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## EDITORIAL

### THE OIL AND FAT INDUSTRY

The Oil and Fat Industry cannot be said to be an industry, strictly speaking. It possesses the pre-requisites; but until its companies, manufactories, and other components discover that all have one community of interest, which can be served only through co-operation, they remain for all practical purposes isolated units. Similarly the colonies of America, as the Indian tribes before them, existed independently of each other for years, but when eventually they banded together, the separate colonies were metamorphosized into a single nation—great and powerful.

Whether consciously or unconsciously, the American Oil Chemists are performing the service of making one industry of the oil and fat business of this country. It is standardizing practices, lending uniformly to methods, seeking out new processes, and gradually inspiring the breath of life into the clay of an industry.

It is to be expected that progress will be slow. Really great accomplishments are evolved only with time and at the cost of infinite labor, struggle, sacrifice and hardship. The American Oil Chemists are experiencing only the difficulties that are inevitable and a part of their great undertaking. It is not the presence of these difficulties that need be a cause for concern, but success or failure in overcoming them. And in this direction the Society has made a record that speaks for itself.

In its future policies, the Society undoubtedly will have the courage to forsake the path of least resistance, striking out for itself independently, broadening its scope so as to interest new elements in the business and formulating its own decisions with courage and fearlessness. This has been its policy in the past. As the Society now enters a new fiscal year, it can be expected that the same will hold true under as able and energetic a leader as the new president, H. R. Fash.