Lindsay Named Program Chairman

HAIRMAN of the program committee for the 51st annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society in Dallas, Tex., April 4-6, 1960, will be J. D. Lindsay of A & M College of Texas, according to announcement by the general chairman, R. C. Pope of the Pope Testing Laboratories, Dallas.

Assisting Dr. Lindsay will be the following: H. D.

Fincher, Anderson, Clayton and Company, Houston; W. D. Harris, Raymond Reiser, and Cecil Wamble, all of A&M College of Texas, College Station; A. H. Lamb, Anderson, Clayton and Company, Dallas; and O. K. Sieplein, Sherwin-Williams Company, Garland.

This technical program committee invites contribution of technical papers, emphasizing that for the profession to grow it is important that the results of research be disseminated by technical talks and publications. A deadline of February 1, 1960, has been set for the title and abstract. These should be sent as early as possible to J. D. Lindsay, Chemical Engineering Depart-



J. D. Lindsay

ment, A&M College of Texas, College Station, Tex. The spring meeting will be held at the Baker hotel, featuring annual reports and committee meetings as well as the technical papers. The Governing Board will meet on Sunday, April 3, with N. D. Embree in the chair, and again on Wednesday afternoon, following the close of the technical and business sessions, with R. W. Bates presiding.

Report Safety Measures

Various speakers discussed their work for the Technical Safety Committee of the American Oil Chemists' Society at the September convention in Los Angeles, according to Paul R. Sheffer, chairman, who is with the Corn Products

Company in Argo, Ill. Attendance numbered 22.

N. H. Witte, of the extraction plant subcommittee, reported on a study of NFPA \$36 Standards for Solvent Extraction Plants which led to a policy of "tentative" for two years for the sake of considering revisions. Now made permanent by NFPA, \$36 still needs further study in the opinion of the subcommittee, and Harvey Marxhausen will head a task force.

Accounts of five explosions, three from dust and two from hexane, were given at the committee meeting. None happened during operation, and it was thought that more care was required during start-ups, shut-downs, and repairs.

E. A. Gastrock mentioned that his subcommittee report

on residual solvent in oil and meal was to be submitted to the Journal of the A.O.C.S. for publication. J. K. Sikes, chairman of the general plant subcommittee, told of an explosion from a car of raw soap stock. Hazards are found in hydrogenation, gas manufacture, and storage and dispensing of ammonia, he said.

R. M. Starr, chairman of the laboratory subcommittee, has resigned and been replaced by O. L. Brekke. New appointments to the Technical Safety Committee are E. R. Quinn, Anderson, Clayton and Company, Los Angeles; and H. E. Smith, Clinton Corn Processing Company, Clinton, Ia.

Active

John Henry Baker, chemist, Wesson Oil and Snowdrift

Company Inc., Bayonne, N.J.
Harold W. Jackson, group leader, Fundamental Section,
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David Kritchevsky, associate member, Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.

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William E. Wimble Jr., technical representative, Atlas

Powder Company, Chicago, Ill.

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Gold Kist Peanut Growers, Lewis L. Branscomb, chemist, Graceville, Fla.

Coleman to Inspect Standards

An offer from Coleman Instruments Inc. to accept all Coleman A.O.C.S. color standards from the field for a nocharge inspection is reported by R. C. Stillman, chairman of the Color Committee of the American Oil Chemists' Society, as part of the discussion of the committee meeting in Los Angeles in September.

If any of the standards returned are found to be defective in any way, Coleman Instruments will replace them at no charge. Standards should be sent to Coleman Instruments Inc., Attn. C. A. Rossiter, 42 Madison street, Maywood, Ill.

Nominations Close December 7

During the week of November 2 active members of the American Oil Chemists' Society were sent the nomination suggestion form, for use in recommending candidates for office during 1960-61. Deadline for returning the form is December 7. J. C. Konen, of Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Minneapolis, is chairman of the Nominating and Election Committee.

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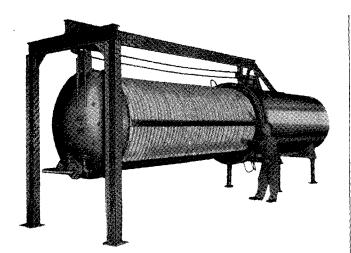
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• 35 Years Ago

G. Worthen Agee wrote about the Proposed Changes in Inter-State Rules, referring to chapter X, Sampling Article 2, Method of Sampling, Rule 240, Cottonseed, in Vol. I, No. 2 of the Journal of Oil and Fat Industries.

J. J. Vollertsen was first vice president of the American Oil Chemists' Society in 1924-25.

Fred H. Smith, managing editor, urged readers to mention the Journal of Oil and Fat Industries "every time you write a manufacturer or dealer regarding probable purchases.'



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New Books

Cholesterol, by David Kritchevsky (John Wiley and Sons Inc., 291 pp., 1958, \$9.75). Cholesterol is unique among the lipids in having evoked such an enormous volume of both technical and lay writing in very recent years. Thus it is nearly impossible to follow the "literature" on cholesterol. In this setting a timely, concise monograph, such as this, is of inestimable value. Almost all aspects of cholesterol are carefully reviewed and evaluated. The author has drawn on his own wide background in organic chemistry as well as biology to select and emphasize work of particular importance.

The book is divided into seven chapters, an appendix, and an index. The first chapter entitled "Chemistry of Cholesterol" gives a detailed chemical proof of the structure of cholesterol. It also contains sections on the chemical reactions of cholesterol, the total synthesis of cholesterol, and a particularly valuable review on the preparation of isotopically labelled cholesterol. This chapter, as well as all succeeding ones, is followed by an exhaustively complete

list of references.

Chapter two is on the biosynthesis of cholesterol. This aspect of biochemistry is in such rapid forward motion that almost any review of this type must become quickly outdated. Nevertheless there is basic information, which will always serve as a valuable introduction to a consideration of biosynthetic pathways. Chapters 3, 4, and 5 are on the absorption and transport of cholesterol, metabolism of cholesterol, and cholesterol in disease states. The conflicting evidence for and against cholesterol as the etiologic agent of atherosclerosis is presented in these chapters. But this presentation is probably of less value than the presentation of many well-founded details of cholesterol metabolism, dealing with such topics as the conversion of cholesterol to bile acids and to steroid hormones.

Chapter 6 deals with blood cholesterol. It contains a complete review of the known facts relating to the diet and the concentration of cholesterol in the blood of man and animals. The last chapter is a short but interesting review of the many available techniques for cholesterol analysis. Finally the book contains an appendix with physical constants for cholesterol, related sterols, and cholesteryl esters. There are also lists of the cholesterol content in foods

and tissues.

This book appeared almost simultaneously with the collection of papers on cholesterol edited by Robert P. Cook (Academic Press, 1958). Certain items not emphasized in the Kritchevsky book are found in greater detail, e.g., the sterol requirements of protozoa and insects. But the Kritchevsky book has the great advantage of solitary authorship with its unity of style and approach. Both chemists and biologists who must keep abreast of developments in this field will find this book most valuable. The book should also have excellent service as an introduction to this exciting area of research.

Jules Hirsch, Rockefeller Institute, New York

Phosphorus and Its Compounds. Vol. I. Chemistry, by J. R. Van Wazer (Interscience Publishers Inc., New York, 1958, \$27.50). This first volume presents a comprehensive summary of phosphorus chemistry while the companion volume, now in preparation, will emphasize phosphorus technology and applications. The restatement of phosphorus chemistry in Volume I is made from the inorganic point of view but points out similarities with, and differences from, carbon chemistry. Dr. Van Wazer believes that a new discipline of chemistry is emerging with rules sufficiently divergent from those of organic chemistry to justify separate description. It should be emphasized that the book is not limited in utility to inorganic chemists but will be found generally useful by all chemists. While an attempt has been made to include as much basic information as possible, the book does not review exhaustively all of the literature on phosphorus compounds.

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The scope of the book is indicated by the table of contents: 1. The Phosphorus Atom, Its Nucleus and Electronic Structure; 2. Interaction between Atoms, with

Especial Reference to Phosphorus Chemistry; 3. Systematic Chemistry of Phosphorus and Its Compounds; 4. Elemental Phosphorus and the Metal Phosphides; 5. Hydrides, Halides, and Pseudohalides of Phosphorus and Their Organic Derivatives; 6. Oxides, Sulfides, Nitrides, and Related Compounds of Phosphorus; 7. Lower Oxyacids of Phosphorus, Their Salts and Esters; 8. Structure and Properties of the Condensed Phosphates; 9. Orthophosphoric Acid, Its Salts and Esters; 10. Individual Chain Phosphates (Pyro-, Tripoly-, Tetrapoly-, and Pentapolyphosphates as well as Kurrol's and Maddrell's Salts); 11. Ring and Branched Phosphates; 12. Amorphous Phosphates, Including Phosphate Glasses, Condensed Phosphoric Acids, and Phosphate Esters; 13. Halo-, Peroxy-, Thio-, and Amidoacids of Phosphorus, Their Salts, Esters, and Related Compounds.

A critical attitude has been exercised throughout. Where interpretations are tentative or controversial, the reader is so informed. The book is therefore recommended to all chemists who have need of a comprehensive picture of phosphorus chemistry as seen by one of the major contributors

to that field during the past decade.

The book contains many suggestions for further research. For example, on p. 429 the author points out that dimetaphosphate rings are too unstable to be isolated at elevated temperatures where random reorganization is the rule. However he believes that this strained ring should be obtainable by positional syntheses at low enough temperatures.

A special problem for the student of phosphorus chemistry is the chaotic state of the nomenclature of phosphorus compounds. Organic and inorganic chemists often use different names for derivatives of the same compound. In fact, two organic or two inorganic chemists may do this. Of necessity the author has had to make his own choice, in order to write about the compounds. However sufficient description, including liberal use of structural formulas, has been given so that nomenclature problems should not constitute a barrier to understanding.

The book is well arranged and relatively free of errors.

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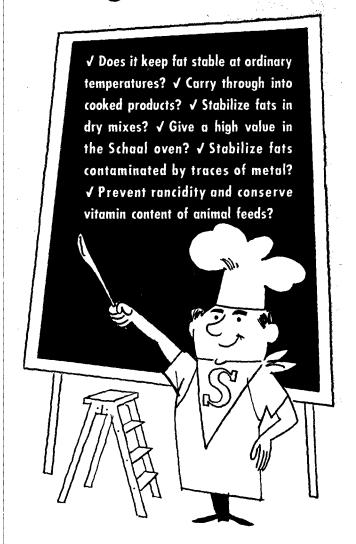
Colorimetric Determination of Traces of Metals, by E. B. Sandell (Interscience Publishers, New York, edition 3, 1959, XXII + 1032 pp., illustrated, \$24). The excellence of the prior editions has been maintained by the author in his third revised and enlarged edition on trace metal analysis. The format, organization, and objectives of the book remain the same however. The revisions have been extensive throughout the entire book, and this volume is 50% larger than the previous edition. The text includes methods published through 1957 with 1958 addenda citations at chapter-ends.

The general aspects of inorganic colorimetric analysis have been covered in the first 218 pages under Part I. The section on methods of separation and isolation has been enlarged and includes extensive discussion on extraction with various immiscible solvent systems, chemical precipitation and its congeners, chromatographic and ion exchange separation, indirect colorimetric analysis, and radioactivation. Chapter 4, devoted to general colorimetric reagents, has been revised and considerably enlarged. The properties and application of 17 important organic colorimetric reagents are presented, and a much enlarged and critical discussion (32 pages) is devoted to the theory, technique, and application of dithizone to trace metal analysis.

The major portion of the book (Part II) is given to the determination of heavy metals. A new chapter has been added on the determination of thorium. The author's aim has been to present relatively few methods, which he has examined critically, and to enlarge upon the discussion of separation techniques and the removal of interfering substances. The new section on preparation of biological materials and the inclusion of numerous references to the preparation of organic and biological samples indicates the extension of trace metal analysis to a great variety of materials. The author clearly describes each method and critically evaluates each procedure, giving limitations, interfering substances, and the suitability to various materials.

The extensive literature which the author has surveyed makes the book extremely valuable to any analyst. Litera-

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ture citations are not mere reference numbers but in most cases include a clear concise statement of the pertinent facts relative to the discussion. These citations plus the use of notes at the end of a procedure make the book extremely useful and concise.

The book is an outstanding text for those engaged in various kinds of trace metal analysis. It is excellently written, remarkably free of typographical errors, and organized in a highly usable manner.

C. D. EVANS, Northern Utilization Research and Development Division, Peoria, Ill.

Manager Selection, Education, and Training, by Willard E. Bennett (McGraw-Hill Book Company Inc., New York, 210 pp., 1959, \$6). The author is an executive of the Cities Service Refining Corporation with much experience in the organization and administration of training programs for the development of men with managerial potentials.

Initially one is moved to question the necessity for the addition of another volume to the already massive literature in this field. Mr. Bennett realizes that this question will be asked, and his justification appears on page 10:

And here we come to the reason I have had the temerity to add yet another book on the subject to the already considerable literature. This book is the product of a deep-seated belief that manager development is marking time at a crossroads—a crossroads beyond which it will not advance appreciably until the underlying causes of the paradox of consuming interest on the one hand and dissatisfaction and uncertainty on the other are identified and understood. Not until this has been done can the problems giving rise to the causes be analyzed and workable solutions devised—solutions which in turn can be utilized in removing these causes and thus resolving the paradox which at present blocks progress so effectively.

This is an ambitious, indeed presumptuous, undertaking. For, in a sense, it is an endeavor to write "the book" which some authorities suggest has not as yet been written. Yet sooner or later it will be written, and if this effort falls short of the mark—as it well may—perhaps it will serve the purpose of helping the next aspirant, if not to hit the mark, at least to bring us closer to it.

A careful reading of the 10 chapters does indeed show that the author has brought together an excellent summary of the present status of his subject. Additionally, from his experience, he sets forth in an interesting and readable form a comprehensive plan for taking the guesswork out of the important management responsibility for personnel training and development so necessary for the continuing success of a business enterprise.

Undoubtedly most readers of this review will be interested in research and development. Certainly this reviewer can whole-heartedly agree that some tried and proved management principles are most useful in research administration. These must be adapted to the needs of the particular organization however, and it is certainly inviting trouble to prescribe any single program.

Personnel appraisal, stimulation of creativity, promotion of vitality in research, and communications are only a few of the problems which the research administrator faces today. While he may profit by reading Mr. Bennett's book and will perhaps discover some useful techniques, he may wisely conclude to utilize only those which are suited to his own special circumstances.

L. B. Parsons, Lever Brothers Company, Edgewater, N. J.

Continuous Analysis of Chemical Process Systems, by S. Siggia (John Wiley and Sons Inc., 374 pp., 6 x 9 in., 1959, \$8.50). The book contains 24 chapters, beginning with an introduction which defines the field and following this with a chapter outlining the author's approach for setting up plant-control facilities. The remainder of the book deals with available instruments for continuous monitoring of chemical process systems. The chapters on instruments are titled according to the analytical principle employed and arranged to include specifications and applications of individual instruments. Each instrument is additionally described according to the principle of operation and essential operating data such as precision, accuracy, sensitivity, interferences, and range.

The material presented in this book has been gleaned from uncatalogued literature, technical bulletins of instrument companies, private communications with instrument designers, and journal articles. In this respect it is a unique contribution, in spite of the present rapid flux of instrumental design.

To analytical chemists specializing in instrumental analysis the book may be considered fundamental for it is concerned with on-stream analysis and not electronic circuitry. According to the author, the book is directed to the practicing analyst and to the engineer who is responsible for the establishment of plant controls. For the latter the author has compiled most of the information which will enable him to choose the best instrument for the particular application in which he is interested. For students of analysis and engineering the book may be considered an extension of the standard textbooks on instrumental analysis.

Other readers of this book will also find that it is well organized, well written, and well documented. The ingenuity of certain instruments will appeal to those who presumably have no interest in analytical control. The descriptions of relatively new continuous gas chromatography equipment will be of special interest to those concerned with monitoring gaseous streams. A list of manufacturers' addresses and a well-developed index lend convenience to the edition. The book will be a valuable addition to both analytical and engineering libraries.

WILLIAM E. LINK, Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Minneapolis, Minn.

• On the Educational Front

Colgate-Palmolive Company and Rutgers Preparatory School have worked out a long-term lease under which a building has been constructed on the school's Elm Farm Campus at New Brunswick, N. J. The structure will serve now as a laboratory facility for Colgate and in the future as a classroom-laboratory unit for students.

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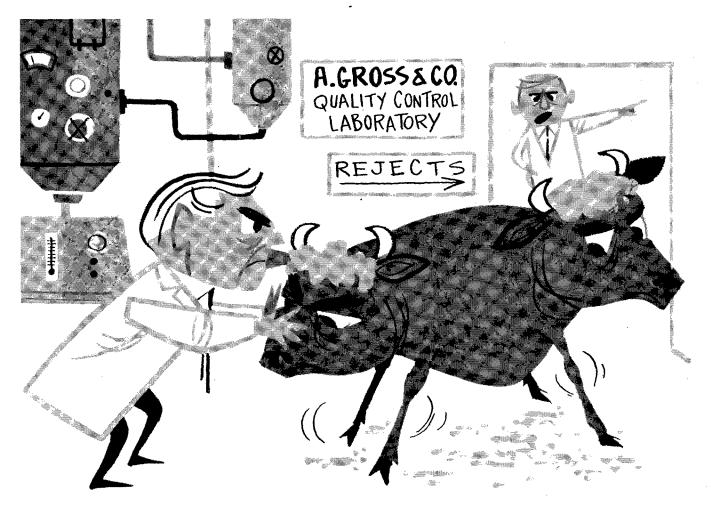
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