

Farm 'Chemurgy' Aid To Industry

Those who feel blue about the future of American agriculture should read the proceedings of the Fourth Annual Chemurgic Conference held during the last week of April at Omaha. It looks as if the industrialists, the scientist and the agriculturalist have started some fine team work, that opens a vast new horizon to the tillers of the soil.

This organization was formed three years ago to create new markets for American farm products as industrial raw materials. 'Chemurgic,' by the way, is a coined word which means putting chemistry to work. A single example from the many interesting papers read at Omaha, by some of the country's foremost scientists who are devoting their lives to this problem, serves to illustrate the progress already made.

It seems from this announcement, made by Matt F. Taggart, director of research for the O'Brien Varnish Company of South Bend, Indiana,

that science has found a commercially practical way of treating soy and tung oils so as to make them immensely more valuable in the manufacture of paint. What this means to the American growers of soya beans and tung nuts may be judged from the fact that we now import annually more than a billion and a half pounds of flaxseed for the manufacture of linseed oil used in paint making.

The new process which Mr. Taggart called "thermolyzing" turns out a soy-tung oil mixture said to be superior to linseed oil. The O'Brien Varnish Company, which has just taken out a patent on the method, has tested 100,000 gallons of paint made with this "thermolyzed" or heat treatment oil and found it not only equal but superior to linseed oil paints.

WOMAN MISSIONARY HERE

One of the interesting people attending the Synod was Miss Winifred Jacobs who spent many years as a missionary in China. She was a member of the staff at the Chinese Cathedral school in Hankow, province of Hupeh, China. She sails for Europe from New York May 28.

Desert Chapter Visits In Vegas

About twenty members of Desert Chapter, O.E.S. of Boulder City responded to the invitation extended by Southgate Chapter O. E. S. of Las Vegas for luncheon Tuesday.

The tables were set in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple and a most delectable menu was served by the committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Oscar Peiffer.

Mrs. Velma Van Eaton, Worthy Matron of Southgate Chapter had charge of the entertainment for the afternoon which was spent in the delightful lounge of the Temple where several guessing contests and games were enjoyed. The occasion proved to be a very delightful one.

FORMER RECTOR HERE

Rev. Paul B. James, wife and daughter-in-law of Seattle arrived Wednesday to attend the Synod. Mr. James was one of the early vicars of Christ Church, Las Vegas. He arrived on March 18, 1911 and remained until 1913.

Limited Resumes Former Schedule

As a result of increased travel to Southern California during the past few weeks, coupled with an anticipated peak in summer visitors, A. V. Kipp, assistant traffic manager of the Union Pacific railroad, said today that the all-pullman, non-extra-fare Los Angeles Limited would resume its previous schedule between Southern California and Chicago on May 22.

"We are now running the Challenger in two sections every day," Kipp pointed out, "and with the many added attractions scheduled in Southern California, we have found it necessary to resume the regular schedule of the Los Angeles Limited."

Union Pacific officials here were optimistic for the summer tourist season, pointing out that recently a second streamliner had been put into service with departures every third day, and predicted new highs in summer figures.

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