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## Meet Your Past President . . .

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in the series of sketches on past presidents which Oil & Soap inaugurated in March, 1946, to acquaint new members with past leaders. Previous presidents were Felix Paquin, pro tem in 1909, president in 1919; 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, L. 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, N. C. Hamner, J. P. Harris, W. D. Hutchins, A. A. Robinson, and E. C. Ainslie.)

M. L. SHEELY, 1937

TWENTY-EIGHTH on the list of presidents of the American Oil Chemists' Society was Madison L. Sheely, chief chemist for the Armour 31st Street Auxiliaries, Chicago, Ill., and abstract editor for the soap section of Oil & Soap. Elected at the Dallas meeting on May 13 and 14, 1937, at the Baker hotel, Mr. Sheely had been a member of the Society since 1926 and a worker on such committees as soap, glycerin, fat analysis, with the chairmanship of the first since 1931. In addition, he was the representative of the Society on the new soap and detergents committee of the American Society for Testing Materials. Succeeding A. K. Church and Archibald Campbell, Mr. Sheely was the third chairman of the Soap section.

The fall meeting in his term was held in Chicago at the Hotel LaSalle on October 14 and 15, 1937, with such events as bowling, golf, football game, and dinner at Old Heidelberg. Attendance was the highest yet, 238, and 22 exhibitors displayed equipment and products of interest to Society members. R. C. Newton of Swift and Company was program chairman.

By spring, when the annual meeting was held in New Orleans on May 12 and 13, Mr. Sheely was able to report the functioning of 27 committees with 211 members, or nearly half of the Society enrollment. Two new committees had been established: study of indicators, with J. L. Mayfield as chairman, and journal advertising, with Victor Conquest as chairman. H. L. Rosehen had been named managing editor of Oil & Soap, succeeding the late W. H. Irwin, and Mr. Newton appointed chairman of the Fat Analysis committee, which was jointly set up with the American Chemical Society. A publication contract for the journal had been signed with the Gillette Publishing company of Chicago, and according to the treasurer the Society had \$6,389 in liquid assets and \$2,600 in frozen assets. The annual banquet was held at the Southern Yacht club, and a trip arranged for May 14 to the Freeport Sulfur company outside New Orleans.

Mr. Sheely in the intervening years has become technical director of the division of his company known as Armour Auxiliaries, and the Armour career which began in 1921 showed his progress from control chemist to research chemist to chief chemist. Born in Albany, N. Y., in 1897, he received his education at Union college and in 1919 went to work briefly for the New York State Conservation commission at Saratoga Springs. Then he spent two years in the laboratories of Sears, Roebuck and Company, Chicago. He is a member of Sigma Xi, A.S.T.M., and American Chemical Society. His later committee



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work for the Society has included olive oil, sulfonated oils, and detergents.

## CHARLES H. COX, 1938

CHARLES H. COX, vice president in 1937, succeeded to the presidency of the American Oil Chemists' Society in 1938 at the New Orleans meeting on May 12 and 13. Like his predecessors in office he had been active in Society committee work, and his term of office was marked by the traditional two meetings, fall in Chicago at the Sherman hotel, on October 6 and 7, 1938, and spring in New Orleans at the Jung hotel on May 5 and 6, 1939.



C. H. COX

The former was marked by a symposium on hydrogenation on October 7, a registration of 273, a banquet at the College Inn at the Sherman, and a choice of two field trips for visitors: Kraft Cheese and Continental Can on the one hand and the Corn Products Refining company at Argo and the National Aluminate company on the other hand. Mrs. W. H. Irwin was ladies' chairman, J. P. Harris, general chairman.

A 35c luncheon at the Sherman was offered as a convention inducement for those considering costs in a trip to Chicago.

Six months later T. C. Law was serving as toastmaster at the annual banquet in the Patio Royal, and Mrs. W. R. Stryker was ladies' chairman. An audit of Society finances was authorized for the first time, the Editorial Advisory Board was enlarged from nine members, with three appointments each year for three years each, to 15 members. Mr. Cox in his presidential address commented favorably on all the work of the Society save the moisture research, which was more difficult than members anticipated.

In addition to committee work, Mr. Cox has published in the journal several articles on analysis of cottonseed, peanuts, and soybeans. Committee service has included soapstock, moisture, free fatty acid in oil, lint on seed, soybean analysis, peanut analysis, lint on hulls, cellulose yield, and seed and meal analysis.

Careerwise, his first position was as assistant to F. N. Smalley, who was then chemist-in-charge of the head laboratory of the Southern Cotton Oil company at Savannah, Ga. After one year he was made district chemist for the company at Montgomery, Ala., but stayed for only one year before being asked to return to Savannah as assistant to Dr. Smalley, by this time chief chemist. After six years he went to Memphis to work for G. W. Agee. Four months later, in May, 1917, the firm of Barrow-Agee Laboratories was formed, and Mr. Cox was made chief chemist, which he still is.

Other vital statistics include birth on March 23, 1886, at Bridgeton, N. J., education in the local high school, two years at South Jersey Institute, where he won the H. K. Mulford prize for chemistry, and grad-

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uation from the University of Pennsylvania in 1909. Mr. Cox is married and has four sons.

H. C. DORMITZER, 1939

WHEN elected president of the American Oil Chemists' Society in 1939, H. C. Dormitzer was director of operations for the refineries and by-products of Wilson and Company, Chicago. He was however a native of New Orleans, La., and spent the first six years of his life there. One year on Mojave desert in California was spent with his family, who next took him to Chicago, where he attended public schools and was in due time graduated from the Armour Institute of Technology as a chemical engineer. Then he spent three years as a testing engineer for the Illinois Central railroad before going to Wilson and Company. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Theta Xi, and the American Chemical Society.



H. C. DORMITZER

Change was in the air during the Dormitzer term of office. A third day was added to the fall meeting, which was held in the Stevens hotel for the first time, on October 4, 5, and 6, in Chicago. An informal meeting and smoker was planned for the first time as an opportunity for informal conversation. Papers presented at the meeting were put on a time basis for the first time. Field trips included the Kraft-Phoenix Cheese corporation plant in Chicago and the Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago. Mrs. J. J. Vollertsen was ladies' chairman, and R. C. Newton, program chairman. Registration mounted to the high mark of 275.

Revision of by-laws was in the air at the spring meeting, as indicated by Mr. Dormitzer's presidential address, in which he discussed committee appointments, publication of nominations for officers, and other matters. He also recommended that committee reports be kept in such a manner that they be readily available for incoming chairmen. Cooperation with the National Soya Products Association, similar to that with the cotton oil industry, was recommended by Mr. Dormitzer, who suggested trading rules and referees.

Now general superintendent of refineries for Wilson and Company, Mr. Dormitzer has continued his committee service for the Society, with membership, Chicago convention, advertising, governing board, and constitutional revision as his major interests.

A translation service of German formulas into English is offered by Carl E. Pretzell, 298 Union avenue, Belleville, N. J.

Theodore H. Rider has been named associate director of research by LEVER BROTHERS COMPANY, Cambridge, Mass., to assist John W. Bodman. He has been technical director for the Pepsodent division, Chicago, for the past 10 years.