

• Local Section News

Northeast Section

A. M. Rossetto, Jr. announced a new slate of officers for 1969-70. The names were submitted by Frank Naughton, the Nominating Committee Chairman. The list is headed by the President, A. N. Wrigley, U.S.D.A., Philadelphia, Pa.; Vice President, D. S. Fritz, Woburn Chemical Corp.; Secretary, Robert Casparian, Carver Greenfield, Inc.; Treasurer, D. Meshnick, Drew Chemical Corp. The Board of Directors will consist of: A. M. Rossetto, Jr., L. A. Salomon & Bros.; Manuehr Eijadi, Drew Chemical Corp.; J. Pokorny, Rutgers University, Dept. of Food Science; G. A. Jacobson, Campbell Soup Co. The special assignments were designated to the following: Publicity, Stan Dominik, Baker Castor Oil Co.; Liaison, Frank White, Foster Wheeler Corp. and F. G. Shea, C. F. Simonin's Son, Inc.; Photography, E. I. Marshack, Eugene Marshack Associates.

A program planning meeting of officers, directors and special advisors took place on June 11, 1969, in the Military Park Hotel, Newark, N.J. The members of Northeast Section will have interesting and diversified lectures presented to them at the coming Fall and Spring meetings. The schedule of sessions is as follows.

September 23, 1969—Whyte's Restaurant, New York, Northeast Section AOCs Presentation Achievement Award to B. H. Thurman. Meeting Chairman—M. M. Mattikow.

October 28, 1969—Philadelphia, Franklin Motor Inn, Liquid Chromatography. Meeting Chairman—Glen Jacobson.

December 2, 1969—Military Park Hotel, Newark, N.J. Pollution of Edible Oil Plants. Meeting Chairman—Robert Casparian

February 3, 1970—Whyte's Restaurant, New York. Fatty Oils and Derivatives in Cosmetology. Meeting Chairman—Henry Molteni.

April 14, 1970—Military Park Hotel, Newark, N.J. Symposium on Synthetic Fatty Acids, Fatty alcohols, etc. Symposium Chairman—Manuehr Eijadi.

June 2, 1970—New York. Toxines and Residues in Fats & Oils. Presentation by Kenneth Morgareidge of Food and Drug Research Laboratories, Inc. Meeting Chairman—Stan Dominik.

At the September 23 meeting, H. Thurman will receive the Achievement Award of the Northeast Section AOCs.

This award recognizes Mr. Thurman's outstanding contributions to the technology of lipids, fats and oils. Mr. Thurman is the holder of numerous patents in the above field. He has been a pioneer in introducing modern methods of processing into our industry. Mr. Thurman is an Emeritus Member of AOCs and has been a lecturer on the refining of fats and oils at the annual short course of the National AOCs.

The main speaker of the evening will be J. K. Weil of the Eastern Regional Research Laboratory, USDA, who will discuss "Fatty Ether Alcohol Sulfates." He will describe the synthesis and properties of these interesting compounds, explaining the influence of alkylene oxide structure on distribution of products and on their solubility, krafft points and critical micelle concentration. By proper handling of variables, long chain alcohols can be made to yield ether alcohol sulfates similar in properties to those from shorter chain raw materials. Mr. Weil, a long term associate of A. J. Stirton, is internationally known in the detergents field.

We are very happy to note that Manny Eijadi of Drew Chemical Corp. was chosen again, for the third consecutive time, as Symposium Chairman for the April 7, 1970 meeting in Newark, N.J. Manny, with the help of his committee, has already done a superb job on the 1968 and 1969 Symposiums.

All members of the Northeast Section will be briefed well in advance of each meeting about the topics and guest speakers for our gatherings.

Northern California Section

The second meeting of the year will be held at "The Elegant Farmer's Restaurant" at Jack London's Square in Oakland, California on Friday evening, September 26, 1969. The evening will be highlighted by a panel discussion on the topic of "Instrumentation in Vegetable Oil Plants." F. E. Sullivan will act as moderator. He is a very qualified person with 25 years' experience that includes all phases of the food processing industry. He holds a master's degree in chemical engineering from Stevens Institute, and is a registered Professional Engineer. He has been granted numerous patents relative to food, chemical and fatty oil processing.

The panel member will be Thomas Smiley, Senior Sales Engineer, who has been with Foxboro Company for 33 years. We are looking forward to a very active audience participation.

I. A. Wolff to Head Utilization Research at USDA's Eastern Division

I. A. WOLFF ('63) a USDA scientist noted for his research in the development of new agricultural crops for industrial purposes, has been named director of the Eastern



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Utilization Research and Development Division of the Agricultural Research Service in Philadelphia. For the past 28 years, Dr. Wolff has been conducting chemical research at the Northern Utilization Research and Development Division in Peoria, Ill. His early research led to the laboratory preparation of cellophane-like films from special starches and provided new information on the properties and reactions of dialdehyde starch, a polymer with several potential applications which is now being made on a semi-commercial

Service Award for its development of dialdehyde starch.

Since 1956, Dr. Wolff has been in charge of the Peoria laboratory's new crops research program. These studies have exploited the industrial potential of many plants that could be cultivated as new American crops. Among these is crambe, whose seed oil is an excellent lubricant for use in the continuous casting of steel and is also a source of erucic acid, a suitable starting material for making new kinds of nylon. In 1966, the USDA's Superior Service Award was presented to the team headed by Dr. Wolff that uncovered these and other important uses for crambe.

Dr. Wolff is a member of the American Oil Chemists' Society and associate editor of JAOCS. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society, and served as chairman of its Peoria Section in 1967. In 1964, Dr. Wolff was president of the Society for Economic Botany. He is the author of 169 technical publications and holds 17 patents in connection with his research activities. In 1964, he received an honorable mention certificate from the Bond Award Committee of the American Oil Chemists' Society for an outstanding review paper he presented at its national meeting. Last year his paper on crambe won the 1967 Award for Excellence in Agricultural Journalism from the American Society of Agronomy.