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Thomas S. Nichols (right), deputy administrator of the National Production Authority, U. S. Department of Commerce, is pictured as he congratulates Francis J. Curtis (center) and Kenneth H. Klipstein upon being sworn in as key members of the NPA staff. Mr. Curtis takes the post of assistant administrator to head the Chemical, Rubber and Forest Products Bureau and Mr. Klipstein, the post of director of the Chemical Division of the NPA. Mr. Nichols is on leave of absence from the Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Baltimore, Md., of which he is president; Mr. Curtis on leave from duties as vice president of the Monsanto Chemical Company, St. Louis; and Mr. Klipstein on leave from his post as assistant general manager and head of the technical department of the Calco Chemical Division, American Cyanamid Company, Bound Brook, N. J.

New Literature

"University Research Potential" is the title of the report of a survey of college and university resources for research in the physical and engineering sciences made by the Engineering College Research Council of the American Society for Engineering Education.

"The Vitamin B Complex," by F. A. Robinson, covering various aspects of the subject, was published in June 1951 by John Wiley and Sons, New York City.

The July 1951 issue of the Chemurgic Digest contains a symposium on "Chemurgy Around the World," with contributions from writers in Egypt, Germany, India, Norway, Spain, and the Union of South Africa.

Vacuum, a quarterly review of developments in vacuum research and engineering, has begun publication with the January 1951 issue at Worsley Bridge Road, Lower Sydenham, London, S. E. 26, England.

"The Rationale for the Use of Antioxidants in the Treatment of Tuberculosis" is the title of a reprint by Meny Bergel from the July-August 1950 issue of the Medical Review of Rosario, Argentina. The title of another reprint by the same author from the October 1948 issue of that periodical is "A New Therapeutic Orientation in Leprosy: Antioxigens. Use of Nordihydroguaiaretic Acid in the Treatment of Leprous Infection."

Bulletin 6512, issued by Laboratory Industries Inc., Chicago, describes a new magnetic stirrer using Teflon-covered stirring magnets, which will not break and are resistant to acids and alkalis. The motor will stir one liter or more liquids up to 60% glycerol solution at varying speeds.

The second quarter 1951 edition of Instrumentation, published by Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company, Industrial Division, contains an article entitled "The Modern Approach to Soybean Processing," describing utilization of automatic control of solvent processing by the Glidden Company.

Properties and suggested uses for Arcelin, a soybean lecithin, are discussed in Archer-Daniels Midland Company's new technical bulletin No. 88. This is said to be an efficient emulsifying

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"Properties of Lubricating and Engineering Deposits," by C. A. Bouman has been published recently by the Macmillan Company, New York City.

A method for testing the rinsibility of synthetic detergents was outlined by W. A. Fessler in a recent paper delivered before the American Society for Testing Materials, offering a means for verifying by measurements the assumption that synthetic detergents aid in the rinsing process. Full details are available in a report issued by the Solvay Process Division, Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation.

A new 21-page catalog entitled "Modern Equipment for the Water and Sewage Laboratory" has been issued by E. Machlett and Son.

"Outline of Microbalances," is the title of an article appearing in the winter 1950-1951 issue of Interchemical Review, published by the research laboratories of Interchemical Corporation.

Included in publications of the National Bureau of Standards for March 1951 are articles entitled "Mechanism for the Mutarotation and Hydrolysis of the Glycoslamines and the Mutarotation of the Sugars," by H. S. Isbell and H. L. Frush, and "Infrared Studies of Association in 11 Alcohols," by F. A. Smith and E. C. Creitz.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you are interested in obtaining any of the literature mentioned above or any further information concerning various products, please write to People and Products department, Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society, 35 E. Wacker drive, Chicago 1, Ill.)

News From ASTM

The American Society for Testing Materials announces results of its election of officers for 1951-1952, honorary membership awards, and a calendar of future meetings.

Truman S. Fuller, engineer in charge of works laboratory, General Electric company, Schenectady, N. Y., was elected president, and L. C. Beard Jr., assistant director of Socony-Vacuum laboratories, Socony-Vacuum Oil Company Inc., New York City, is the new vice president. The new members of the board of directors are J. W. Bolton, Lunkheimer Company, Cincinnati; R. A. Schatzel, Rome Cable Corporation, Rome, N. Y.; E. O. Slater, Smith-Emery Company, Los Angeles; Stanton Walker, National Sand and Gravel Association, Washington, D. C.; and F. P. Zimmerli, Barnes-Gibson-Raymond, Division of Associated Spring Corporation, Detroit.

One of five awards for eminence in technical work in the field of engineering materials was made to Frederick W. Smither of Washington, D. C., on the basis of his work in soaps and detergents and in paint and petroleum products.

Included in its calendar of future meetings is the 50th anniversary annual meeting in New York City, June 23-27, at the Hotel Statler; the 1953 annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., June 21-25; and 1954 annual meeting in Chicago, June 13-18.

R. Adams Dutcher, head of the department of Agricultural and Biological Chemistry and chairman of the Council on Research at Pennsylvania State College, will retire on July 1 to devote full time to technical writing and consultation work on foods and nutrition. He has served as head of the department since 1921.

J. CLAIRE EVANS, president of the Denver Fire Clay Company, Denver, Colo., has been elected president of the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association, national organization of the manufacturers and distributors of laboratory apparatus and scientific instruments in the United States.

HEYDEN CHEMICAL CORPORATION has completed plans to triple production of resorcinol, an essential ingredient in water-proof glue and adhesive for wood, in resins for rubber and tire cord sizing, and other products urgently needed for key defense uses.