People & Places



James A. Harrison has been appointed field engineer, solvent extraction division, for the French Oil Mill Machinery Company; he will be in charge of equipment installation, operator training and plant start-up.... Dr. Ira D. Hill, a vice-president of IFF Inc., will assume senior responsibility for all IFF technology on a worldwide basis, including basic R&D, toxicology, engineering, capital investment, aroma chemical manufacturing technology, stability assurance, and electronic data processing; Dr. Ira Katz, vice-president of IFF R&D has been named director of basic research and development reporting to Dr. Hill ... Arthur A. Kukla has been elected a vice-president of Emery Industries Inc.... Mervyn R. Litzow has been appointed director, international operations for The Harshaw Chemical Co.... David M. Roderick, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of United States Steel Corp., has been nominated for election to the Procter & Gamble Company board of directors A. Dean Sandlin is now sales representative for The Harshaw Chemical Company's Catalyst Department Dr. Gilbert Storck, Eugene Higgins Professor of Chemistry at Columbia University, is 1980 winner of the American Chemical Society's Arthur C. Cope Award the promotions of Dr. Bernard Taub, and Roy C. Williams to research managers and Dr. R. Alan Brown to research supervisor for the Spencer Kellogg Division of Textron Inc. have been announced by Dr. Alexander Ross, research vice-president Donald K.J. Hartman has been named President of Firmenich of Canada, LTD R. Bruce Williams has been promoted to sales representative for the Harshaw Chemical Company's catalyst department R. Hal Dean, chairman and chief executive officer of Ralston Purina Co., recently told the Wall Street Journal he estimates soy proteins will contribute 5% to 10% of Ralston's total corporate profit within three to five years.



Ira D. Hill



Ira Katz



Mervyn R. Litzow



Donald K.J. Hartman

P.J.A. O'Doherty

Dr. Patrick Joseph Anthony O'Doherty died on July 15, 1979, of a brain tumor at the age of 35. He was a recipient of the AOCS Honored Student Award in 1974. At the time of his death, Dr. O'Doherty was assistant professor at the University of British Columbia in the G.F. Strong Laboratory for Medical Research at Vancouver General Hospital and a Scholar of the Medical Research Council of Canada.

Dr. O'Doherty received his B.Sc. from the University College, Dublin, Ireland, in 1967 and an M.Sc. in biochemistry from Memorial University, Newfoundland, Canada, in 1970. His doctorate in biochemistry was awarded in 1974 by the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. In 1974-1976, he was a Postdoctoral Fellow of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada at the University of Wisconsin.

At the beginning of a promising research career, Dr. O'Doherty had already made several lasting contributions.

During his undergraduate and graduate training he had acquired a keen understanding of the biochemistry of intermediary metabolism and was much interested in its regulation by temperature, lipids and Vitamin D. His observations on the role of the choline phospholipids in the absorption and clearance of fat by the intestine served to stimulate renewed interest in the area and led to important discoveries regarding the metabolic control of transport of dietary fat. His most recent research dealt with the effect of Vitamin D₃ in the metabolism of the intestinal mucosa and with the importance of the steric configuration of glycerophospholipids in metabolic regulation. O'Doherty was the author or coauthor of 21 scientific papers, a review and numerous abstracts. He was a member of the Biochemical Society (London), the Canadian Biochemical Society, the American Oil Chemists' Society, the American Oil Chemists' Nutrition Committee, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and

Survivors include his wife, mother and one sister.

PVO promotes Melenkevitz

AOCS member Henry Melenkevitz has been named operations manager for PVO International's Chemical Specialties Division in Boonton, NJ. He will be responsible for all plant operations at the Boonton site, a manufacturing complex that includes esterification, ethoxylation, hydrogenation, spray beading, flaking operations, vegetable oil processing, and catalytic chemical production facilities. He had been serving as production manager for catalytic chemicals.

PVO also has announced the promotion of Don Matthews to be general manager of the Chemical Specialties Division in Boonton.





Don Matthews

Henry Melenkovitz

Engineering groups form AAES

More than 30 national professional engineering societies with a membership of over 500,000 engineers have joined forces to create the American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES) to develop a single voice for the engineering community.

"The objective of the AAES is to advance the science and practice of engineering in the public interest," said Kenneth A. Roe, President. "This action consolidates several existing federations of engineering societies and is expected to be completed by January 1980."

The new association will have offices in the United Engineering Center at 345 E. 47th St., New York, NY (Telephone 212-644-7843).

De Smet forms U.S. firm

De Smet U.S.A. Corporation has been formed to market the services and technology of Extraction De Smet S.A. of Antwerp, Belgium. The engineering and sales office is at 2625 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30339 (404-436-0061).

Andre Stalmans, formerly general manager of De Smet Argentina for 10 years, is executive vice president and general manager of De Smet U.S.A. Corporation. He will be assisted by C. Louis Kingsbaker, who was marketing manager of Dravo Corporation, Chemical Plants Division, and Guy L. Posschelle, former general manager of De Smet Mexico.

Extraction De Smet has developed proprietary processes for the vegetable oil and animal fat industry and has designed and built over 500 plants throughout the world. The technical staff and the services of the laboratory and pilot plant of Extraction De Smet in Antwerp are available to customers in the United States and Canada for projects and development of new processes.

Extraction De Smet is a corporate member of the

American Oil Chemists' Society. Mr. Kingsbaker has been an AOCS member since 1963 and represents The American Oil Chemists' Society as a member writing the safety rules for the Solvent Extraction Committee, National Fire Protection Association. Mr. Posschelle is serving on the stearing/program committee for the World Conference on Soya Processing and Utilization to be held November 1980 in Acapulco, Mexico.

Canada to organize new protein committee

The new Codex Alimentarius committee on vegetable food proteins most likely will hold its first meeting during the second half of 1980 in Ottawa, Canada. Canada has agreed to serve as host for the committee, which the Codex commission recently decided to organize.

Codex committees hlep formulate standards of identity for foodstuffs moving in international commerce. Officials in the Health Protection Branch of Canada's Health and Welfare agency will handle arrangements for the meeting. November 1980 is a likely meeting time, as another Codex unit under Canadian sponsorship will be meeting about that time.

Section News

NORCAL elects officers

Dr. P.A. Wells, 1980 chairperson for the AOCS NORCAL Section, will be serving with a board of directors that includes Jerry Love, Best Foods, as chairperson-elect and secretary; Bob Faulkner, California Omega Foods, program chairman; Yukio Takahashi, Ghiradelli Chocolate Co., arrangements; and Bill Willis, PVO International, treasurer.

The four were elected at a late October meeting of the NORCAL group with approximately 50 persons attending. Speaker was Dr. Peter Wood of Stanford's Heart Disease Prevention Program who spoke on "The Role of Exercise in Cholesterol Metabolism and Its Relationship to Coronary Heart Disease."

Dr. Wells, of Cutter Laboratory, was 1979 chairpersonelect and secretary, succeeding automatically to the post of chairperson. Frank McKenna of Best Foods is the immediate past chairman.



P.A. Wells