
People

Brobst retires

Kenneth Brobst, an active member of several AOCS technical committees, retired Jan. 1, 1981, as manager of research analytical laboratories with A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co. in Decatur, Illinois. Brobst had been with Staley 43½ years, most of that with the research division's analytical laboratories. Brobst joined AOCS in 1962 and has served on committees for fat and oil by-product analysis, vegetable oil distillate analysis, instrumental techniques, atomic absorption spectroscopy, chromatography and mass spectroscopy. □

NAMM names Stanley chairman

David M. Stanley has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the National Association of Margarine Manufacturers. Stanley, who became a member of AOCS during 1980, is president of Sunnyland Refining Co. Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama. The firm produces margarine, peanut butter and shortening.

Other members of the board of directors include Vincent Auty of J.H. Filbert; Thomas Milligan of Shedd Foods, Thomas Manogue of Land O'Lakes, Merle Sharp of Gregg's Foods, and Jack Davis of Wilsey Foods. Davis is secretary for the board.

The NAMM is the trade association for the margarine producing industry, with headquarters in Washington DC.

Alcohol-diesel work at NRRC

AOCS member Everett Pryde and coworker Arthur Schwab at the USDA's Northern Regional Research Center were cited in *C&E News* of Dec. 15, 1980, for their work on microemulsification systems that permit blending of alcohol and diesel fuel. Even trace amounts of water can cause alcohol-diesel fuel blends to separate, but the techniques developed by Pryde and Schwab, according to the *C&E News* article, have proved stable to -18C with more than 0.5% water. Engine tests have been performed at the University of Illinois. Such fuels would be 30-80% more expensive than diesel fuel at current prices, but can be made from farm products, Pryde noted in the news article. □

Briefs

BP Chemicals America has named **Graham Broadbent** president and **Jim Graham** as business manager, replacing **Harry Burnham** and **Timothy Forth**, respectively, who have returned to England for new appointments there.... Reichhold Chemicals Inc. has appointed **Edwin B. Gienger, Jr.**, as executive vice-president for eastern (U.S.) operations.... Velsicol Chemical has named **Howard A. Washer** as group vice-president for agricultural business and **Arthur R. Siegel** as vice-president for specialty chemical business.... New officers of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) whose terms begin in April will be **D.A. Dutton**, president; **W.K. Boyd**, vice-president, and **H.E. Rossy, Jr.**, secretary-treasurer.

International

IUPAC unit marks 50th anniversary

The IUPAC Commission on Oils, Fats and Derivatives marked its 50th anniversary during 1980, having developed from efforts by Prof. Fachini of the Experimental Station for the Oil and Fat Industry in Milan. Fachini had invited experts from several nations to a meeting in Milan during 1924 to discuss establishment of uniform analytical standards. This eventually led, in 1930, to a meeting in Geneva arranged by Dr. Fachini which representatives of various nations attended.

These representatives organized the International Commission for the Study of Fat Products, which eventually linked with IUPAC in 1946 and in 1952 was named the

Oil and Fats Division of the IUPAC's applied chemistry section.

On behalf of AOCS President Frank Naughton, congratulations on the 50th anniversary were extended to the IUPAC Commission by David Firestone. Naughton's comments praised the Commission for its work in development of international methods and said, "The AOCS looks forward to many more years of active participation, association and collaboration with the Commission in programs for development of uniform methods of analysis for fats and oils and related materials." □