

Obituaries



Dr. A.S. Richardson

Dr. A.S. Richardson, 22nd president of the American Oil Chemists' Society, died Nov. 16, 1978, at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was 88.

Dr. Richardson served as AOCS president during 1931. He retired in 1954 from Procter & Gamble's chemical research department, which he helped form in 1921. Dr. Richardson had been cited in 1951 as Chemist of the Year in Cincinnati. In 1959 he was elected to honorary membership in the American Oil Chemists' Society.

Dr. Richardson was a native of Murfreesboro, TN, and was class valedictorian in 1913 and a Phi Beta Kappa at Princeton. He later received his MA and PhD degrees in chemistry at Princeton, where he taught before and after World War I. He served as a field artillery officer during World War I.

Most of his career was spent on research on soaps, synthetic detergents, and edible oils and fats. Dr. Richardson served on AOCS' Referee Board from 1931 to 1954, the Smalley Committee from 1946 to 1952, and on the editorial advisory board from 1932-1948.

He also held memberships in the American Chemical Society, Engineering Society, American Iris Society and other groups.

Survivors include his wife, Ann W. Richardson; and four children, Mrs. Ann Lewis Heimsderfer, Mrs. Caroline Haase, Mrs. Mary Lee Irwin and Albert S. Richardson Jr. ●

J. Russell Gahm

John Russell Gahm, a member of the AOCS since 1962, died in August 1978. Mr. Gahm, chief chemist for Joseph Irwin Inc. in Philadelphia, was 68. He had been with the firm for approximately 14 years. ●

Newell Beatty

AOCS has been informed of the death of Newell Beatty, a member of the society since 1935. Mr. Beatty had retired in 1960 and was a resident of Bishop, CA, at the time of his death. ●

ASA dedicates new headquarters

The American Soybean Association formally dedicated its new world headquarters building at 777 Craig Road, St. Louis, Missouri, during a two-day symposium in St. Louis on Middle East Agricultural Trade Opportunities.

Approximately 200 persons attended the two-day meeting, which featured talks by Arab and American specialists.

Ed Quinones, ASA regional director of Middle East Programs, estimated that by 1983 the Middle East would

be importing two million tons of vegetable oil annually. Quinones included Turkey and Iran as Middle East nations.

Rising per capita income and rising populations throughout the Middle East will spur increased demand for fats and oils and meal, Quinones said. The area cannot produce enough to meet the demand, meaning there will be increasing opportunities for sales in that area, he said.

Dr. Aly Zein el Abdeen Aly, general secretary for the Arab Federation for Food Industries, said Middle East edible vegetable oil imports will need to double by the year 2000 to meet rising demand. Population now at 160 million will rise to 275 million or more, he estimated, with per capita consumption of fats and oils destined to rise from the present 7 kilograms per capita annually as incomes improve.

Quinones said production of olive oil, cottonseed oil and sesame oil, the traditional Middle East food oils, has stabilized or is dropping, providing an opportunity for increased sale of soy oil. Palm oil and rapeseed oil producers also will be trying to penetrate the market, he said.

Dr. Abdeen said Egypt presently has about 15 solvent extraction plants, owned by seven firms, that have surplus crushing capacity that could be used for soybeans. Cottonseed oil is Egypt's favored edible oil. Dr. Abdeen also said Egypt was working to improve bulk oil and meal harbor and storage facilities.

ASA President Merlyn Groot presided during the building dedication ceremonies Dec. 5. State ASA units each provided soil from their state for a ceramic planter which will contain a small tree in the new building.

ASA moved from its original home in Hudson, Iowa, to St. Louis in mid-October. The new mailing address is: ASA, Box 27300, St. Louis, MO 63141; telephone number is 314-872-7521; telex: 447297 US BEANS STL. ●



ASA President Merlyn Groot of Manson, Iowa, and Chairman of the Board Nick Rose of Roseland, Arkansas, in front of the New World Headquarters of the American Soybean Association in St. Louis. The new facility was dedicated by American Soybean Growers December 1978.



ASA Chairman of the Board Nick Rose and Building Committee Chairman Gerald Michaelson admire the plaque unveiled during dedication ceremonies at the new ASA World Headquarters.