

President Holman addresses North Central Section

AOCS President Ralph T. Holman, professor of biochemistry, University of Minnesota, Hormel Institute, discussed the "Importance of Double Bonds in Biological Phenomena" before ca. 50 members of AOCS's North Central Section at the section's meeting in November.

He first reviewed the importance of essential fatty acids in the diet and the effects of a deficiency. The type of unsaturation required to function as an essential fatty acid was discussed. He then presented experimental results of enzyme reactions which indicate pronounced specificity with respect to the double bond positions in *cis*-, mono-, di-, and trienoic acids.

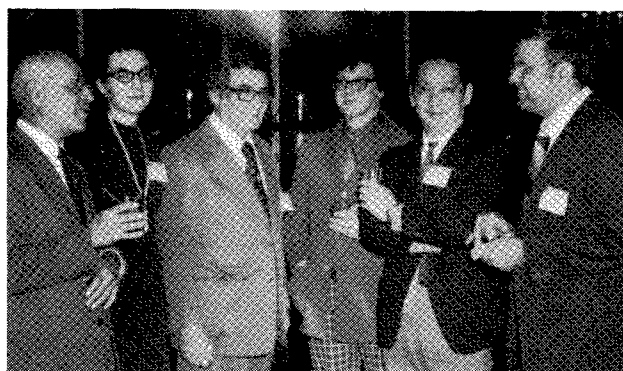
Turning to a discussion of AOCS, Holman briefly traced the origins of the organization, highlighted changes in areas of interest, focused on the purpose of the two monthly journals, and finally reflected on recent membership figures and the financial status of the Society. ■



Left to right: Joseph Stanley, J. Stanley Co.; Frank Norris, Kraftco; Ralph T. Holman, guest speaker, Hormel Institute; and R.G. Krishnamurthy, Kraftco.



Left to right: Frank Saseuich, Kraftco; Joe Yaste, Central Soya; Dave Druckmann, Glidden Durkee; and Savinay Patel, Central Soya.



Left to right: Henry Brzenk, Kraftco; Lenore Heidemann, Kraftco; Peter Kuhr, Kraftco; Bernie Szuhaj, Central Soya; Mike Chan, Kraftco; and Ranjit Kadan, Lubin Maselli Laboratories.



Left to right: Stanley Knobel, George Pearce, and Jack Suriano, all of EMI Corporation.



Seaborg named president-elect of American Chemical Society

Nobel Prize winner Glenn T. Seaborg, professor of chemistry, University of California, Berkeley, and associate director of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, has been elected president-elect of the American Chemical Society.

Mary L. Good of the University of New Orleans and Patricia A.M. Figueras, Eastman Kodak Co., were elected by members in 2 of the Society's 6 geographical areas to serve 3 year terms on the 16 member board of directors. This is Good's second term.

Bradford R. Stanerson, Silver Spring, Md., and Bryce Crawford, University of Minnesota, were reelected directors-at-large. ■

Merger announced

Newport Instruments, Ltd., of Newport Pagnell has agreed to merge with Oxford Instruments, Ltd.

Both companies began as suppliers of high power magnet systems to research laboratories. While the companies still retain the same interest in this field, they have moved in complementary directions: Newport has become a supplier of conventional electro-magnets and Oxford has concentrated on high field superconducting magnets and associated cryogenics.

In addition to their original magnet activities, both companies have diversified considerably in the last few years, Oxford with a wide range of electronic instruments for laboratory and medical applications, and Newport in analytical instrumentation and electronic components. ■