

Obituaries



T.L. RETTGER

T.L. Rettger, an emeritus member who served as AOCS' executive secretary and managing editor for *JAOCs* in 1961-62, died April 4, 1986, at his home in Florida. He was 87 years old.

Mr. Rettger was born in Petersburg, Virginia, in 1898. During 1915-19, he was an analyst in the guncotton laboratory of the DuPont Co., in Hopewell, Virginia. In 1919, he was hired by Dr. Frank Smalley, chief chemist at Southern Cotton Oil Co. and founder of the Smalley check sample program. Mr. Rettger published his first paper in 1921 in "The Chemists' Section" of *The Cotton Oil Press*, which was the beginning of the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society*. It was in 1921 that he joined AOCS, a membership he kept up for 65 years.

He worked until 1924 in the Head Laboratory, Southern Cotton Oil Co., Savannah, Georgia, first under Dr. Smalley and later under Herbert Bailey. When that laboratory closed, he went to work for Buckeye Cotton Oil Co.; he was with Buckeye's Oil Mill Division for 35 years.

As chairman of the Society's Seed Analysis Committee in 1924, he contributed to the development of the official method for cottonseed analysis. He originated the first method for determining lint on cottonseed quantitatively and invented a successful brushing machine for the method.

After retiring as chief chemist for Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., division of Procter & Gamble Co., Memphis, Tennessee, he served as executive secretary of AOCS and managing editor of *JAOCs* in Chicago from

June 1, 1961, to April 30, 1962. He also served on many AOCS committees throughout the years.

Book reviewing was a continuing avocation for Mr. Rettger. In addition to his many reviews for Tennessee newspapers, he was a staff reviewer with *Chemical & Engineering News* for a decade; his reviews also appeared in the *British Chemistry & Industry*.

During a leisurely trip around the world in 1959, he met a number of foreign members of the society in Athens, Cairo, Bombay, Singapore and Tokyo. The last AOCS committee on which he served was International Relations.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, of Sun City Center, Florida, and a daughter, Courtney Hermann of Pomona, California.

LEAH C. BERARDI

AOCS has been informed of the death of Leah Catillon Berardi of New Orleans, Louisiana, an emeritus member. She joined AOCS in 1946.

Mrs. Berardi conducted research on oilseeds and oilseed products at the Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans from 1945 until she retired in 1981. Her research resulted in more than 50 scientific reports, chapters and patents published in recognized journals and books.

She majored in chemistry at Newcomb College and spent two years at the Louisiana State University Medical School. She received emeritus status in the society in 1983.

WILLIAM MAIK

AOCS member William Maik, age 62, of Toronto, Canada, died March 14, 1986, after a sudden illness. At the time of his death, he was a manager in the fatty acids division of Canada Packers Ltd. He had worked for more than 33 years for the Canadian firm.

Mr. Maik joined AOCS in 1956. He received his bachelor's degree in science in 1951 from the University of Manitoba. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Maik, and 7-year-old

daughter, Annie Margaret Maik, both of Toronto, and a married daughter, Maryann Glanville.

DALE M. McDANIEL

AOCS has been informed of the death last year of Dale Mason McDaniel, age 39, lab services manager with Foster Farms, Delhi, California. He joined AOCS in 1977. At that time, he was a research and nutrition chemist at Foster Farms.

Mr. McDaniel received his bachelor's degree from the University of California in 1966 and his doctoral degree from Columbia University in 1971. Before working at Foster Farms, he was a professor of chemistry at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

EUGENE L. JACK

Eugene L. Jack, 86, died March 27, 1986, in Sacramento, California, after a year-long battle with cancer.

An emeritus professor of food science and technology, Mr. Jack joined the University of California, Davis, faculty in 1937, in what was then the Division of Dairy Industry. He chaired that division from 1946 until 1959, and retired from the University of California at Davis at the end of 1964. He was a member of AOCS from 1965 until his retirement.

Mr. Jack was considered one of the nation's leading authorities in dairy chemistry. His major areas of research included the chemistry of milk fat, nutritional values of dairy products, fat fractionation and molecular distillation, properties of dry milk, and dairy technology. He was the first to show that high heat treatments before drying develop antioxidants in the milk which retard the development of oxidized flavor.

Mr. Jack was born in 1899 in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War I, then returned to the family dairy farm. He later entered Pennsylvania State University where he received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in dairy science.

He is survived by a son, James Jack, now residing in Ohio.