

• The Dyer Co. has introduced a gage capable of reading wall thickness of bottles and other products with a narrow neck opening. The lower pivot contact arm can straighten out to permit entry into bottle necks, then snaps into vertical position for measurement. Details: The Dyer Co., PO Box 449, Lancaster, PA 17604.

• Varian Associates has introduced its 939 Series Helium Mass Spectrometer Leak Detectors. The portable unit weighs 55 pounds and measures 8" x 13½" x 19½". Details: Varian Lexington Vacuum Division, 121 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, MA 02173.

• GCA/Precision Scientific Group of Chicago has expanded its line of direct-drive vacuum pumps by adding seven new models ranging in size from 90 to 475 l/m. The firm says extremely low operating noise levels are a key feature of the new units, with noise levels averaging 65

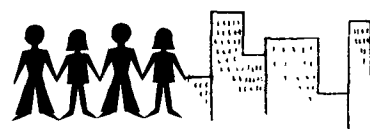
decibels at three inches from the pump. Information: GCA/Precision Scientific Group, 3737 W. Cortland St., Chicago, IL 60647.

• Precise Sensors Inc.'s new family of hydrogen environment strain, gage pressure transducers operate over a range from 0 to 100,000 psi. The transducers incorporate one-piece construction with no welds and are made from A-286 special tempered and aged stainless steel. Information: Precise Sensors Inc., 235 Chestnut St., Monrovia, CA 91016.

• The KIC "Profiler" can simultaneously display up to 60 thermocouple outputs on a large screen CRT display with 0.2 C resolution for type K thermocouples. The unit is designed to reduce the time required to survey furnaces, ovens, refrigerators or other equipment. Details: Kazmierowicz Instrument Co., 26546 Aracena Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

• Chem-San International Inc. says its IPF series filter system is available in flow rates from 300 to 2000 gallons per minute. The IPF filter is a cone bottom tank containing a filter element that consists of a nest of flex-tubes, each a half inch in diameter and 60 inches long; the number of tubes depends on the filter area required. Details: Chem-San International Inc., 19 Gardner Road, Fairfield, NJ 07006. ●

People & Places



PEOPLE

Dieter H. Ambros, president of BASF Wyandotte Corp since 1971 and chief executive officer since 1975, will become head of the Fiber Intermediates Division of BASF AG in Ludwigshafen, Germany, as of Aug. 1, 1979; **Edwin L. Stenzel**, president of Dow Badische Co. since 1976, will become president of BASF Wyandotte effective May 1, 1979; and **Hans-Harald Kopper**, a department director for BASF AG, is joining Dow Badische Co. to succeed Stenzel as president on April 1, 1979 . . . **Kurt G. Berger**, an AOCS member since 1968, has become a staff member for the newly formed Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia; he previously had worked for J. Lyons and Co., London, and directed a technical project on vegetable oil for the International Trade Center, UNCTAD/GATT in Geneva before accepting the post in Malaysia . . . **Lewis Gridley** has been named industrial sales representative for Durkee Industrial Foods Group/SCM Corp. . . . **Richard A. Johnson** has been named vice-president for Durkee Industrial Foods . . . **James Y. Oldshue**, vice-president for mixing technology with Mixing Equipment Co., has been elected president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers . . . **Herman J. Schmidt** has been elected to the board of directors for NL Industries Inc. . . . **C. Robert Tully** has been elected to the board of Celanese Corp. . . . **Dr. William J. Bailey**, research professor of chemistry at the University of Maryland, has been elected chairman of the American Chemical Society's board of directors; he is a past president of the society.

PLACES

Stepan Chemical Co. has pledged a \$1.5 million grant to the University of Notre Dame for construction of a

chemical research facility to be known as Stepan Chemistry Hall; company founder **Alfred C. Stepan Jr.** is an alumnus and trustee of the university . . . **Grindsted Products Inc.** plans to build a new plant to produce distilled mono-glycerides and other food grade emulsifying agents. The plant, at Johnson County Industrial Airport, about 20 miles southwest of Kansas City, is expected to be operational in early 1980. ●

Obituaries

Albert King

Albert E. King, a member of AOCS since 1925 and an emeritus member since 1959, died Dec. 21, 1978, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. King initially joined the Society while a chemist for Swift & Co. in Chicago, later becoming a technical sales and manufacturing representative before retiring in 1957 after 42 years with Swift. ●

John F. Lemancik

AOCS has been informed of the death of **John F. Lemancik**, who joined AOCS in 1977 when he was general sales manager for National Protein Corp. Mr. Lemancik was a 1934 graduate of Wisconsin State University. ●