

People and Products

Angelo V. Grazi Jr., one of the inventors of the filtration-extraction method of solvent extraction and formerly a staff member of the Southern Regional Research Laboratory, is now associated with WURSTER AND SANGER INC., Chicago, Ill., as a project engineer.

Reinforced plastics manufacturers interested in selling to the U. S. Navy Department can benefit by the testing program under way at FOSTER D. SNELL INC., New York City. Under a Navy Bureau of Ordnance contract, the Snell organization has been engaged to study all thermosetting reinforced plastic materials available for ammunition cases and similar uses.

FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY, Pittsburgh, Pa., has prepared specially purified methyl acetate for laboratories preparing and testing organic compounds where a reagent is needed with non-volatile matter held to a guaranteed minimum. The new Fisher certified reagent grade has a lot analysis on each label and is the only reagent grade of methyl acetate available in laboratory quantities and conveniently packaged by volume.

The appointment of E. A. Coons as vice president and general manager of the R. J. BROWN COMPANY, St. Louis, Mo., has been announced.

ARTHUR S. LA PINE AND COMPANY, Chicago, Ill., has added Victor M. Henry Jr. to its technical sales staff as the company's representative in Chicago, Western Illinois, and Iowa.

A new wetting agent called Energetic W-100 has been added to the ARMOUR AND COMPANY, Chicago, Ill., soap line of liquid nonionic synthetic detergents. The new product is a water-white, almost odorless, 100% active liquid. It has instantaneous wetting ability and exhibits good detergency and produces a high level of suds.

JOHN T. SCANLAN, has been honored for 30 years of service with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He joined the Eastern Utilization Research Branch, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1939. Scanlan has already won a Distinguished Service Award for the studies which led to the use of surplus animal fats and vegetable oils in plastics. Another was a Superior Service Award for developing a process to convert surplus animal fats into high-quality oleic acid.

The promotions of I. A. Solomons and Franklin S. Chance Jr. have been announced by CHARLES PFIZER AND COMPANY INC., New York City. Solomons will be the manager of the Brooklyn laboratories, the company's chemical research development division, and Chance will be assistant director in charge of development in the same division.

The return from Europe of Keator McCubbin, manager of the Midwest headquarters of BLAW-KNOX CHEMICAL PLANTS DIVISION, Chicago, Ill., marks the introduction of a new fatty alcohol process to American industry. This is the modern SBA (Societe Belge de L-Azote et des Produits Chimiques du Marly) process for producing fatty alcohol by continuous hydrogenation. Blaw-Knox will serve as exclusive licensing agent in the U. S. and will erect complete plants embodying this process with guarantees covering the performance in product quality, yield, operating cost, and catalyst life.

McCubbin devoted much of his recent trip to a study of developments in fatty alcohol processing. After examination of a number of processes the Belgian SBA method was selected as the one best suited to economic application in America.

Bernard L. Oser, FOOD RESEARCH LABORATORIES, Long Island City, N. Y., has been appointed to the Vitamin Commission organized under the auspices of the Food Division of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. The commission will explore vitamin procedures specifically adapted to food products entering into international commerce.

Randolph T. Major, scientific vice president of MERCK AND COMPANY INC., Rahway, N. J., celebrated his 25th anniversary with the company on June 15, 1954. He has been with Merck since June 15, 1929, serving as director of pure research and director of research and development before becoming vice president in 1947.

ERNEST CHILD, chairman of the board of directors of H. Reeve Angel and Company Inc., New York City, died suddenly June 12, 1954, at the age of 69. He was the former sales manager of Eimer and Amend, now a division of the Fisher Scientific Company. He was also author of "The Tools of the Chemists," a history of the laboratory apparatus industry in the United States and its European origins.

Approval of "dbpc" food antioxidant for use as a preservative in animal fats has been made official with the listing of 2,6 di-tertiary-butyl-para-cresol, or butylated hydroxytoluene, in the June 25 issue of the Federal Register. This chemical preservative offered by the Chemical Division of KOPPERS COMPANY, INC., Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Tennessee Eastern Company, Kingsport, Tenn., is highly effective as a deterrent of rancidity in such fats as lard and shortening.

New Literature

Arthur H. Thomas Company, 230 South 7th street, Philadelphia 5, Pa., has available copies of a two-page bulletin, No. 115, which gives complete information about the A. H. T. specification electrophoresis apparatus, a paper strip model, and a portable cabinet of lightweight plastic. The cabinet has a safety interlock switch feature which breaks the current to both electrodes when removable cover is lifted.

Foster D. Snell Inc., 29 W. 15th street, New York City, has a new illustrated eight-page booklet "Analytical Services." It describes the analysis of drugs and pharmaceuticals, samples from shipments to see whether they meet terms of letter of credit or contract, materials according to specifications, foods for detection of harmful contaminants, and samples involved in litigation.

The May 1954, Volume 6, No. 1 issue of Lanco Apparatus News, published by Arthur S. La Pine and Company, 6001 South Knox avenue, Chicago 29, Ill., features the new sink unit made entirely of chemically resistant polyethylene. The rest of the 12-page bulletin contains descriptions and illustrations of many new laboratory items.

A description of Koppers Styrene Monomer and its uses is contained in a 23-page bulletin C-4-198 issued by the Chemical Division of Koppers Company Inc., Chemical Division, Koppers bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. Products obtained from this basic chemical and their applications, as listed in this new illustrated bulletin, include synthetic rubber, polystyrene, styrene butadiene latices, polyester resins, styrenated drying oils, styrenated alkyds, ion-exchange resins, styrene-acrylonitrile copolymers, styrene-maleic resins, and other chemical derivatives. Properties of the derivatives and specifications of styrene monomer are also given.

Precision Scientific Company, 3737 W. Cortland street, Chicago 47, Ill., has published Bulletin No. 666 on the sero-utility water baths, a line of dual-purpose baths designed for both utility and serological use. The bulletin describes the baths, test tube racks, and covers for such special purposes as ASTM petroleum tests.

Central Scientific Company, 1700 Irving Park road, Chicago 13, Ill., has published the seventh edition of a "Summary of Methods and a Suggested List of Equipment for the Determination of Moisture in Food, Food Products, Insecticides, and Fungicides According to the Official Methods of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists."

The Congress of the European Federation for Chemical Engineering for 1955 will be held in Frankfurt-am-Main May 14-21, 1955. It will be carried out by the 19 technical and scientific societies from 11 European countries that form the European Federation for Chemical Engineering.

Fatty Acids Rise

The Association of American Soap and Glycerine Producers Inc., 295 Madison avenue, New York City 17, has announced that production of fatty acids in April 1954 totalled 31.1 million pounds, slightly above that of the March level. Total disposition was 31.2 million pounds, 2.8 million below the March figures, and approximately 5.3 million below the April 1953 level. Stocks, including work in process, increased to a level of 52.1 million pounds.