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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 former leaders. The first president was Felix Paquin, pro tem in 1909, elected in 1910. Succeeding officers have been 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. Voltertsen, 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, E. C. Ainslie, M. L. Sheely, Charles H. Cox, and H. C. Dormitzer.)

H. A. SCHUETTE, 1940

FOLLOWING the tradition of the American Oil Chemists' Society that a president should serve only one year, a new leader was chosen in 1940 to become the 31st president in the long line started by Felix Paquin in 1909-10. He was Henry A. Schuette, a native of the state of Wisconsin and a 1910 graduate of the University of Wisconsin before becoming professor of chemistry at his alma mater. His first contact with the Society came in 1934 when he was asked to give a paper at one of the meetings.



H. A. SCHUETTE

Dr. Schuette was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and has carved out his professional career in his home state, first becoming assistant in chemistry to Prof. Richard Fischer who was instructing in organic and food chemistry, then getting his Ph.D. in 1916, and in 1918 joining the legal faculty. He became a full professor in 1936. He has been chairman of the Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry and chairman of the Wisconsin section of the American Chemical Society, also president of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters. He is a member of such groups as Alpha Chi Sigma, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Gamma Alpha, Sigma Xi, Wisconsin Historical Society, and Institute of Food Technologists. His interests have been in foods, especially honey and fatty oils, analytical techniques, and the history of foods. One of his hobbies is the collecting of old chemistry books.

As usual, New Orleans was the beginning and end of the presidential career: election at the May 9-10 meeting in the Jung hotel in 1940 and the annual meeting in 1941 at the St. Charles hotel on May 15-16. This latter drew an attendance of 150 and was marked by a visit to the new Southern Regional Research Laboratory. In between was the usual fall meeting in Chicago, on October 2-4 at the Stevens hotel, which was distinguished by a record attendance of 328 and a symposium on oxidation and flavor reversion of fats and oils, led off by Prof. H. A. Mattill of the University of Iowa. This period was also marked by an expansion of the journal in November, 1940 to include the services of a part-time editor, John J. Ha-

ney, who was attending Northwestern university's Medill school of journalism.

Committee service of Dr. Schuette has comprised the following: Soap in Refining Oils, 1937-44; Governing Board, 1939-45; Journal Editorial Advisory Board, 1940—; F. A. C. 1939—. He has contributed numerous papers to the journal as well as to other publications. In 1918 he was married to Jean Fyfe Frederickson, and they have had two sons and one daughter.

**W. G. McLEOD, 1941**

VARIETY has been the keynote of the 32nd president of the American Oil Chemists' Society, W. G. McLeod, both in career and in tenure of office. Possessed of a strong Southern accent, he was born in Lee county, South Carolina, educated at Clemson college and Columbia university, and after working for the Hartsville Oil Mill, he turned to the meat packing industry in 1917, first in the United States, then in Canada, next back in the States. During his term as president Oil & Soap changed publication management, from Gillette to Society management, to an office with J. P. Harris at 35 E. Wacker drive, and to Garrard Press, Champaign, Ill., as printers. The format now so familiar to readers of the journal was first seen in the November 1941 issue. The United States declared war on Japan on December 8, 1941, thus putting the Society along with every other organization in the country on a war-time basis. And for the first time a spring meeting was held at Houston, Texas, on April 30-May 1, at the Rice hotel in 1942.

Biographical details indicate birth on August 12,

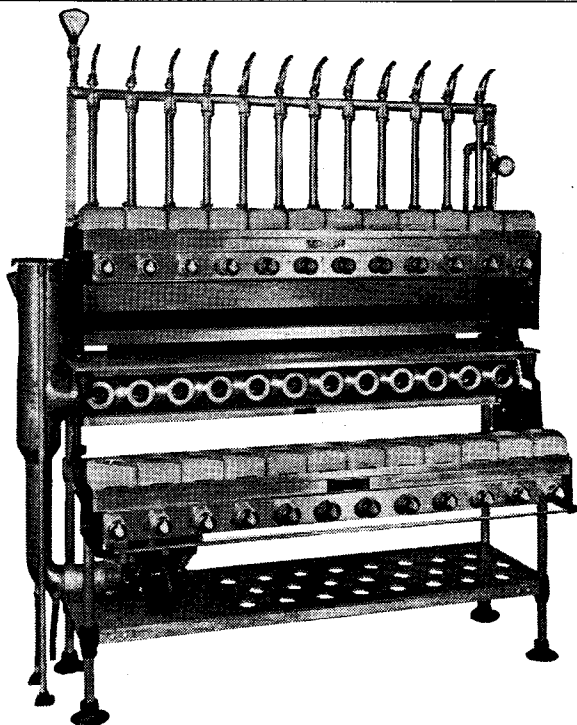
1893; graduation from college in 1913; membership in the Society of Cotton Products Analysts (progenitor of the American Oil Chemists' Society) in 1915 while a chemist at Hartsville, S. C. After that came the meat packing phase of Mr. McLeod's career, beginning in 1917 when he went to Morris and Company, Chicago, as chemist who was later to be named refinery superintendent. During 1927-28 he was assistant to the general superintendent of Armour and Company; then general superintendent for Canada Packers Ltd., Toronto, from 1928 to January, 1941. He was general superintendent for Oscar Mayer and Company, Madison, Wis., at the time of his presidency. Now Mr. McLeod is manager of the W. C. Hardesty Company, Dover, Ohio.

Committee work has embraced Sampling, 1927; Membership, 1941; Governing Board, 1941-46; Oil Characteristics, 1938-45; and Referee Board, 1942.

In 1917 Mr. McLeod was married to Eliza Macfarlan of Darlington, S. C. She died in 1945, leaving two sons, William and Robert. In February, 1947 he was married to Mrs. Adelaide Karl of Dover, Ohio.

D. S. Troubs has been named coordinator of manufacturing operations for Industrial Chemical Sales, division of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, with which he has been associated since 1924. He is a 1912 graduate of the Imperial Russian Naval Academy.

Oliver G. Edwards, formerly director of research for the Avondale Mills, Sylacauga, Ala., has been appointed to the staff of the Industrial Research Institute of the University of Chattanooga.



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