



Steve Chen

Chen elected

AOCS member Steve Chen, American Soybean Association's country director in Taiwan, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Chinese Nutrition Society.

Chen has approximately 20 years' experience in nutritional research and development of soy proteins, soy foods, soybean oil and related products. He was elected to the presidential post at the annual meeting of the Chinese Nutrition Society May 8, 1987, in Taipei.

Chen has served as president of such groups as the Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology (1977-79), the Chinese Agricultural Chemists' Society (1980-81) and the Rotary Club of Taipei West (1982-83). Currently he serves on the board of trustees of the Taipei Medical College and the Chinese Research Foundation of Food, Health and Nutrition.

Wilson honored

AOCS member Richard Wilson was one of nine U.S. government employees to receive the Arthur S. Flemming Award for significant contributions to the federal government and the community. Wilson received the award in May at an awards dinner in Washington coordinated by the District of Columbia Downtown Jaycees.

Wilson was recognized for his "exceptional dedication, creativity and leadership for the Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture," particularly for

research and contributions in regulating fatty acid synthesis and developing soybeans with improved oil quality. His pioneering research has focused on developing biological systems for improving the quality, use and health benefits of soybean oil through eliminating linolenic acid content. He has led research in developing breeding strategies for hybrid soybean production of high-yielding, high-protein soybeans and the discovery of strains of symbiotic nitrogen-fixing microorganisms with superior biological efficiency.

Coconut milk

A facility to produce coconut-milk powder is under construction in India at Tiptur, in the coconut belt of Karnataka. The plant, slated to cost the equivalent of US\$7 million, is designed to have an annual rated capacity of 24 million nuts, or 2,000 tons of spray-dried coconut milk powder.

The coconut-milk powder will be available in pouches of 50 and 100 grams each as well as in bulk, according to *The Cocomunity* newsletter. Plans are to export 40% of production and to market the rest domestically.

Asian ventures

Ajinomoto Co., a leading processed-foods company in Japan, has agreed to acquire Corn Products International Co.'s (CPC) stock holdings in Knorr Foods Co. Ltd., a margarine, mayonnaise and soup producer in Japan. As a result, Ajinomoto will own all of the stock in the firm; previously, the two companies jointly owned the company.

In addition, Ajinomoto and CPC will become joint partners in a grocery products business, formerly wholly owned by CPC, with markets in Hong Kong, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

Coconut board

The United Coconut Association of the Philippines (UCAP) has added

four members to its board of directors. New directors are Ramon Sy, chairman of the United Coconut Planters Bank; Rodolfo Jimenez, assistant marketing manager of United Coconut Chemicals; Luis Duran, chairman of the Philippine Coconut Oil Producers Association Inc. (PCOPA) and oil mill trading manager for the Philippine Refining Co.; and Jeremias Benico, general manager, operation of exporting oilmills, CIIF Mills.

The UCAP board now numbers 15 directors. Others are UCAP officers Jose R. Eleazar Jr., COCOFED director and UCAP chairman; William R. Shotwell, PCOPA president and UCAP vice-chairman; Manuel J. Igual, president of the Association of Coconut Brokers and UCAP secretary; Jesus L. Chua, president of the Coconut Oil Refiners Association and UCAP treasurer; and Leonardo F. Ignacio Jr., UCAP executive director.

Sungene patent

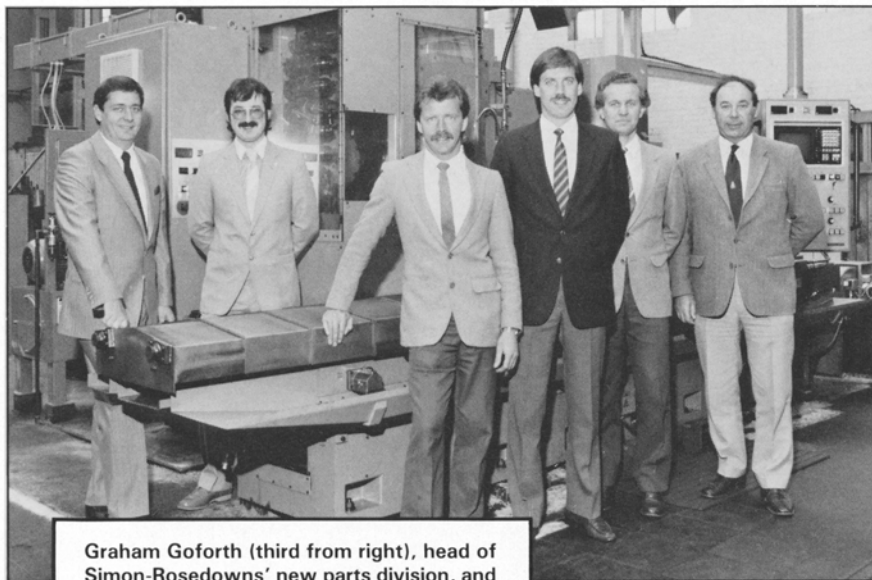
Sungene Technologies has been granted a patent covering its process to develop agronomically improved lines of corn from tissue culture.

U.S. Patent 648,389 is the first of its type issued to a biotechnology company for regeneration of corn from tissue. Sungene's regeneration process is widely applicable to commercial parent lines used to produce hybrid corn for the \$1.5-billion hybrid seed corn market, according to the company.

Mexican imports

The Mexican government has loosened its restrictions on imports of U.S. soy protein and flour to encourage production of more nutritional foods, according to the *Soybean Update* newsletter published by the American Soybean Association (ASA).

Education and promotion programs undertaken by ASA's Mexico City Technical Assistance Center were credited by ASA for convincing the government that increased availability and use of soy protein



Graham Goforth (third from right), head of Simon-Rosedowns' new parts division, and his staff are shown with a machine tool purpose-built to produce replacement wearing parts for oilseed processing machinery.

and flour can increase the protein intake of Mexico's lower-income groups.

The U.S. and Mexican governments have been working on an agreement to extend up to \$1 million in credit to Mexico for use by companies wishing to purchase these products. Nutricasa, a private Mexican company, has begun importing 200-300 metric tons of soy flour per month, ASA reported, predicting that Mexico's demand for soy protein could soon double.

Parts division

As part of factory restructuring during the past year, Simon-Rosedowns Ltd., a Simon Engineering company, has formed a separate parts division geared solely to servicing the parts market for vegetable oilseed processing machinery.

The division operates from the company's factory at Hull, England, and supplies parts for the full range of screw presses together with technical advice on their operation and maintenance. Graham Goforth is business development manager for the division.

According to Simon-Rosedowns, the new division had received orders

for the first quarter of 1987 equaling over 50% of the entire 1986 orders.

NCPA officers

Thomas W. Greer of Amory, Mississippi, has been elected president of the National Cottonseed Products Association (NCPA). He is president of the Amory Cotton Oil Co. He is a past president of the Mississippi Valley Oilseed Processor's Association and a delegate and crusher director of the National Cotton Council.

Wayne Martin of Lubbock, Texas, has been elected NCPA vice-president. He is president and general manager of Plains Cooperative Oil Mill.

Both were elected at the close of NCPA's 91st annual convention in Savannah, Georgia, in May.

Degree program

The University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana offers a master's degree program in food science for professionals in the Chicago, Illinois, area. Courses are taught in the evening. The following classes will be

taught in Hinsdale, Illinois, for the fall 1987 semester:

- Biochemical Aspects of Human Nutrition—Tuesdays, Sept. 1 through Dec. 8, 1987, 6:15-9:30 p.m., John Milner, instructor.

- Advanced Food Microbiology—Wednesdays, Sept. 2 through Dec. 16, 1987, 6:15-9:30 p.m., Lloyd Witter, instructor.

For further information, contact the regional office, telephone 312-255-3320, or contact Ramona LaMontagne, Department of Food Science, University of Illinois, 563 Bevier Hall, 905 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana, IL 61801, telephone 800-252-1360, Ext. 2875.

News briefs

Campbell Soup Co. has named Ross C. Kelley plant manager of the company's Tecumseh, Nebraska, plant, one of its major ingredient facilities. He replaced James Lowe, who has become product manager at the company's Fayetteville, Arkansas, plant. Also, Daniel F. Farkas has been named vice-president of process research and development at the Campbell Institute for Research and Technology.

Dennis Nerby has been named vice-president of engineering for PSI Process Systems Inc., an engineering and construction management company specializing in the food and grain processing industries.

Ronald D. Harris has been named vice-president of product development for Kraft Inc.'s Operations & Technology Group. Harris formerly served as vice-president of research and development for Anderson Clayton Foods. Also, Steven W. Rutledge has been named vice-president of advertising for Kraft.

Sungene Technologies Corp. has named William A. Hoskins vice-president of business development and marketing.

John R. Barone has been named vice-president of sales for Tracker Services, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He assumes sales and management responsibilities formerly held by

Robert Barton Waits, who has been named executive vice-president. Also, **Ron D. Key** has assumed the new position of proposal manager, responsible for coordinating the laboratory, pilot testing and special projects. Tracker Services specializes in on-site emulsion separation and waste volume reduction.

Genetics Institute announced plans to expand its pilot plant fourfold to meet process scale-up requirements for clinical trials. Plans are to construct a 139,000-square-foot facility in Andover, Massachusetts, for cell culture, microbial fermentation, process development and quality control.

John L. Haley has been named vice-president and director of marketing for **Van Camp Seafood Co.**, a subsidiary of **Ralston Purina Co.**, while **Robert B. Meyer** has been named vice-president and director of sales.

Maple Leaf Monarch, a division of **ADM Agri-Industries Ltd.**, has changed its name to **ADM Agri-Industries Ltd.** The company's address is 5550 Maplewood Dr., Box 7128, Windsor, Ontario N9C 3Z1 Canada.

Dave J. Kjos has been appointed to the newly created position of general manager of hydrotreating catalysts and services at **Harshaw/Filtrol Partnership**.

Samlip Oils and Fats Co. Ltd., a leading edible oil refiner in South Korea, has ordered an Economflow deodorizer from **Simon-Rosedowns Ltd.** of the United Kingdom. The deodorizer unit has a capacity of 100-120 tons per 24 hours. The unit is scheduled to be delivered to Samlip in August and be commissioned by Simon-Rosedowns technicians.



AOCs member **Jerry Love** has been named plant manager for **Capital City Products Co.**'s Kearny, New Jersey, plant. As such, he is responsible for edible oils and detergents manufacturing, engineering and maintenance.

Central Soya Co. Inc. of Fort Wayne, Indiana, has purchased a feed mill in Carhaix, France. The mill, with capacity to manufacture 70,000 short tons of complete feed annually, has been named **Central Soya Bretagne**. Central Soya also operates a facility in Trappes, France.

Reckitt & Colman, North America Inc., Rochester, New York-based parent of **R.T. French Co.** and **Durkee Famous Foods**, has announced it will consolidate both of these companies during 1987. The combined company will operate under the name **Durkee-French Foods Inc.**, with headquarters in New Jersey. French and Durkee will cease operations at their Rochester, New York, and Cleveland, Ohio, locations, respectively. Reckitt & Colman acquired Durkee in late 1986.

Stolt Tankers and Terminals (Holdings) S.A. has sold its Vancouver Wharves Ltd. terminal, Vancouver Harbour, Canada, to a private management-investor group. Vancouver Wharves Ltd. is the largest multiproduct bulk terminal on the west coast of North America and is an important Canadian link in trans-Pacific trade routes.

Novo do Brasil, a subsidiary of **Novo Industri A/S**, will establish an enzyme production and laboratory facility in Parana, Brazil. This will be the first Novo enzyme plant in Latin America.

Ron Parisi has been named vice-president of **Carson Foods**, which is the sole supplier of shortening to McDonald's Restaurants of Canada.

Atlas Industries A/S, formerly a division of **Atlas-Danmark A/S**, has become a separate subsidiary. Company headquarters are in Ballerup, near Copenhagen, Denmark. The company develops and manufactures process systems and equipment for the food and feedstuffs industries. A branch office has been established in Kansas City, Missouri, to serve the U.S. and Canadian markets.

Elizabeth Kaye has received the first

John Blake Memorial Award, a scholarship established in 1983 by friends and colleagues of the late John Blake in recognition of his contributions as a research scientist to the food industry. A doctoral student at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, Kaye is researching the oxidative stability of various canola cultivars. Blake was a member of AOCs.

Burton Craig has been appointed technical auditor for the **POS Pilot Plant Corp.** Craig's research has centered around fats and oils; his specialty is agricultural biochemistry.

Rohm and Haas Co. has announced the formation of a business venture with **Toyo Soda Manufacturing Co.** of Japan to market process equipment and supplies used for biological processing as well as analytical instruments. The new company, to be named **TosoHaas**, will operate from Rohm and Haas facilities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. TosoHaas will focus its marketing efforts in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

SmithKline Beckman Corp. and **British Bio-technology Ltd.** have announced an agreement to conduct collaborative research on compounds to treat heart attacks and vascular disorders caused by clots in veins and arteries. Under the agreement, researchers at the two companies will use recombinant DNA and gene synthesis techniques to express and purify new thrombolytic agents.

The Jojoba Growers Association has named **Susan Pheasant** as its executive director.

Lubrizol Corp. has appointed **James Bulger** senior vice-president of sales and **R. John Senz** senior vice-president of marketing and product development.

W.R. Grace & Co.'s Dearborn division has completed a research and development laboratory at division headquarters in Lake Zurich, Illinois. The laboratory will house Grace's central research group for all water treatment divisions and the applied technology group for U.S. operations.

Obituaries

ERLEND R. LOWREY



Erlend R. Lowrey, a chemical engineer with the Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, died April 30, 1987. He was 56 years old.

Lowrey, a member of AOCS since 1968, served on the AOCS Governing Board as a member-at-large in 1979. Over the years, he served on the AOCS Flavor Nomenclature, Education, National Meetings Program Planning and National Meetings Program committees as well as the Foundation Board. He was technical program chairman for the fall 1975 meeting and served as session chairman at a number of AOCS national meetings.

Lowrey served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1954. He then earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Cornell University in 1957. He went to work for Procter & Gamble in 1957 in product and process development for its case and industrial foods divisions. When he joined AOCS, he was section head for fats and oils process development in Procter & Gamble's industrial chemicals division.

He held a number of patents, including three relating to fats and oils, and authored articles on edible oil hydrogenation.

In addition to AOCS, he was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society and the American Institute for Chemical Engineers. He was active civically as well, serving on the local school board advisory committee and with the Boy Scouts, the Engineering

Society of Cincinnati Math Tournament Committee and the Local Civil Service Commission.

Lowrey is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons, David and Eric; a daughter, Lydia Lowrey Sowles; and two grandsons, Adam and Dennis Lowrey.

HAROLD D. SLOSSON

AOCS has been informed of the death of emeritus member Harold D. Slosson, on July 24, 1986.

Slosson joined AOCS in 1935 when he was chief chemist for the Filtrol Co. in Los Angeles, California. He majored in industrial chemistry at the University of Southern California, where he earned his degree in 1921. He became an emeritus member in 1961 after retiring from Filtrol Corp.

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