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Views of Local Sections

Local sections of the American Industrial Hygiene Association are organizing their meetings for 1943, with emphasis on the various phases of industrial hygiene as applied to the war effort and the protection of warlike uses in the war industry. The New England, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis sections have not yet scheduled their first meeting, but those interested in industrial hygiene in the respective areas should request that their names be placed on the mailing list for announcements. For the New England Section, contact person is 35 Shattuck Street, Boston, Massachusetts; for the Pittsburgh Section, Dr. A. W. Moseley, U. S. Bureau of Mines Equipment Station, Pittsburgh; and for the St. Louis Section, Dr. John Smith, St. Louis Department of Health, Division of Industrial Hygiene, St. Louis, should be contacted.

Metropolitan New York

The first meeting of the Metropolitan New York Section was held on October 14, 1942, at which an open round-table discussion of present and future activities of the Local Section was featured.

The second meeting, November 18, introduced Dr. Morris A. Lerner, Senior Chemist and member of the Warrent Board, Department of Health, New York City, who led a discussion of chemical warfare agents and their classification, physical effects, chemical identification, and decontamination. The long list of participants, including speakers, and immediate were discussed.

The present officers of the Metropolitan New York Section are: Chairman, Dr. Morris A. Lerner; Vice-Chairman, Dr. A. Moseley; Secretary-Treasurer, William J. Smith; Council, two-year term, Dr. A. C. Brown; and Council, one-year term, Dr. A. F. Fitt.

Michigan

The Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society is planning six meetings for the current year. Five will be held in Detroit and one in Lansing. The Lansing meeting, in February, 1943, will be devoted to "Industrial Nursing" and "Women in Industry." In Detroit one session is planned on "Industrial Ventilation," featuring a prominent authority in the field, along with contributions by representatives of local industry. Another session will present "Acute Medicine," by a Michigan physician who has interesting and valuable material for both medical and non-medical members of the Society. Dr. Leroy V. Cameron, of Bureau Laboratory, and Dr. William F. Fitt, of Mine Safety Appliances Co., have accepted invitations to present their latest information at two of the 1943 meetings.

The officers of the Michigan Section for the 1942-43 year are as follows: President, STUART F. SMITH, M.D., Chrysler Corporation, Detroit; President-Elect, H. A. BROWN, Michigan Department of Health, Lansing; Past-President, WILLIAM A. SMITH, Department of Health, Detroit; Secretary-Treasurer, WILLIAM F. FITT, Bureau of Health, Detroit.

The Executive Committee includes: MAX AUSTIN, M.D., Michigan Department of Health, Lansing; A. J. SMITH, M.D., Fisher Body Division, General Motors Corporation, Detroit; GEORGE A. HANCOCK, M.D., Chrysler Corporation, Detroit; T. F. MCGRAW, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn; A. D. THURMAN, Detroit Box Products Company, Detroit.

Chicago Section

The first meeting of the Chicago Section, held on October 1, 1942, was on the subject "Maintenance of Industrial Hygiene Standards Under War Conditions." Four phases of this problem and what is being done about it were presented by men who are actively engaged in this endeavor. Management aspects of the problem were discussed by A. G. Hewitt, Plant Superintendent, Fisking Corporation, Chicago; industrial medical aspects by LAWRENCE A. SMITH, M.D., Medical Director, Buick Motor Division, General Motors, Warren Park, Illinois; engineering problems by WILLIAM A. LEE, M.D., Industrial Hygiene Engineer, Division of Industrial Hygiene, Wisconsin State Department of Health, Madison; and the problems of the equipment suppliers by C. A. SEYMOUR, Engineer Plant Control Division, American Laundry Equipment Company, Mishawaka, Indiana.

The second meeting, on the control of lead exposures under difficulties of war production, was held November 5. A. W. Fitt, Research Department, American Can Company, Maywood, discussed increased lead exposures due to war conditions; Dr. ROBERT W. SMITH, speaking on the detection of excessive exposure to lead, outlined urine and blood tests and other means of determination where workers are subject to a real hazard; WILLIAM A. SMITH, Director, Division of Industrial Hygiene and Engineering Research, Swift-Hoursen Companies, presented new data on lead exposures in spray painting operations; A. W. Fitt, Buffalo Forge Company, Chicago, detailed the application of exhaust ventilation and control of lead dusts and fumes; and JOHN A. WERNER, Medical Department, American Brake Shoe & Foundry Company, spoke on present practices in the control of existing lead exposures.

The subject of the third meeting on December 17 was organic solvents in present use. Dr. A. W. Fitt, Director, Chicago Research Division, Anderson-Prichard Co. Corporation,

Chicago, discussed organic solvents being used in industry today, together with applications to which solvents, thinners and mixtures of them have been adapted. In presenting this subject, with which nearly every industrial plant is concerned these days, Dr. Fitt pointed out the danger in which mixtures of some of the less toxic solvents and thinners can be used in place of certain of the more toxic and indicated precautionary measures which may be necessary where process requirements dictate the utilization of some of the more toxic of these substances. Having for many years directed the activities of an able research staff in the development of applications of solvents to industrial operations, Dr. Fitt is in a most strategic position to convey information concerning these materials.

The officers of the Chicago Section for the 1942-43 year are as follows: Chairman, JAMES H. ALLEN, International Harvester Company; Vice-Chairman, JOSEPH F. SMITH, M.D., Crane Co.; Secretary-Treasurer, WILLIAM A. SMITH, Zurich Insurance.

The Executive Committee includes: For three years, CLARK S. BROWN, Casualty Mutual Insurance Company; A. C. KAMMER, M.D., Island Steel Company; W. A. FISK, M.D., Engineers Mutual Life Ins. Co.; and for one year, ROBERT W. SMITH, M.D., Swift-Hoursen Companies; JOSEPH F. SMITH, M.D., Swift-Hoursen Companies; J. A. WERNER, American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.; T. F. MCGRAW, American Can Company; and C. A. SEYMOUR, M.D., Industrial Hygiene Consultant, and for one year, GEORGE A. HANCOCK, M.D., National Safety Council; WILLIAM A. SMITH, M.D., Illinois State Department of Public Health; JOHN LADSON, American Air Filter Company; and LEONARD SMITH, Illinois State Department of Labor.

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