

## The President's Report

By outgoing President S.S. Chang at the 62nd AOCS Annual Meeting in Houston, May 2-6, 1971

As President of the American Oil Chemists' Society this year, I can honestly report, with pride and joy, that our Society has entered into a new era with international prominence. The three major accomplishments of our Society this year, namely, the purchase of a building of our own in Champaign, Illinois, the formation of the AOCS Foundation, and the hosting of the meeting of the International Society for Fat Research in Chicago, have undoubtedly improved our image and prestige to a very large extent and will, of course, greatly strengthen the service of our Society to our members.

Our Society has surely gone a long way from the early days when its offices were the homes of its elected officers, to this year when we are scheduled to move into "permanent headquarters" of our own. After a thorough and careful initial study by the Ways and Means Committee in 1969, under the chairmanship of F.A. Norris, a number of alternative ways to secure the most satisfactory headquarters for our Society was proposed. They were then thoroughly evaluated by a Guidance Panel, chaired by A.R. Baldwin. Based upon all these careful studies, the Executive Committee of 1969, headed by our Past President, G.C. Cavanagh, decided that our Society should purchase the 65-year lease of the building of the National Council of Teachers of English, which was built in 1960, on the campus of the University of Illinois. It should be emphasized that the AOCS could acquire this new permanent headquarters without imposing additional financial burden upon its membership.

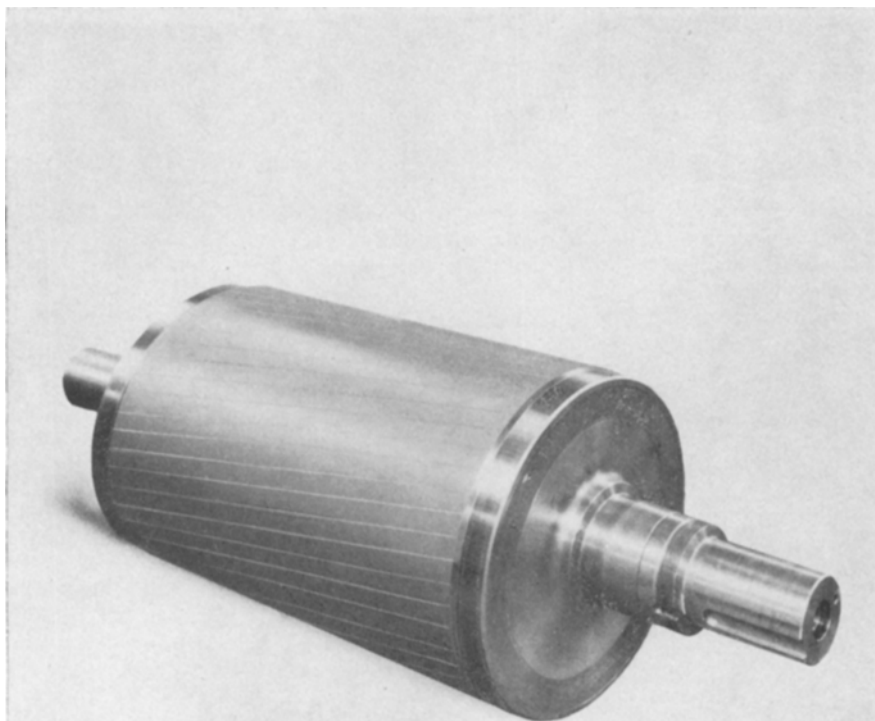
The NCTE building we purchased consists of a two-story brick main building, with ceramic and cement tile decoration, connecting to a handsome circular building through a glass-enclosed walkway. The building has 7,500 square feet of usable space, approximately three times that rented by the AOCS in Chicago. It is planned that part of the space will be rented until such time as our Society grows large enough to require the entire space. The building is located at 508 South Sixth Street in Champaign, Illinois, on the campus of a major university, where important research is being conducted on the chemistry and biochemistry of fats and other lipids. It is only 150 miles south of Chicago, at the crossroads of new super highways. It also has excellent connections to major cities by air, as well as by rail.

Through the brilliant negotiation and the expert work of our Executive Director, C.H. Hauber, the purchase of our new permanent headquarters

has been completed. The move into our own building began on April 15. The actual occupancy of our permanent headquarters is scheduled for June 1st, and by July 1st, the move will be completed.

Another dream of many of our members for many years has been materialized this year, and that is the

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# James Lyon Begins Duties as AOCS Director

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The American Oil Chemists' Society's new executive director, James Lyon, began his duties last month at the Society's new offices in Champaign, Illinois. He succeeds



**James Lyon**

Carl H. Hauber, who held the post for ten years. Previously, Mr. Lyon served as treasurer of the National Council of Teachers of English for seven years. Before that, he was employed as a high school English teacher and track coach in Park Ridge, a Chicago suburb.

A graduate of Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in math and English, he holds a master's degree in English from Northern Illinois University. Mr. Lyon is completing his doctorate in administration of

higher education at the University of Illinois. He and his wife, Sandy, and children, Lori, 10, and Lissa, 8, live at 1804 Rebecca Drive, Champaign.

## Transportation to the Fall Meeting

Transportation to Atlantic City, N.J., for the Fall Meeting will be very adequate from all parts of the country. A complete resume of travel information will be included in the first mailing of registration material.

Allegheny Commuter Service will provide many daily flights from Philadelphia International Airport. Travelers from cities serviced by the Allegheny Air System can be booked directly to Atlantic City via Philadelphia with a substantial savings in fare. Connections with Allegheny Commuter flights can be arranged by other airlines including checked baggage service through to Atlantic City. The fare from Philadelphia to Atlantic City for non-Allegheny continuation flights is \$17.

Express air-conditioned limousine service from Philadelphia International Airport to Atlantic City, featuring door-to-door service, will also be available at \$6 per person.

From New York City, one limousine departs daily at 8 a.m. from J.F. Kennedy Airport to Atlantic City at a cost of \$11.

Excellent bus service, featuring air-conditioned turnpike expresses, are available from New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Limited rail service between Philadelphia and Atlantic City is available via PATCO HI Speed Line connecting with the Pennsylvania Reading Seashore Lines.

Turnpikes from all points converge on the new Atlantic City Expressway.

Inquiries about transportation can be made to Francis E. Luddy, Eastern Regional Research Laboratory USDA, 600 E. Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia, Pa. 19118, phone 215-247-5800, ext. 258.

formation of the AOCS Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to further the objectives of the Society by advancement of technology, research, education and training in the area of oils, fats, waxes, their constituents and compounds, and all allied and associated substances. The by-laws of the Foundation have been carefully drafted, thoroughly studied, and then approved. The first slate for Directors of the Foundation has been elected and includes many prominent members of our Society. They are, V.K. Babayan, W.A. Jacob, Jr., N.T. Joyner, J.V. Luck, K.F. Mattil, H.E. Robinson, George Rouser, H.G. Salomon and I.A. Wolff. Their first meeting will be convened by N.T. Joyner on May 6.

The other accomplishment of our Society this year was the unusual success in serving as the host Society for the meeting of the International Society for Fat Research. The joint meeting of the AOCS and ISF was held last October in Chicago. The President of ISF, W.O. Lundberg, worked cordially and closely with the Co-chairmen of the AOCS committees, A.V. Graci, Jr., and W.J. Quick, and made the meeting a huge success. It broke all records of our previous meetings by having 1241 persons from 37 countries attend. As many as 293 attendants were from foreign countries. The technical program was excellent, with 361 papers reported. The success of this unprecedented meeting undoubtedly enhanced our prestige among the international scientific societies.

With as much regret as with the pride I had when I reported the major accomplishments, I am very reluctant to announce that our most capable Executive Director, C.H. Hauber, has submitted his resignation. The Executive Committee fully appreciates the outstanding, devoted job which Mr. Hauber has done for the Society during his tenure, from March, 1962, until now. His numerous accomplishments are clearly reflected by the much improved position of our Society today. However, the Executive Committee does not believe that a Society of our size can fully utilize the outstanding talents of Mr. Hauber, and therefore, we should not try to tie him down with our Society, which might hinder his personal progress and accomplishments. The Executive Committee has therefore reluctantly accepted Mr. Hauber's resignation. He has been kind enough to agree to serve in his present capacity until the move of our headquarters to Champaign is completed. His resignation will therefore not be effective until July 1, 1971.

In the meantime, I have appointed a Personnel Committee to actively search for a new Executive Director. The most capable and experienced H.C. Black, a Past President of our Society, has generously agreed to serve as Chairman of this committee. He and his committee have done an excellent job. From a very large number of applicants, 12 good prospects were interviewed by the Personnel Committee and myself on April 6.

The Personnel Committee then recommended four candidates to the Executive Committee. All four candidates were carefully and thoroughly interviewed by the Executive Committee. It was unanimously decided that J.C. Lyon was our ideal choice. The Executive Director's position of our Society was therefore offered to him and he has accepted it with pleasure. J.C. Lyon will arrive in Houston to attend our meeting on Tuesday. I will introduce him to you at the annual banquet. I sincerely hope that you will try to get acquainted with him, welcome him to join us, and give him your usual excellent cooperation, so that he will be able to lead our Society into an even higher new status.

The other routine businesses of our Society are moving smoothly and with constant improvement. Our Society is now seriously considering the publication of monographs and has scheduled a joint meeting with the Japan Oil Chemists' Society next year in Los Angeles. I am not going to recount the numerous services of our Society to its members. I hope you will allow me to conclude by saying that our Society is moving constantly and steadily into the status of international prominence.