

San Antonio Report to Appear in May

A full account of the 45th annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society, held in San Antonio, Tex., at the Plaza Hotel on April 12-14, 1954, will be given in the May issue of the Journal. Important items of business at the meeting, in addition to the annual reports of officers and committee chairmen, included announcement of election results (published elsewhere in this issue) and presentation of a certificate to the second section of the Society, the Northern California Section. This has been assigned the territory in California north of and including Fresno. The first section was established last fall, the Northeast Section.

An outgrowth of the San Francisco fall meeting in 1950, when E. B. Kester was chairman, the group now become section has been meeting at intervals in the Bay region, hearing reports of the semi-annual meetings of the Society and discussing problems of interest.

N. C. O. C. Becomes Section

WHEN Northern California Oil Chemists convened on March 12th in San Francisco the chairman, Lee Avera, announced that the Governing Board of the American Oil Chemists' Society

had approved the charter establishing local section status of this organization. Hereafter it will be known as the Northern California Section of the A.O.C.S. The charter will be formally presented at San Antonio in April.

Attendance at this meeting was 57. The topic was "Utilization of Inedible Fats," which was ably discussed by Robert D. Englert of Stanford Research Institute. Dr. Englert has had broad experience in this field. In addition to citing the present and foreseeable major outlets for inedible fats, he analyzed their current position in the domestic economy. After Dr. Englert concluded his talk, he moderated a spirited discussion on various aspects of inedible fat utilization.

E. B. KESTER

Soybean Blue Book Published

The 1954 edition of the Soybean Blue Book, comprising 160 pages, has been published by the American Soybean Association, Hudson, Ia. A new feature this year is a list and description of most U. S. soybean varieties now in production and a map showing recommended varieties for most soybean production areas.

Assembled for quick reference are the latest available statistics on production, prices, and utilization of soybeans, meal, and oil. There are directories of soybean processors, oil refiners, and manufacturers using soy product in their operations as well as of firms offering their services and products to the soybean industry. The book is available at \$3 per copy from the Association at Hudson.

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