

For further information, contact the Office of Continuing Studies, Color Technology Program, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY 12181 (tele: 518-270-6442).

Pesticide industry report

U.S. consumption of synthetic organic pesticides increased at an annual rate of nine percent between 1970-1975, but a decrease in consumption is anticipated by 1980, according to the Stanford Research Institute.

In a series of reports on pesticides published as part of its Chemical Economics Handbook, the institute estimated domestic consumption at 1.3 billion pounds in 1975 and forecast a market of 1.5 billion pounds by 1980. This represents a slowing of the rate of consumption to an average 2 to 4 percent a year, primarily as a result of a leveling off of herbicide demand.

Herbicides and insecticides account for 68 percent of total pesticide consumption while fungicides are 19 percent, and fumigants and nematocides are 13 percent, the institute said. Use in the crop areas of corn, cotton, deciduous fruits/nuts, and soybeans accounts for 60 percent of domestic pesticide consumption.

The high degree of maturity of the herbicide and insecticide markets for corn and cotton and the approaching maturity of the soybean herbicide market will see future consumption more sensitive to annual acreage fluctuations, the institute said. Opportunities for foliar fungicide use in the soybean market are expected to develop into a growth market for those products.

Journal on coconut studies

The Philippine Coconut Research and Development Foundation, Inc., has distributed copies of the first issue of "The Philippine Journal of Coconut Studies," of which the foundation is the publisher.

The journal is planned as a quarterly publication containing "original as well as review papers on all aspects of coconut agricultural and industrial research."

The initial issue contains articles on directions and priorities for coconut agricultural research, diseases and pests of coconut in the Philippines, reponse of inland coconuts to inorganic fertilization from field planting, and an analysis of the residue from aqueous extraction of fresh coconuts.

Persons wishing to receive the new journal should send name, position, and address to: The Philippine Journal of Coconut Studies, Philippine Coconut Research and Development Foundation, Inc., Suites 303-304, Jalandoni Building, 1444 A. Mabini St., Ermita, Manila, Philippines 2801. Manuscripts may be submitted to the same address. An original and two carbon copies, 8½ x 11, double-spaced, are required.