REFEREE BOARD'S REPORT

By David Wesson, Chairman

During the year just passed the board has consisted of: H. J. Morrison, Archibald Campbell, C. B. Cluff, N. C. Hamner, with David Wesson, Chairman.

The list of laboratories and chemists who have been certified during the year is as follows:

Referee Chemists of the American Oil Chemists' Society for Year 1924-1925

The following have been certified on all products dealt in under the rules of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association:

Barrow-Agee Laboratories, Memphis, Tenn.; The Battle Laboratory, Montgomery, Ala.; Chemical and Engineering Company, Chicago, Ill.; Curtis and Tompkins, San Francisco, Cal.; Falkenburg and Company, Seattle, Wash.; Fort Worth Laboratories, Fort Worth, Texas; J. C. P. Helm, New Orleans, La.; P. S. Tilson, Houston, Texas; Lehman Johnson, Memphis, Tenn.; Law and Company, Atlanta, Ga.; Landon C. Moore, Dallas, Texas; J. C. Patrick, Jefferson City, Mo.; Felix Paquin, Galveston, Texas; D. C. Picard, Birmingham, Ala.; Southwestern Laboratories, Dallas, Texas; H. P. Trevithick, New York, N. Y.; A. C. Sutherland, Columbia, S. C.; Edward G. Williams, New Orleans, La.; H. G. Huffman, Los Angeles, Cal.; Charles W. Rice and Company, Columbia, S. C.

The following have been certified on subjects enumerated:

R. M. Chapman (Cottonseed Meal and Cake), Hammond, Ind.; Gascoyne and Co., Inc. (Cottonseed Meal), Baltimore, Md.; I. F. Laucks (Oriental and Fish Oils), Seattle, Wash.; McCandless Laboratory (Cottonseed Meal), Atlanta, Ga.; Stillwell Laboratories (Cottonseed Meal and Soap Stock), New York, N. Y.; Wiley and Company (Cottonseed Meal), Baltimore, Md.; J. W. Sample (Cottonseed, cottonseed meal, fertilizers and feedstuffs), Nashville, Tenn.; Herbert M. Hill (Cottonseed Meal), Buffalo, N. Y.; Norfolk Testing Laboratories (Cottonseed Meal), Norfolk, Va.

The plan of having certification changed from the fall to the spring or early summer, proved very excellent in practice and cut out a large amount of detail work.

The experience of the board during the past year has demonstrated, that in addition to the present rules for certification, we must have still greater safeguards, and the board has unanimously agreed to the following additional ones and new form of application blank.

Proposed Regulations for the Licensing and Certification of Referee Chemists

1. Applications for certification must be filed with the Referee Board

not later than March 1st in any year for certificates covering the next season's work.

- 2. A list of applicants for certification will be published in the April number of the *Cotton Oil Press* with a request that any objections to any applicant shall be furnished the Referee Board in confidence, together with all facts on which said objections shall be based.
 - 3. Certificates shall be issued as of June 1st of each year.
- 4. No certificate shall be issued to any applicant who does not agree to analyze all samples sent out by the Smalley Foundations and such other samples as the Examining Board may see fit to send out, and to furnish duplicate reports on such samples to the Referee Examining Board.
- 5. No certificate shall be issued except with the understanding that it may be revoked by the Board at any time for cause.
- 6. Where laboratories are operated by a firm or company, the certificate will be issued to the firm or company. In the case of single individuals operating laboratories, certificate will be issued to them as such. The fee for certification shall be, in the case of firms, or companies, Five Dollars (\$5.00) per year; in the case of individuals, Two Dollars (\$2.00) per year.
- 7. Certificates shall be issued only for such products as are covered by the rules of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association, and may be for all the products or only such ones as the Referee Examining Board shall consider the applicant entitled to.
- 8. All referee chemists will be held strictly responsible for results appearing over their signatures. The dereliction of others will not be accepted as an extenuating circumstance.

All rulings of the Referee Examining Board shall be final.

Firms or laboratories starting business after March 1st of any year shall be permitted to apply for Certification at any time during the year.

Application for Certificate to the Referee Examining Board of the American Oil Chemists' Society

- 1. All products.
- 2. Special products, viz:

In accepting this certification it is understood that the obligation is incurred of turning out accurate work, and for this reason the laboratory will take part in the coöperative work of the Smalley Foundation and such other coöperative work of the American Oil Chemists' Society or such other

samples as the Board may prescribe sending duplicate reports on all such samples to the Referee Board.

It is further agreed that in analyzing referee samples only the official methods of the American Oil Chemists' Society and Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association are to be employed.

It is agreed that all the regulations of the Referee Board shall be considered as part of this application.

is a member in good standing of the American Oil Chemists' Society and the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association.

Recommendations

As all applications for certification have to be first passed upon by the Secretary of the Society, it is believed that the clerical work of furnishing blanks to applicants and receiving same should be handled through the Secretary's office.

The secretary should then submit the properly endorsed applications showing that all fees have been paid and applicants are in good standing, to the Chairman of the Board who will have them passed on by the board in the usual manner, after which the Secretary shall make out the usual certificates.

When the referee board was first formed, it was voted by the Society, that it consist of five members with one retiring and a new one being elected each year, also that the President of the Society be a member ex-officio. It would, therefore, seem well to establish the custom of allowing the retiring President to continue to serve on the board and letting the member who has served five years drop out. This would in time, or in fact it has practically at present, make the board consist of ex-presidents.

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GOVERNING COMMITTEE REPORT

By H. J. Morrison

Your Governing Committee begs leave to report as follows:

Changes in Constitution and By-Laws.—The proposed amendment to our constitution to conform to an Act 190 of the Legislature of Louisiana, a copy of which was mailed to each member, was acted upon and is recommended to the Society for adoption. This is as follows:

You are hereby notified that at the hour of eleven o'clock on the twelfth day of May, 1925, at Roosevelt Hotel in the City of New Orleans, during the regular annual meeting of the regular members of The American Oil Chemists' Society, a vote shall be