

joined The Clorox Company, Pleasantown, CA, as product development chemist. . . **Robert E. Cunningham** is now a project engineer with EMI Corporation of Des Plaines, IL.

PLACES

Pullmann Kellogg has broken ground on a 20,000 square foot expansion of its research and development center 20 miles west of downtown Houston. . . **PSI Process Systems, Inc.**, of Memphis has completed its work on increasing edible oil deodorization capacity at **A.E. Staley Mfg. Co.** in Decatur, IL. The unit processes oil from Staley's new hydrogenation unit that was completed in March. PSI also did the process design for **Gold-Kist Inc.'s** new 250 gpm tertiary wastewater treatment plant for its soybean extraction and edible oil refining operations in Marks, MS. . . **General Oil Refining Sdn., Bhd.**, Taiping, Malaysia, has ordered a palm oil physical refining system from EMI Corp. of Des Plaines, IL. The system will produce a deodorized edible oil from crude palm oil. ●

Sugar substitutes conference

A Conference on Sugar Substitutes will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 1978, in Geneva, Switzerland, under sponsorship of the European Research Group for Oral Biology. For information write: ERGOB, Conference on Sugar Substitutes, PO Box 2162, CH-8028 Zurich, Switzerland. ●

Committee Spotlights

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee is a constitutional committee responsible for supervision of all of the Society's publications, except those of the Uniform Methods Committee. It is comprised of the Chairman (appointed by the Governing Board), Editors of publications, and nine other appointed members, who serve on a three-year rotating basis.

The Publications Committee objectives are to establish policy and to direct the preparation and distribution of all AOCS publications, except those supervised by the Uniform Methods Committee, and to do it in such a way as to bring credit to the Society. To accomplish these things, several editorial subcommittees have been formed:

- Journal Committee — A.R. Baldwin, Chairman
- Lipids* Advisory Committee — R.T. Holman, Chairman
- JAOCs Abstracts Committee — S. Koritala, Chairman
- Advertising Committee — K. Zilch, Chairman
- JAOCs Index Committee — M.W. Formo, Chairman
- Lipids* Index Editors — Lloyd A. Witting, Hal T. Slover, Brian L. Walker
- JAOCs Book Review Committee — J.F. Gerecht, Co-chairman, L.A. Witting, Cochairman
- Lipids* Short Communications Editor — Wolfgang J. Baumann
- Monographs Committee — T.H. Smouse, Chairman

Over 100 people work in this system of subcommittees under the direction of the Publications Committee.

At present, 15 Associate Editors handle the editorial work of reviewing manuscripts submitted for publication in *JAOCs*, along with more than 100 reviewers who help review the manuscripts. These activities are coordinated by the Editor and his Editorial Assistant from the Editor's office in Minneapolis.

A group of 24 Associate Editors handles the editorial work of reviewing manuscripts submitted for publication in *Lipids*, along with a number of reviewers who help review the manuscripts. These activities are coordinated by the Editor and his Editorial Assistant from the Editor's office in Austin, Minnesota.

After manuscripts are reviewed and approved, they are forwarded to the AOCS office in Champaign, IL, for publication.

As of Jan. 1, 1978, under the new copyright laws, it is necessary for AOCS journals to secure specific grants of copyrights from authors of manuscripts submitted for publication.

In 1977, a total of 228 manuscripts was received and 200 forwarded to Champaign for publication in *JAOCs*. A total of 249 manuscripts was received and 140 forwarded to Champaign for publication in *Lipids*.

Only one monograph was printed in 1977, which was entitled "Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids."

In October 1977, the AOCS sponsored a World Conference on Soaps and Detergents in Montreux, Switzerland. The complete text of all papers presented (approximately 50) was published in the January 1978 issue of *JAOCs*. As a result of the Montreux meeting and a desire by the attending participants for more scientific and technological information and greater activity in this discipline, a special Soaps, Detergents, and Cosmetics Section appears monthly, beginning with the February 1978 issue of *JAOCs*. Papers in this section are reviewed just as all other *JAOCs* technical papers.

Nancy Heinsch
Editorial Assistant for *JAOCs*

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is a constitutional committee that interprets and furthers the policies of the Society and the Governing Board when the Governing Board is not in session. The Executive Committee routinely meets in mid-summer and mid-winter and any other time as required.

Highlights of matters considered and actions taken are reported in detail to the Governing Board together with recommendations for action. Summary reports of Executive Committee meetings appear in the Journal each winter and summer following the regular meetings.

Subjects discussed include:

1. Budget and finance.
2. Long-range planning.
3. Long-range financial projections and planning.
4. Activities of officers and the Executive Director.
5. Committee actions and reports.
6. Meetings planning and strategy.
7. Publication activities.
8. Educational activities.
9. Other relevant policy areas.
10. New business.

Members of the committee are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, First Past President, and Chairman of the Publications Committee. The President may invite any other AOCS officer or committee chairperson to attend and report to the Executive Committee.

Thomas H. Applewhite
President ●