

## We Enter the Sixties

IT IS MY duty and privilege as president of the American Oil Chemists' Society to report on its physical status and to outline in a broad sense the progress in carrying out its objectives as defined by the constitution. These objectives include the dissemination of scientific knowledge, the standardization of methods, the promotion of research, and the general advancement of our profession.

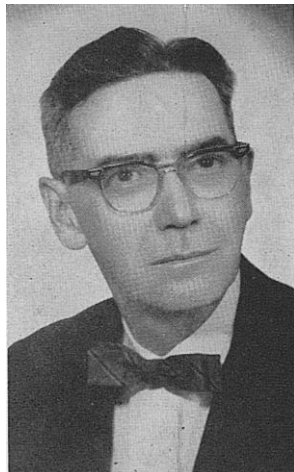
At the outset let me state that, in these days of discussions of "new frontiers," no really new frontiers have been crossed this year. The status quo of our Society has been maintained, and I believe that the normal progress and growth have resulted. Perhaps new frontiers are in order for the sixties however.

I am happy to report that the Society is in a healthy condition financially and in membership. The treasurer's report shows that the Society is some \$8,800 ahead financially than at the same time a year ago. This means that total assets have increased about 9%. Our energetic and competent membership chairman, A. R. Baldwin, reports that membership, as of April 1, was 2,649, or a net gain of 51 members as compared to a year ago. This is about our normal growth. We all would like to see a more comfortable margin each year though.

Our Society had an unusual number of Completed Careers during the year. These were 17 in all: H. D. Royce, Roy Stovall, George Daniel, N. J. Gothard, Theodore Schwarz, J. C. P. Helm, George Rosenblatt, H. J. Karakas, H. E. Gross, N. F. Kruse, H. V. Gilmore, George Garnatz, W. G. Bickford, W. G. McLeod, W. G. Alsop, W. R. Stryker, and W. F. Geddes.

FORTUNATELY good men have been found to head committees or to replace those who have been forced to relinquish the chairmanship of some of our important ones for one reason or another. D.L. Henry replaced T.H. Hopper as chairman of the Uniform Methods Committee, A.E. Blankenship replaced Dan as head of the Refining Committee, W.J. Miller replaced "yours truly" as head of the Smalley Committee. C.W. Hoerr was appointed chairman of the National Program and Planning Committee. We were un-

usually fortunate in finding a replacement for V. C. Mehlenbacher as chairman of the Fat Analysis Committee for the coming year: R.C. Stillman.



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It is in order at this time to express deep appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Mehlenbacher for his tremendous contribution to the Society. Our Analytical Methods stand as a monument to his achievements.

Mrs. Lucy R. Hawkins, who has done an extremely efficient job as our Society's executive secretary for more than 17 years, retires as of June 1. A committee has been appointed to find a suitable replacement. It will not be easy to find someone who can run the office so competently and efficiently. The assignment is in good hands with H.C. Black as chairman, J.C. Konen, and N.D. Embree.

OUR New York meeting was a definite success. In all, 58 papers were presented. We were honored to have greetings from the president and vice president of the United States as well as from the governor of New York State. Don Bolley and his group did an outstanding job.

N.W. Ziels, chairman of our Examination Board, reports that 48 chemists were certified during the past year. This represented 38 different laboratories. The painstaking effort of this Board over the years to insure equitable results is one of our most significant functions.

Our Journal circulation and

advertising showed slight gains during the year. Our total paid circulation as of December 31, 1960, was 5,078. It is now over the 5,100 mark.

We included advertising in our 1961 Directory, and this covered 85% of the cost of the publication without detracting from its usefulness.

Mr. Miller reports an increase in Smalley participation again this year. There were 514 collaborators in all series. Altogether 4,521 samples were distributed. This is the highest number in the 43 years of this committee's existence.

The Education Committee has arranged a very fine short course on Newer Lipid Analyses. A fine job of planning has been done by J.C. Cowan, Raymond Reiser, N.H. Kuhrt, and others. We are quite optimistic about its success. The last short course at the University of Illinois on Edible Fats was well attended and well managed.

The Uniform Methods Committee, Technical Safety Committee, Fat Analysis Committee, and others have functioned smoothly during the past year. Reports of their activities will be published in future issues of the Journal.

We have maintained our liaison with other technical societies during the year. These include the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Inter-Society Color Council, National Research Council, and others.

WHILE THE Society is in good shape generally, several items must be given consideration in the future. Among these are the possible establishment of fellowships, one meeting a year *versus* two meetings a year, certain changes in our constitution and by-laws with respect to emeritus membership, and possible modifications of the status of referee chemists, to mention a few.

It has been a high honor to serve as your president the past year. While there is a bit of work connected with the honor of serving, I have been repaid many times for the effort. I wish my successor and successors divine guidance and goodwill in their efforts, and I shall give them every bit of personal assistance possible.

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