

Meet Your Past President . . .

J. P. HARRIS, 1933

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in the series of sketches on past presidents which Oil & Soap inaugurated a year ago with the March 1946 issue to acquaint new members with past leaders. Previous presidents were Felix Paquin, pro tem in 1909, elected in 1910; David Wesson, E. R. Barrow, F. N. Smalley, G. W. Agee, G. G. Fox, T. C. Law, Archibald Campbell, P. S. Tilson, Rex W. Perry, F. B. Porter, C. B. Cluff, I. M. Tolman, H. B. Battle, H. J. Morrison, J. J. Vollertsen, R. H. Fash, H. P. Trevithick, A. W. Putland, W. R. Stryker, W. H. Irwin, A. S. Richardson, and N. C. Hammer.)

THE next president of the American Oil Chemists' Society, John P. Harris, came into office during a depression year but had the satisfaction of helping the Society celebrate its 25th anniversary in 1934 and emerge intact from the difficulties of the period with increased membership, journal advertising, and greater technical service. The 25th annual meeting was held at the Roosevelt hotel on May 31 and June 1, 1934, and a report of it published in the June issue states that "the registration was the greatest ever recorded in New Orleans. Many of the old timers who have not attended a meeting during the depression years were in attendance renewing old friendships. Among them were H. P. Trevithick of New York, G. S. Jamieson of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, Washington, and E. C. Ainslie of Procter and Gamble."

Membership had increased by 17%, according to W. D. Hutchins' report; W. H. Irwin reported on enlarged editorial and advertising plans for the journal and change of management; the golf tournament had an entry and prize list larger than ever. In fact, the reporter stated that "one had to be pretty bad not to get in the 'money'." C. S. Williamson, Jr., made the low gross score of 84 and as a result obtained permanent possession of the Nuehar trophy. Among those who presented technical papers were R. H. Fash, A. K. Schwartz and E. B. Freyer, E. M. James, Leslie G. Jenness, and H. D. Royce.

In his presidential address Mr. Harris commented on the fact that more than 60% of the membership responded to the call for volunteers for committee service and pointed out that this was a percentage unknown in other groups. "Nothing could more graphically portray the intense vitality of our Society," he added. New committees reporting in his term of office included Color Glass Development under Gill and Ammonia Selenium under Hammer, and newly established committees were Soap Wrappers with L. F. Hoyt as chairman and Sulphonated Oils with Ralph Hart as chairman.

Besides being president, Mr. Harris has served on various committees such as Membership, 1919-32; Chicago fall meeting, 1929—, chairman, 1937-40;

Journal, 1930—; Advertising, 1942-5; Referee Board, 1933—. He was first vice president in 1932 and treasurer from 1945-7.

Professionally, Mr. Harris has been manager of the Chicago office of the Industrial Chemical Sales division of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company since 1926. Before that he was engaged in designing and installation work from 1923 to 1926 and from 1918 to 1922. For a year he was director of practical research for the Institute of American Meat Packers, 1922-23. During the first World war he was a lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Service and later captain in the Officers' Reserve corps.

Born in Ottawa, Kan., in 1886, Mr. Harris took his undergraduate work at the University of Kansas, graduating in 1907, and later completed the Verbands Examen with the degree, Candidat der Chemie Royal Institute of Technology, Charlottenberg, in 1909. He then went to Armour and Company in the chemical laboratory and was superintendent of the refinery and chief chemist for the Phoenix Cotton Oil Company. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, American Water Works Association, the Michigan Shores club, and Sigma Chi. In 1913 he was married to Miss Mildred James, and their son, James T. Harris, was born in 1925.

The Nash-Kelvinator Corporation has awarded to the BJORKSTEN RESEARCH LABORATORIES of Chicago a research contract relating to plastic fabrication.



JOHN P. HARRIS

POSITION WANTED

Chemist. B.S. Ch.E. 37. Research, Control Lab. in Vegetable Oil Process Field. Desires position in supervisory capacity. Age 33. Married. Minimum salary \$4,800. Experienced in Fatty acids, Detergents, Drying oils. Energetic. Willing to travel. Box 79, American Oil Chemists' Society.

OPPORTUNITY WANTED

Young man (early 30's) with 12 years of high quality, diversified experience as chemist, refinery manager, and top-level executive in edible oil industry wants opportunity to increase profits of a small or medium size oil company. Box 77, American Oil Chemists' Society.

CHEMICAL ENGINEER

To head by-product development group in large kraft pulp mill in South. Five to 10 years experience in processing vegetable oils required, preferably in pilot plant development work. Box No. 75, American Oil Chemists' Society.

AVAILABLE

Versatile vegetable oil research chemist with fundamental, applied, and analytical experience. Publications and patents. Box 78, American Oil Chemists' Society, Chicago, Ill.

WANTED

Small Soap Company wants single or double effect glycerine evaporator. Give capacity details and prices. Also desire stainless or monel tanks 300 to 10,000 gallon capacity. Box 76, American Oil Chemists' Society.

WANTED: LOVIBOND GLASSES

The following Lovibond Color Glasses are urgently needed. If you have any of these which you wish to sell, please write Box 74, care of American Oil Chemists' Society, stating number and price.

Red: 0.1 to 5.0.

Yellow: 5.0, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50.