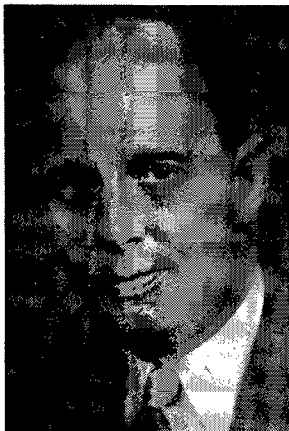


## Functions of the National Flaxseed Processors Association

THE NATIONAL FLAXSEED PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION was organized January 11, 1955. Active membership is available to U. S. crushers of flaxseed. Membership now includes all of the U. S. industry. Active members (with names of the founders preceded by an asterisk) are: \*Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Minneapolis, Minn.; Brazos Valley Cotton Oil Company, Waco, Tex.; \*Cargill Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.; Honeymead Products Company, Mankato, Minn.; Interoceanic Commodities Corporation, Minneapolis, Minn.; \*Minnesota Linseed Oil Company, Minneapolis, Minn.; Pacific Vegetable Oil Corporation, San Francisco, Calif.; Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.; \*Spencer Kellogg and Sons Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.; and \*The Sherwin-Williams Company, Cleveland, O.



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Present directors and officers of the Association are: president, Fred M. Seed (vice president, Cargill); vice president, E. H. Russell (president, Minnesota Linseed Oil); treasurer, Ralph Bruce (vice president, Archer-Daniels-Midland); V. A. Acer (vice president, Spencer Kellogg and Sons); S. B. Coolidge Jr. (vice president, Sherwin-Williams); John H. Gillen (general manager, Linseed Oil Products, Pittsburgh Plate Glass); and George L. Prichard, executive secretary, Washington, D. C.

The Association was organized for a number of desirable and necessary objectives. It provides an organized means of presenting industry recommendations to the U. S. Department of Agriculture and to other government agencies which deal with items affecting the flaxseed industry.

Trading rules for linseed oil and linseed meal have been badly needed for a number of years from the viewpoint of both sellers and buyers of these commodities. Such trading rules have been developed by appropriate committees of the National Flaxseed Processors Association and are expected to be published before the 1957-58 crop year. Their development has been time-consuming, mostly to be sure that the views of all parts of the industry receive full consideration.

ANOTHER NEED for a flaxseed industry association was quite evident in the research field. A broad basic research program for linseed oil had been conspicuous by its absence. One of the first activities of the new Association was to work closely with the research staff of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to get under way the basic work needed for linseed oil, which was beyond the scope of the industry. The Association directors and the N.F.P.A. Linseed Oil Technical Committee have worked with Department officials in developing the details of an expanded program. The efforts of the Association have done much to expand the Department's allocations for linseed oil research from practically nil to the point where a substantial amount is now budgeted for this purpose for the 1957-58 fiscal year.

Research in connection with linseed meal is within the scope of the industry, and several projects have been undertaken in this field. These projects have been undertaken with the leadership and active participation of the N.F.P.A. Linseed Meal Committee. Cattle-feeding research programs have been financed at Iowa State University, Purdue University, and the University of Minnesota. Reports of the results of these projects will be available in the near future.

In addition, the N.F.P.A. is considering a linseed-meal-research feeding program for dairy cattle. This will likely be undertaken at one of the eastern universities.

Also within the scope of the industry are programs designed to promote and maintain the production of flaxseed in the United States. Flaxseed crushers, together with others interested, have for many years financed the operations of such programs through the Flax Institute of the United States, an organization composed of representatives from industry and government interested in the development of the crop.

Standing committees of N.F.P.A. are: linseed oil; linseed meal, flaxseed grades and contract; linseed oil technical; crop improvement; and legal. Special committees are appointed by the president as circumstances may demand.

Associate memberships are available at nominal annual fees to those in the flaxseed, linseed oil, linseed meal, and related industries not engaged in crushing flaxseed. A number of companies have taken associate memberships and are represented on various committees. All are welcome.

The Association issues a monthly report of flaxseed crushed by members considerably in advance of the official Census reports. A monthly News Letter is published, containing statistics and other items of interest to the flaxseed industry.

Directors' meetings are held on call by the president throughout the year. The annual meeting is held each fall, usually concurrently with the November meeting of the Flax Institute.

Members of the American Oil Chemists' Society have been closely connected with the work of the N.F.P.A., particularly the work relating to linseed oil research. Their interest is appreciated.

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