

New Policies Formulated

Kishlar Urges That New Members Be Used

EXCERPTS from the presidential address of Lamar Kishlar at the opening of the 35th annual convention are as follows:

"We propose to you that a Post-War Planning committee of 10 be appointed by your incoming president with the advice and consent of your Governing Board to make an over-all study of the aims and objectives of our Society and to formulate an over-all plan to be used as a blueprint from which we will build a larger, more effective Society for the next decade. . . .

"More than one-third of the membership of the Society has joined within the past 24 months. Committee chairmen, program chairmen, and officers should put these new members to work. A Society grows strong only through the hard work and unselfish contributions of its members. A Society becomes truly democratic when all have the opportunity to express themselves through service. New members, too, profit in proportion to the contributions they make. . . .

"In setting up our committees of the tomorrow, let us draw heavily on this new and strong blood with which we are now so bountifully supplied . . . our young man-power, which will become the very backbone of our Society a few years hence, in our social and technical programs and on our technical committees."

Governing Board Asks That Journal Be Enlarged

A MEETING of the Governing Committee was held at 8:30 Saturday morning instead of Friday afternoon after the close of the technical sessions of the 35th annual convention of the American Society of Oil Chemists in New Orleans, La., May 10-12, 1944. That this innovation was advantageous is evidenced by the fact that eight hours were devoted to profitable discussion of the business and plans of the Society.

The president was authorized to appoint a committee of five members to evolve a plan of simplification and centralization under one committee to handle the preparation, distribution, tabulation of results, and fixing of costs and fees of all permanent collaborative check samples sent out by the Society.

The committee is also to consider the position of state laboratories in the collaborative work and to determine whether the Society should continue the policy of permitting these laboratories to participate without payment of fees as in the past. This committee of five is to report to the Governing Committee not later than the 1945 fall meeting.

It was voted to continue the policy of carrying members who are in the armed forces as members in good standing, without payment of dues.

It was voted to hold the 36th annual meeting of the Society in New Orleans in May, 1945.

A number of suggestions which had been made in the presidential address of Lamar Kishlar were considered and acted upon.

It was recommended to the Journal committee that if possible the Society's magazine be expanded again next year so as to allow for prompt publication of the rapidly increasing number of first-class manuscripts being submitted.

There was considerable constructive discussion of the Journal and its future. It was recognized by all members present that Oil and Soap has improved greatly in the past few years from many points of view, especially in format, size, quality, and diversity of material published, advertising, and in other respects. The Journal has reflected the growth and interest of the Society's membership, especially the hard work, planning, and thoughtfulness of the editorial staff and the Journal committee.

It was the feeling of the Governing Committee that Oil and Soap represents concrete evidence of the rapid progress the Society has made in recent years and that it will no doubt always occupy the foremost position among the Society's activities. A number of far-reaching and important suggestions for further improving the Journal were made, which were to be submitted to the Journal committee for consideration.

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NEWS OF PEOPLE AND PRODUCTS

Marlin G. Geiger, vice president and director of WESTVACO CHLORINE PRODUCTS CORPORATION and resident manager of the South Charleston plant, has been elected vice president and director of United Chemicals, Inc. United Chemicals owns Barium Products, Ltd., Monarch Chemical Company, and Curtin-Howe Corporation.

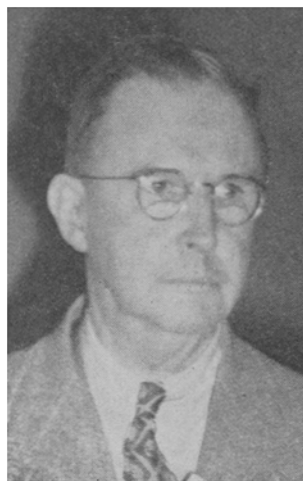
Chlorine dioxide, a bleach known to be two and one-half times as powerful as chlorine and now available for industrial purposes by means of a process developed by the MATHIESON ALKALI WORKS, was described at the May meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers by E. R. Woodward.

The new process provides a safe, practical method by which the user prepares the bleach from chlorine and sodium chlorite. The product improves the taste of public water supplies, checks blue mold in citrus fruits, and reduces spoilage in canned foods. On an experimental scale the sterilizing of the atmosphere with it increases the yield of penicillin. Chlorium dioxide may also be used in the bleaching of flour, starch, soap, paper, and textiles.

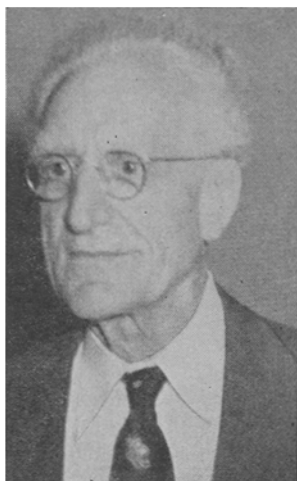
A new six-page booklet entitled "Calibration of Testing Equipment" has been made available for

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Past A.O.C.S. Presidents



G. Worthen Agee
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1914 President



Felix Paquin
Galveston, Texas
1910 President



Thomas C. Law
Atlanta, Ga.
1916 President



E. R. Barrow
Memphis, Tenn.
1912 President

Above are shown four past presidents and charter members of the American Oil Chemists' Society who attended the New Orleans spring meeting. Mr. Paquin was the first president of the Society and last month suggested an annual dinner of past presidents as a feature of the spring conventions. Other living charter members are G. G. Fox, E. A. McDonald, W. H. Marquess, R. W. Perry, E. Scherubel, and R. C. Warren.

PRESIDENT LAMAR KISHLAR described the work of the charter members thus: "In 1909 when that little group of nine pre-founders assembled to discuss the formation of this Society, I wonder if they visualized the proportions to which the group would grow. I wonder if they realized, when they first discussed its aims and purposes, the influence on science and commerce of the organization they were establishing. I wonder if any one of them could imagine the untold billions of dollars in trade whose contracts would carry the stipulation, 'Methods used to be those of the American Oil Chemists' Society.'

"In 1910 when those 20 men assembled to set up the first permanent organization, I wonder if they

foresaw Official Referee Chemists to help iron out the little disputes within the industry and a Referee Board to select those gentlemen. Did they know the extent to which collaborative samples would aid in standardizing the work of hundreds of laboratories? Who foresaw an official journal which would be sought by college, government, and public libraries at home and abroad? How could one know the extent to which Society members would aid scores of federal agencies in solving the knotty problems caused by a global war?

"On this 35th anniversary of the founding of our society, let us pay tribute to that little group of far-sighted pioneers who made the American Oil Chemists' Society possible."

(Deceased charter members are H. B. Battle, E. B. Hulme, Edwin Lehman Johnson, W. J. Kallaher, Landon C. Moore, J. B. Pratt, David Schwartz, F. N. Smalley, P. S. Tilson, and David Wesson.)

NEWS

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free distribution to research directors and plant supervisors by FOSTER D. SNELL, INC., 305 Washington Street, Brooklyn 1, New York.

Frank Moody Biffen, for 15 years a member of the Snell staff, was recently elected to fellowship in the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain and Ireland.



Percy C. Magnus, president of MAGNUS, MABEE, AND REYNARD, INC., New York City, has been named general chairman of the Disabled American Veterans National Service Fund, which has headquarters in the Chrysler building. For seven years he was president and chairman of the board of the New York Board of Trade.



The third National Chemical exposition to be held November 15 to 19 at the Coliseum in Chicago will not only stress the importance of the chemical industry in the war effort but will reveal much that is planned for the postwar era, according to its sponsor, Chicago section of the AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

Exhibit space has been snapped up very fast in spite of the fact that more than twice the area was used by preceding expositions was made available. Industrial motion pictures will be shown.



An 150-page illustrated book designed to assist canners in applying protective coatings to containers packed for export to the armed forces has been prepared by the AMERICAN CAN COMPANY'S research division and is now available for distribution through the Quartermaster's depot at Chicago.

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