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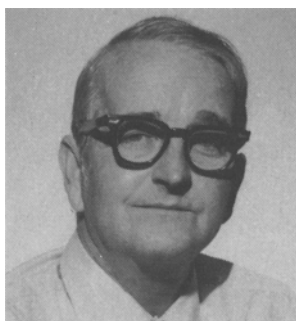
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## Obituaries

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Walter A. Pons, Jr.

Walter A. Pons, Jr., a member of the American Oil Chemists' Society since 1947, died Jan. 18, six weeks after his 60th birthday.

A native of New Orleans, Mr. Pons received a B.S. degree in chemistry from Loyola University, New Orleans, in 1939 and an M.S. degree in chemistry from Tulane University. He was appointed a scientific aide at the new U.S. Department of Agriculture research facility in New Orleans, now the Southern Regional Research Center, in 1942, and retired last August as supervisory research chemist. During his career he became known internationally for his work as a research chemist and an analytical chemist and particularly for his developments in analytical methodology and their application to agricultural products. He was the author or coauthor of more than 80 technical publications, including five patents, the large majority of which were published in the Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society or the Journal of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists.

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AOCS. Methods he developed for determination of aflatoxins in cottonseed products and other agricultural commodities are now official methods of the AOCS and of the AOAC. He was lead investigator in two studies on the effect of commercial processing conditions on the quality of cottonseed meal and oil. These studies showed that conventional processing conditions could be optimized to produce low gossypol meals suitable for use in the diets of poultry and swine. This research was a major factor in opening new markets for cottonseed meal which prior to 1947 was limited to cattle feed, due to gossypol toxicity problems. He received 11 honor awards, including two USDA Superior Service Awards, the Distinguished Service Award of the Federal Business Association of New Orleans for outstanding performance, and the 1976 Harvey W. Wiley Award of the Association of Analytical Chemists for outstanding achievement in development of Analytical Methods for Agricultural Products.

Mr. Pons had served as chairman of the AOCS Gossypol Analysis Subcommittee since 1968, as a member of the Mycotoxin subcommittee since 1965, and as a member and AOCS representative of the AOCS-AOAC-AACC Joint Mycotoxin Committee. He organized several symposia for national meetings of the AOCS and served on various committees for national meetings of the AOCS. He was the Associate Referee for Mycotoxins in Cottonseed and the Associate Referee for Densitometry for the AOAC. He was also a member of the Mycotoxin Committee of the American Association of Cereal Chemists. Mr. Pons was a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Chemists, and the Scientific Research Society of America.

For the past 30 years Mr. Pons was an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was a continuing devoted member of St. Pius X Church and a member of the Holy Name Society. While raising four boys through grade and high schools, Mr. Pons was active in the Boy Scout Program. He served as assistant Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader and participated in all phases of planning and executing the Boy Scout Program. He was an avid and active golfer and a participant in numerous tournaments for charitable causes.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Hayes Pons; four sons, Walter A. Pons, III, Dennis H. Pons, Michael A. Pons, Thomas Gerard Pons; one daughter, Ann Marie Pons; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions to St. Vincent de Paul Society of the St. Pius X Church, 6666 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70124 are suggested.

The 28th Oilseed Processing Clinic held in New Orleans during February was dedicated to Mr. Pons, citing him for his "many contributions to the advancement of oilseed technology through the development of analytical techniques for detecting and measuring aflatoxins in oilseeds."

### Jean-Albert De Smet

Jean-Albert De Smet, founder and president of N.V. Extraction De Smet S.A., died Dec. 15, 1978, after a short illness. He was 74.

Mr. De Smet founded the firm approximately 30 years ago. He joined AOCS in 1952. Mr. De Smet was a graduate of the University of Liege. In 1935, he was named general manager of the "Nouvelles Huileries Anversoises," the first oil mill in Belgium. He later invented the method of continuous solvent extraction named for him.

In an announcement of the death, the company said he had been retired for some time from active involvement in management of the company, but maintained a continuing interest in the firm's activities. Since its founding in 1946, Extraction De Smet has had worldwide sales of between 250 and 300 plants. ●