

Dallas Chairmen Named

AS THE DALLAS CHAIRMAN, R. C. Pope of the Pope Testing Laboratories, moves into action with plans for the 51st annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society, to be held April 4-6 at the Baker hotel, he has chosen chairmen for the key committees, as follows:

adviser—R. R. King, consultant, Sherman, Tex.

ladies' program—Mrs. Stuart G. Johnson, 3125 Stanford

technical program—J. D. Lindsay, Texas A & M College, College Station

publicity—T. S. McDonald, Procter and Gamble

golf—R. T. Doughtie Jr., U.S.D.A., Memphis, Tenn.

entertainment—P. D. Cretien, Texas Testing Laboratories

hotel—Arlie Lamb, Anderson, Clayton

registration—E. W. Nance, Armour and Company, Fort Worth

finance—W. A. Jacob, Anderson, Clayton

plant trips—Stuart G. Johnson, Best Foods



R. R. King



R. T. Doughtie Jr.

A total of 400 rooms have been reserved at the Baker for those attending the convention. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

Dr. Lindsay has asked that title and abstract should be supplied by each speaker by February 1. He is also asking for photographs of speakers for possible publication in the Journal.

The spring meeting will be opened with reports by officers and committee chairmen. The Governing Board will meet Sunday at 2 p.m., with N. D. Embree presiding, and again on Wednesday after the convention closes, with R. W. Bates in the chair. Various committees of the Society will also meet.

Contribute Monograph

A 30-page illustrated monograph entitled "The Analysis of Fatty Acid Mixtures by Gas-Liquid Chromatography: Construction and Operation of an Ionization Chamber Instrument" has been published by The Nutrition Foundation Inc., 99 Park avenue, New York 16, N. Y. as a separate supplement to the August, 1959, issue of Nutrition Reviews. Authors are John W. Farquhar, William Insull Jr., Paul Rosen, Wilhelm Stoffel, and Edward H. Ahrens Jr., all of the Rockefeller Institute, New York 21, N. Y.

New civil-service examinations are announced for scientists in chemistry and other fields for research work in various federal agencies, according to Announcements 209B and 210B.

Publish 1959 Revisions

IN LATE DECEMBER the 1959 Revisions of the Official and Tentative Methods of the American Oil Chemists' Society were published, with E. M. Saltee of Procter and Gamble, Cincinnati, O., as editor. The set runs to 162 pages, the largest number ever printed in one year. The selling price will be \$3.75; orders may be sent to the American Oil Chemists' Society at 35 E. Wacker drive, Chicago 1, Ill.

The looseleaf book of Methods, 6×9 in., with annual Revisions through 1959, sells for \$15. The binder is \$6; two binders are recommended now for the book. Prices outside the United States are \$16 for Methods and \$7 for binder.

Below is the list of additions and revisions in the 1959 set:

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| Aa | 4-38 | Oil | Corrected |
| Aa | 7-55 | Residual Lint..... | Corrected |
| Ca | 2e-55 | Moisture | Revised |
| Ca | 14-56 | Total, Free, and Combined Glycerol..... | Amended |
| Ce | 12-59 | Titer Test..... | Replacement |
| Ce | 14-59 | Congeval Point..... | New |
| Cd | 7-58 | Polyunsaturated Acids..... | Revised |
| Cd | 11-57 | <i>alpha</i> -Monoglycerides | Amended |
| Cd | 12-57 | Fat Stability..... | Revised |
| Da | 1-45 | Sampling and Preparation..... | Revised |
| Da | 2b-42 | Moisture | Revised |
| Da | 23-56 | Free Glycerol..... | Amended |
| De | 1-59 | Sampling and Preparation..... | New |
| De | 2-59 | Moisture | New |
| De | 3a-59 | Alcohol-Soluble Matter..... | New |
| De | 3b-59 | Alcohol-Insoluble Matter..... | New |
| De | 4-59 | Ester SO ₂ | New |
| De | 5-59 | Combined Alcohols..... | New |
| De | 6-59 | Alkalinity | New |
| De | 7-59 | Sodium Sulfate..... | New |
| De | 8-59 | Unulfated Material..... | New |
| Dd | 1-59 | Sampling and Preparation..... | New |
| Dd | 2a-59 | Moisture | New |
| Dd | 2b-59 | Moisture | New |
| Ea | 2-38 | Ash, Alkalinity or Acidity and Sodium Chloride..... | Amended |
| Ea | 3-58 | Total and Organic Residue at 175°C..... | Amended |
| Ea | 6-51 | Glycerol | Amended |
| Ea | 7-50 | Apparent Specific Gravity at 25°/25°C..... | Amended |
| Ea | 8-58 | Moisture | Amended |
| G | 5-40 | Neutral Oil..... | Corrected |
| H | 11-58 | Color Stability Test Thermometer..... | New |
| Ja | 4-46 | Acetone-Insoluble Matter..... | Official |
| Ka | 6-59 | Viscosity | Replacement |
| L | 6a-59 | Titer Test..... | Replacement |
| L | 14a-58 | Rosin Acids..... | New |
| L | 15a-58 | Color Stability..... | New |
| M | 1-59 | Precision and Accuracy..... | New |

Goldblatt Speaks to NCS

SPEAKING on the topic, "Recent Developments in Castor Technology," Leo A. Goldblatt of the Western Regional Research Laboratory, Albany, Calif., addressed the Northern California Section of the American Oil Chemists' Society on November 6, 1959, at Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley, Calif. Attendance numbered 65 members and guests.

After giving a history of the uses and growth of the castor bean, Dr. Goldblatt discussed the advances in growing and harvesting the beans. He mentioned the unusual chemistry of the chief component in castor oil, which is ricinoleic acid, and the recent advances in its technology. Demonstrating one of the possible uses of castor oil in foams or sponges, he told of the current uses of castor oil and meal and other uses being developed.

Election results put Lee Avera of Best Foods, Alameda, Calif., in as chairman for 1960. On the steering committee will be Dr. Goldblatt; Lowell O. Cummings of Pacific Vegetable Oil Corporation, Richmond, Calif.; and Frederic Palmer III of Best Foods, San Francisco.

The next meeting of the Section will be held some time in February.

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