• A.O.C.S. Past President Series

A. E. MACGEE, 1962

A. Ernest MacGee was the 53rd President of the AOCS. Doc, as he is called by most everyone, was born in Toledo, Texas, in 1899.



A. E. McGee

Doc obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Louisiana State University in 1921, his M.S. from the same school in 1922. He obtained the Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1925.

He served as a private in World War I and in 1919 started as a draftsman with Westcott Engineering Co. in Orange, Texas. He then taught chemistry two years at Louisiana State University and in 1923–4 taught chemistry at the Case Institute of Technology. From 1925–26 he was a ceramic chemist for the Ceramic Research Corp.

in Columbus, Ohio, and in the same capacity with the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C., from 1926–29. He became Manager of Solvents for the Viking Gasoline Corp. in Charleston, West Virginia in 1929 and from 1930 to 1941 was Manager of the Industrial Division of the Skelly Oil Co. in Kansas City, Missouri. During World War II (1941–46) he was with the U.S. Navy Bureau of Ships where he was the Officer in charge of the Chemistry Section.

Doc returned to Skelly in 1946 and managed the Industrial Division until 1960. Then he managed the Petrochemical Division until 1965. He is currently a Consulting Industrial Chemist.

In the AOCS, Doc has been especially active in the Exhibits and Advertising Committees. He was a member of the Advertising Committee from 1932–1940 and Advertising Director from 1954–1960. He established the Technical Safety Committee, and was chairman, 1956–59. He was always active on the Golf Committee.

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Doc was president of the Kansas City Section of the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association in 1957.

Member of the Executive Committee, 1959-62; Chairman, Manufacturing Committee, 1966.

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He was president of the Midwest Chapter of the American Institute of Chemists in 1960. He was Vice-Chairman of the Columbus, Ohio, Section of the American Chemical Society in 1927. He is also a member of the American Petroleum Institute, International Oil Mills Superintendents Association, Tri-States Oil Mill Superintendents Association and the Independent Petroleum Association.

Doc is a member of many clubs and fraternities, actually too numerous to mention in this summary. They include the Phi Lamda Upsilon, Sigma Xi, Alpha Chi Sigma, and Gamma Alpha. He is a Mason, belonging to the Columbus Commandery of the Knights Templar and the Shrine Ararat Temple.

Doe has been a prolific writer, having published forty odd technical papers which cover subjects such as ceramics, solvent extraction, composition of solvents, sales catalysts air pollution. etc.

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He retired from the U. S. Navy Reserve in 1960 as a Captain, a rank that he had held for a number of years.

Doc and Jane have two children, Edwin and Jane Elizabeth and one grandchild, Michael Ernest MacGee.

• Names in the News



R. W. Bates

George Jackson, President of Dolton Manufacturing Co. announces that R. W. BATES ('42) has joined the firm as Director of Research and Quality Control.

Dolton Manufacturing Co., a subsidiary of SuCrest Corporation, is a processor of edible food products from fats and have recently acquired the fatty acid interests of the Ziegler Chemical and Minerals Corporation.

Mr. Bates, a graduate of Purdue University, has had over 38 years of experience in the food and chemical field,

in the food and chemical field, having been with Armour & Co., Wilson & Co., and the Chemical Division of General Mills. Mr. Bates is a member of the Riverdale Police and Fire Commission. He is an AOCS Past President and has authored numerous publications and patents.

DAVID DRUCKMAN has joined Armour Industrial Chemical Company in charge of quality control operations at the McCook plant. He is responsible for the release of production out of the McCook plant and for specifications of final products, raw materials, special customer requiremeents and analytical service.

B. L. Oser has been recently appointed President of the Institute of Food Technologists. Through its 39 regional sections and foreign affiliates, the Institute encourages the nutritional betterment and supply of wholesome foods through research and communication of food knowledge. Dr. Oser is a member of the Food Protection Committee of the National Academy of Sciences. He has served on the Joint Expert Committee on Food additives of the Food and Agriculture Organization and World Health Organization. Among his affiliations and offices is his recent appointment by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller to serve on the Advisory Council for the Advancement of Industrial Research and Development for the State of New York.

H. G. Walter, Jr., President of International Flavors and Fragrances Inc., has announced the appointment of J. T. BRODERICK as Corporate Director of Purchasing.

Mr. Broderick joined IFF on January 1, 1963. He had been associated with L. A. Champon & Co. Inc., and prior to that with S. B. Penick & Company. He will now be responsible for coordinating the efforts of IFF's purchasing groups world-wide in addition to continuing his duties at the U.S. Company.

W. F. COLLINS has been appointed Manager of Customer Service, Special Products Department of the Swift Chemical Company, newly formed organization recently established as part of a corporate realignment with Swift & Company. Dr. Collins started his career with Swift in 1949 in the Research Laboratory in Chicago. Subsequently he held various positions, primarily in the field of dairy, gelatin and stabilizer research.

Appointment of Joseph McGuckin as production manager for the Medical Systems Operations of Beckman Instruments, Inc., was announced recently by J. G. Neuland, operations manager. McGuckin, formerly production control manager for the Systems Division of Beckman Instruments, Inc., will be responsible for all activities pertaining to the production of products by Medical Systems Operations located in Fullerton, California.