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THE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEETING

The Maryland Section will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the American Chemical Society at its meeting on Thursday, September 27. This will be a Jubilee meeting and special plans have been made by the Executive Committee to assure its excellence.

The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. W. A. Noyes, Jr., whom Maryland chemists will recall from his earlier visits as a stimulating lecturer and fine chemist. Dr. Noyes will talk on "The Chemist on the National and International Scene", a topic for whose discussion he is particularly qualified by his past experiences and strong personal interests. Such a topic should have appeal for chemists and non-chemists alike, and visitors will be welcome at the meeting.

Dr. Noyes stands high in his professional field of chemistry. He was, in a sense, born into it, for his father was also an outstanding chemist and a president of the American Chemical Society. W. A. Noyes, Jr. followed in his father's footsteps in becoming a chemist and is likewise serving as a president of the ACS. He received his chemical training at Grinnell College, the University of Illinois and the University of Paris. His distinguished teaching career has taken him from the Universities of California, Chicago and Brown to his present position as Chairman of the Department and Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Rochester. He has done outstanding work in photochemistry, fluorescence and spectroscopy, and has published extensively in these fields.

Dr. Noyes has served the American Chemical Society and the American chemical profession in many ways. He has held many offices in the Society, culminating in the presidency of the ACS in 1947. He served for many years as Assistant Editor of (to page 2

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MARYLAND SECTION NOTES

Chairman Brambel has appointed the following Nominating Committee: Channing W. Wilson, chairman, Giles B. Cooke, C. Jelleff Carr, A. H. Corwin and Wm. H. Summerson. This committee will make nominations for Section officers for 1952, and will welcome suggestions from members of the Section. Such suggestions should be sent by October 10 to Dr. C. W. Wilson, 4122 Westview Road, Baltimore 18, or to other members of the Committee.

The activities of the Section in connection with the 75th anniversary are developing as this issue of THE CHESAPEAKE CHEMIST goes to press. Note that the envelope in which your copy was mailed bears the special stamp commemorating the anniversary. Watch the windows in Pratt Library, in Hynson, Westcott and Dunning and elsewhere about town for displays honoring the chemist.

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Chemical Abstracts and as Editor of Chemical Reviews, and is now Editor of the Journal of the American Chemical Society. He is a Fellow of the Physical Society, the Philosophical Society, the New York Academy of Sciences and other organizations. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, for which he served as Councillor from 1947 to 1950.

Dr. Noyes' service to his country has been equally distinguished. As a young man he served in the Signal Corps in the first World War. From 1936 to 1941 he was a Lieutenant Commander of the USNR. In the second World War, and since then, the U.S. government has been eager to make use of Dr. Noyes' great ability and willingness to serve. During the war he was Chief of Division 10 (Absorbents and Aerosols) of the NDRC and a member of the staff of the Chief of the Technical Division, Chemical Warfare Service. He has been a member of the Atomic Energy Commission and the U.S. Naval Research Advisory Committee and is Chairman of the Division of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, National Research Council. In January he was appointed Chief Scientific Adviser to the Chief of the U.S. Chemical Corps.

Dr. Noyes has long been interested also in the international side of chemistry. He was the American Chemical Society representative at the 1947 meeting of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, and has been active in support of Unesco, serving as the representative of this country at the (to page 3

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 meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee, and as adviser to the U.S. delegation at the Paris Organization conference.

Such a background as this should make Dr. Noyes' address outstanding. The Jubilee meeting will be held at 8:30 in Room 1, Remsen Hall on the Homewood Campus of The Johns Hopkins University. A special dinner for members of the Section and their guests will be served at the Hopkins Club at 6:15. Arrangements for the dinner are set forth on the reservation card which is enclosed with this issue of THE CHESAPEAKE CHEMIST.

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It was agreed that, although Section funds should not be allowed to accumulate, no allocation of money would be made until the expense of the 75th Anniversary program had been met.

5. Consideration was then given to the report of the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee (Hartford, Evans Reid), copies of which had been previously distributed by mail. After a lively discussion, it was decided not to attempt a public meeting, but to plan our regular September meeting somewhat along the lines of the Remsen meeting, with a good foreign speaker if possible, and extend an invitation to the Engineers Club and those affiliates which are related to chemistry. Evans Reid was appointed to assist the vice-chairman (Hellerman) in making arrangements. It was also decided to investigate the possibilities of scheduling meetings with local speakers for various civic groups, and a Speakers' Committee was appointed (Hopkins, Hubard, Metcalf and Straughn). Projects concerned with publicity would be headed up by our regular committee (Hartford). An effort would be made to get spot announcements on existing radio and television programs, and (with the help of Mr. MacLellan, publicity Aide at Mutual Chemical Company of America) to arrange with industrial organizations, department stores and Pratt Library to present a series of display windows during the latter half of September. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was extended to the Planning Committee.

6. Channing Wilson, reporting for the subcommittee (Hopkins, Wilson, Lloyd) appointed to propose means of relieving the secretary-treasurer of the mounting volume of work connected with this combined office, recommended that the offices of secretary and treasurer be separated and given to two separate persons beginning January 1, 1952. This would involve no change in the By-Laws. The report was approved.

7. Giles Cooke, reporting for the Committee on Awards and Nominations, stated that Alsoph Corwin and Duncan MacRae, Maryland Section Councillors, has been proposed by the Maryland Section for possible nomination of the ACS Council Policy Committee.

8. Chairman Brambel urged all committee chairmen to enlist the support of the Section membership at large in filling out their respective committee personnel.

H. H. Lloyd, Secretary

75th ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MEETING

DATE Thursday, September 27 TIME 8:30 P. M.
PLACE Room 1, Remsen Hall, The Johns Hopkins University,
Charles & 34th Streets, Baltimore
Dr. W. Albert Noyes, Jr.
SPEAKER
SUBJECT The Chemist on the National and International Scene
The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in attending.
DINNER Special dinner at the Johns Hopkins Club at 6:15
The dinner is open to members of the Section and their guests.
Reservations should be made on the enclosed card.
SAVE Friday, October 26, for a meeting at Edgewood Arsenal.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on May 18, 1951, at the home of Chairman Charles E. Brambel. Fifteen members were present. A number of items were thoroughly discussed and subcommittees were appointed to make recommendations regarding some of the items, but action was deferred until June 22.

On June 22, 1951, the adjourned meeting was held at the home of Edward S. Hopkins. Eighteen members were present. The items considered and the action taken may be summarized as follows:

1. The subcommittee (Brambel, Lloyd, Wilson, Otto) appointed to determine whether or not the Washington office had misused the National Roster names of chemists collected and forwarded to it by Winslow Hartford in our behalf, reported that it had examined the correspondence files of Winslow Hartford and other data available (chiefly new member prospect cards sent to Ray Costa by the Washington office) and had prepared a letter incorporating its views, addressed to the Washington office. After the letter had been read and discussed, it was approved as prepared. Furthermore, the chairman of the Membership Committee (Costa) was instructed not to use any of the prospect names of questionable source in soliciting new members for the Society.

2. The chairman (Brambel) reported that Duncan MacRae had suggested Friday, October 26, as the date of the Army Chemical Center meeting. The speaker would probably be selected from Camp Detrick personnel and would talk on bacteriological warfare. This invitation and proposal was accepted with thanks, with a query on inviting the American Society of Bacteriologists.

3. George Hager recommended that the second special interests group meeting, comparable to that held in November, 1950, be deferred until February or March, 1952, in view of the plans for the 75th A.C.S. Anniversary activities in September. This recommendation was approved and planning was deferred until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

4. The treasurer (Lloyd) reported that, after allowance had been made for normal operating expenses of the Section through 1951, there remained a sum of approximately \$4150 in bank. (to page 3