

• Oilseed Processing Clinic . . .

L. J. Melder, Manager, Southern Cotton Oil Co., Inc., Natchitoches, La., has been named chairman of the closing session. The first speaker is to be Mrs. Wilda H. Martinez, of the Oilseed Crops Laboratory, Southern Division; her subject will be, "The Technology of Cottonseed Proteins." Mr. Vix follows, with a discussion of "Plant Requirements for New Products From Cottonseed Meal." R. J. Miravalle, plant breeding specialist with the National Cottonseed Products Association, Memphis, is scheduled to report on glandless cottonseed flour.

The final paper of the program will be a discussion by Arthur Grehan, Jr., Executive Secretary, National Cotton Bating Institute, Memphis, on "Industry Opportunities in Cotton Flote and Flame Retardant Cotton Bating."

C. A. Montague, Jr., Manager, cotton linter pulp sales for the Buckeye Cellulose Corp., Memphis, will summarize the highlights of the meeting.

"LAAD" Corporation Formed

A new investment company designed to promote efficient production, processing and distribution and contribute to the profitable development of agriculture in Latin America was announced in February of last year by 12 major corporations who are the organizing shareholders. The venture, with an authorized capital of \$15 million, will be known as the Latin American Agri-business Development Corporation (LAAD).

In announcing its formation, the board of directors of the new organization said LAAD expects to increase food production and rural income by the profitable application of investment capital which will lead to a broad base of local ownership.

Those joining the development corporation as equal partners are: Adela Investment Company; Bank of America; Borden Inc.; Cargill Inc.; Caterpillar Tractor Co.; CPC International Inc. (formerly Corn Products); Deere and Company; Dow Chemical Company; Gerber Products Company; Monsanto Company; Ralston Purina Company; and Standard Fruit and Steamship Company.

The management of the new corporation will have access to the expertise of its shareholders, all of whom have active operations in Latin America. The policy of LAAD, the board said, will be to enter into joint ventures with local partners whose knowledge of marketing and financial arrangements, customs, national laws and politics will be of fundamental importance for the acceptance and success of any project.

For further information, please write Fred S. Orth, c/o Bank of America N.T. & S.A., Box 3415, Rincon Annex, San Francisco California 94120.

Expo Registration Tops 11,000

Registration climbed past 11,000 at Food & Dairy Processing Expo '70, which ran from Nov. 1-5 in Houston. More than 5,100 top level processors viewed the 291 dramatic and colorful exhibits of the latest equipment, supplies, systems and services for the food processing industries.

Expo, sponsored by Dairy & Food Industries Supply Assn., is not open to the general public, but is limited to those with a demonstrable interest in the distribution of food products.

Processors from every state were on hand to see the newest technological advancements and discuss their problems and requirements with the experts. Nearly 40 foreign countries were represented, with Canada and Mexico leading in attendance. Venezuela, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and Japan also made strong showings.

Staged biennially, Expo is next scheduled for October 1-5, 1972, in the newly enlarged Atlantic City Convention Center.

OPEN FORUM SCHEDULED FOR AOCS

Again, at the 62nd Annual Meeting in Houston, the Open Forum will be convened. The purpose of this Forum is to provide an opportunity for interested members to discuss policies, procedures and activities of the AOCS.

Members of the Society's Governing Board will be present and will participate in the discussions, insuring that current AOCS policies will be accurately stated, and procedures precisely defined.

It is the feeling of AOCS leaders that much is to be gained from such discussions, particularly at this time, when the society is experiencing growth and diversification. Close communication with the membership is very important right now.

The agenda for the Forum will be made up of subjects which interested members wish to discuss. If you care to participate, please write to AOCS President, S.S. Chang before February 15, stating in 50 words or less your subject for discussion, or your question or suggestion.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AWARD OF MERIT

The Society Award of Merit is to be presented to qualified Society members at the Spring 1971 Meeting, Houston, May 2-6, 1971.

The Award is given to recognize current and past achievements in serving the Society:

- (a) Active productive service to AOCS committee work.
- (b) Marked leadership in technical, administrative or special committee or Society activities.
- (c) Outstanding activity or service that has particularly advanced the Society's prestige, standing or interest.
- (d) Any distinguished service to the Society not herein otherwise specifically provided for.

Nominations shall cite the record of the nominee which qualifies him for the Award, and five copies of the nomination shall be submitted to Carl H. Hauber, Executive Director, American Oil Chemists' Society, 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601, before February 1, 1971.