

Obituary

ROBERT C. POPE



AOCS emeritus member Robert Cullen Pope of Dallas, Texas, died Sept. 15, 1988, at the age of 87. He had been a member of AOCS since 1942.

When he joined AOCS, Mr. Pope was a chemist at Southwestern Laboratories in Dallas, where he had worked since 1923. In 1946, he founded Pope Testing Laboratories Inc. in Dallas. He served as chairman of the board at Pope until the end of December 1979, when he retired.

He also founded Pope Kjeldahl Mixtures in Dallas in 1962.

Over the years, Mr. Pope was active on AOCS technical committees and in AOCS, and attended most of the society conventions. He served on the Smalley Committee, the Technical Safety and Engineering Committee and the Seed and Meal Analysis Committee. He also served as national meeting general chairman for the 1960 AOCS meeting in Dallas. He was an AOCS referee chemist for many years.

He is survived by a daughter, Diane Pope Paxton, of Houston; two grandsons, Robert Cullen Paxton of Dallas and John Randall Paxton of Atlanta, Georgia; and two sisters, Marion Kelly and Beth Coleman.

Methodology

Method development update

The following column was prepared by AOCS Technical Director Dave Berner.

1988 Additions and Revisions

The 1988 additions and revisions to AOCS official methods are scheduled to be available for mailing around Dec. 15, 1988. They will include updates and revisions to 20 methods, as well as new listings on laboratory safety, Approved Chemist criteria, Certified Laboratory criteria and AOCS technical committees. The total number of additions and revisions is 42.

CRA certification program

AOCS has been requested by the Corn Refiners Association (CRA) to establish a certification program for the analysis of corn gluten feed. The essential elements of the program have been finalized and include the following: obtain validating data for five CRA methods relating to corn gluten feed (protein, moisture, crude oils and fats, crude fiber, starch); adopt the five CRA methods for corn gluten feed as official AOCS methods; add corn gluten feed series to Smalley Program (participation would be mandatory for those chemists wishing to be approved for corn gluten feed analysis); develop Smalley statistical data on preground samples; and initially limit certification to Approved Chemist status.

Assuming that the final details will be satisfactory, the certification program should begin sometime in 1989. A number of laboratories have been surveyed by both CRA and AOCS regarding participation. Anyone with questions about the certification program or anyone interested in joining the program should contact the AOCS Technical Director at AOCS headquarters.

AOCS technical committees

The Edible Fats and Oils Analysis Committee (chaired by Ron Sleeter) is scheduled to meet at the Chicago O'Hare Hyatt Regency on Nov. 21, 1988. The AOCS

Uniform Methods Committee, chaired by David Firestone, is scheduled to meet on Nov. 22, 1988, also at the O'Hare Hyatt Regency.

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