The October 1967 issue of the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Economics and Statistics (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome) should be of particular interest to Journal readers as it contains tables showing production of the leading oil crops by countries. The amounts traded and the prices are also given.

A summary of reprints describing applications of atomic absorption analysis is available from the Perkin-Elmer Corporation. The articles described are classified by major field of interest (i.e. Biochemistry, Metallurgy, Petroleum, Agronomy, and Geochemistry.) There is also a cross index by element. Atomic absorption is a method for determining the concentration of metallic elements. (Specify order number AA-322 from the Perkin-Elmer Corporation, Instrument Division, Norwalk, Connecticut.)

Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry abstract cards are available from Science and Technology Agency, London. These cards provide abstracts with sufficient detail to indicate to the general reader the nature of the contribution, and to enable the specialist to assess its importance in relation to his own work. In addition to current papers, the first year's abstracts will include papers published from 1957 to date. The period between the appearance of the papers and publication of abstracts will not exceed one month. (Price, \$166. Science & Technology Agency, 3, Dyers Building, Holborn, London, E. C. 1.)

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The 155th meeting of the ACS will be held in San Francisco, Calif. March 31 to April 5, 1968. A wealth of information will be presented on coatings of all types. The following symposia are scheduled:

1) Symposium on Ablative Plastics, J. A. Parker, Chairman (21 papers).

2) General Papers, K. N. Edwards, Chairman (11 papers).

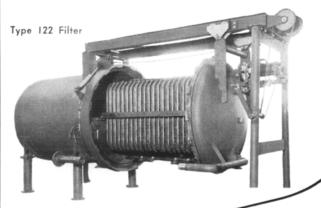
3) Symposium on Epoxy Resins, Henry Lee, Chairman (22 papers).

4) Symposium on Flammability and Combustion of Polymeric Compositions, I. N. Einhorn, Chairman (12 papers).

On Tuesday, April 2, Mr. Harry Burell will be presented the ACS Award. His address at that time will be, "The Challenge of the Solubility Parameter." A Divisional Social Hour will be held after this talk, with the Divisions of Polymer Chemistry and Colloid and Surface Chemistry.

Obituary

Word has been received of the recent death of Ezra Staple (1964). Dr. Staple was an Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia.



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