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President's Report to the Society 1966-67

Financial Progress Reported

I am happy to report that during the past year the Society has continued to prosper, to broaden its areas of interest, and to extend its sphere of influence. A number of fortuitous events have made my year as President a gratifying one.



C. W. Hoerr

Financially, the past year was the best in our history. As a result, we were able to replace the funds that we had taken from our reserves during several lean years. Although we are operating on a sound financial basis, it is still a matter of some concern that we are not able to increase our reserve funds materially in the face of the rising costs of our continually expanding activities.

Although the Society membership continues to increase each year, it is becoming a matter of concern that our rate of growth has steadily decreased during the past five years to a point where it appears to be leveling off despite the continuing diversification of our areas of technical and scientific interest. I trust that each member will enthusiastically promote the Society among his or her colleagues.

We were especially gratified with the better-than-expected attendance and the excellent technical programs of both the Los Angeles Meeting a year ago under the chairmanship of L. O. Leenerts and the Fall Meeting in Philadelphia under the chairmanship of A. N. Wrigley. R. T. O'Connor and his committee here in New Orleans are to be congratulated on organizing another excellent meeting to continue the tradition of successful meetings that we have come to expect in New Orleans. Arrangements are well organized for our Meeting in Chicago next fall under the chairmanship of R. A. Reiners. Our Spring Meeting next year will be a new experience for us. We are looking forward to a Joint National Meeting with the American Association of Cereal Chemists to be held in Washington, D.C., under the chairmanship of Miss Edith Christiansen. In view of the broad mutual interests of our organizations, both in academic and industrial circles, this cannot help but be a tremendously successful meeting.

Two very successful Short Courses were held last summer, one at Michigan State University on "Processing and Quality Control of Fats and Oils" and the other at Penn State University on the "Use of TLC in Lipid Chemistry." Both programs were extremely well received by those who attended. The Michigan State program was repeated in part, with the addition of several local speakers, at the Technological Institute in Monterrey, Mexico, last January. F. P. Khym, President of the Monterrey Section of the AOCS, and his colleagues are to be congratulated on helping to make the Society a truly international organization. Two Short Courses are scheduled for this summer, one on "Advances in Soaps and Detergents" at the Pocono Manor and the other on "Quantitative Gas-Liquid Chromatography" at Rice University.

We have been able to double the scope of the Honored Student Program this year because of the generous support of ten industrial firms who have provided the funds with which we are now able to bring ten outstanding graduate students to our Meetings instead of four or five as in the past.

We were extremely well pleased with the enthusiastic reception accorded our new publication, *Lipids*, during its first year. Although the introduction of a new journal is always a gamble, *Lipids* was immediately so successful that it required but a fraction of the subsidy that we had anticipated providing during the first year. It is now operating essentially on a break-even basis.

Our Membership Directory has been converted to a type of printing process which will now enable us to publish it annually instead of biennially. I hope that all of you return the directory correction cards promptly, as we plan to mail the new issue early in July. I think you will be pleasantly surprised with the new spiral binding which will add to the directory's already unusual utility.

It is my sad duty to report that the following members of the Society have passed away since the Annual Meeting a year ago: N. M. Adams (1946); A. R. Bruce (1965); J. J. Ganucheau (1918); L. Ivanovszky (1948); L. L. Lingo, Jr. (1956); T. E. Morceau (1925); B. N. Neustadt (1966); E. R. Polezynski (1945); F. B. Porter (1912); S. Schapiro (1952); A. K. Tosh (1950); J. J. Vollertsen (1916); W. T. Walton (1941).

I want to thank the members of the Governing Board and all of those who have served on our many committees for their generous cooperation during the past year. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Society.

C. W. HOERR, President

Rensselaer Color Course

The Rensselaer Color Measurement Laboratory of the Department of Chemistry will offer a special comprehensive short course in the Principles of Color Technology, July 10–July 14, 1967. This will be the fifth summer program in Color Technology conducted at the Institute. The course is intended to provide both theory and practice in the description, specification and measurement of color. It will be of particular interest to personnel responsible for color matching and color control.

The course will be under the direction of F. W. Billmeyer, Jr., who had 15 years' experience in industrial color measurement before coming to Rensselaer as Professor of Analytical Chemistry.

Registration should be completed before June 26, 1967. Write: Prof. A. A. K. Booth, Director, Division of Special Programs, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, 12181.

NRA Sponsors Series of Salmonella Workshops

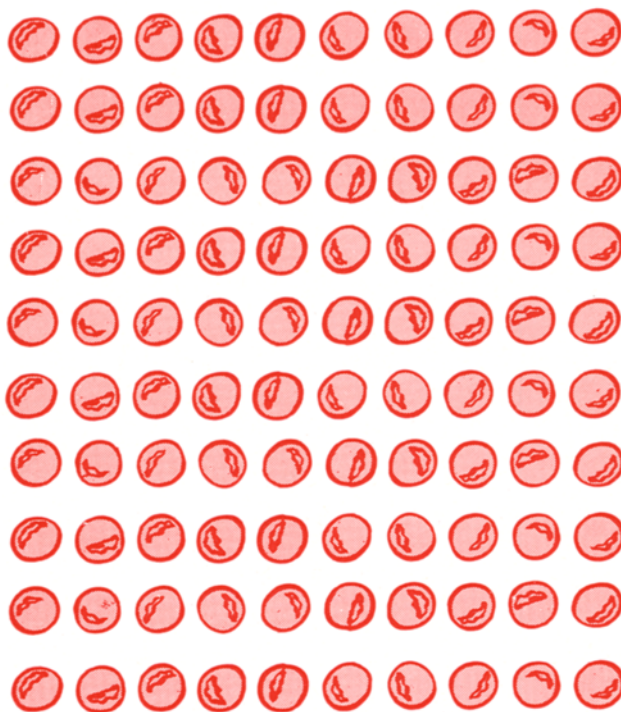
The first in a series of nine NRA-sponsored Salmonella workshops scheduled throughout the United States during the next three months was held May 9, 1967 at the Glen Burnie Holiday Inn, 6600 Ritchie Highway in Baltimore, Maryland.

Other workshops are scheduled for Atlanta, Georgia, June 6th; Cleveland, Ohio, June 22nd; Des Moines, Iowa, June 28th; Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 29th; Chicago, Illinois, July 11th; Denver, Colorado, July 18th; Los Angeles, California, July 26th; and San Francisco, California, July 27th.

All of the workshops, being held at airport motels or motor hotels, will be one-day "shirtsleeve"-type sessions beginning at 10 AM and ending by 4 PM. The program, which is available to all segments of the rendering industry, is designed for plant operating foremen and supervisors. Featured speakers for all programs will include industry-oriented executives of the Animal Health Division, USDA, the Food and Drug Administration, Washington; O. H. M. Wilder, Technical Director for National Renderers Association; and other recognized authorities in the rendering industry.

Further information as well as a free descriptive brochure is available from the National Renderers Association, 3150 Des Plaines Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, phone 312-827-8151.

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