

Wormser Again Heads Lead Industries Assn.

Felix E. Wormser, vice president of St. Joseph Lead Co., New York, was re-elected president of the Lead Industries Assn. at its meeting at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, Friday, April 8. Re-elected with him were vice presidents K. C. Brownell and J. A. Martino. The



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executive committee, appointed by the board of directors, includes the officers, as well as L. E. Hanley, president, Hecla Mining Co. and George Mixter, vice president of the United States Smelting & Mining Co. Inc.

In his remarks opening the Association's 21st annual meeting President Wormser pointed out that "A free market, operating in the American system of free enterprise, has brought about a swift correction of the serious worldwide lead shortage."

The first session at the one-day closed meeting held at the Drake Hotel, at which slightly over one hundred members were present, covered the domestic and foreign supply position of lead. This session was presided over by F. S. Mulock, vice president, United States Smelting Refining & Mining Co. Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah. The speakers were J. B. Haffner, general manager, Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Co., Kellogg, Idaho; F. A. Wardlaw, Jr., general manager, International Smelting & Refining Co., Salt Lake City, Utah; Francis Cameron, vice president, St. Joseph Lead Co., New York; R. F. Goodwin, vice president, American Smelting & Refining Co., New York; Marc S. Goldsmith, Goldsmith Bros. Smelting and Refining Co., Chicago; and Dr. R. B. McCormick, Chief of the Nonferrous Metals Division of the Munitions Board, Washington, D. C.

The afternoon session covered the outlook for some important lead products and was presided over by D. A. Merson, vice president of the National

Lead Co., New York. The speakers were R. K. Spofford, purchasing agent, The Okonite Co., Passaic, N. J.; J. H. Schaefer, vice president, Ethyl Corp., Baton Rouge, La.; Walter P. Carroll, manager, Metal Department, National Lead Co., New York; M. M. Zoller, vice president, The Eagle-Picher Sales Co., Cincinnati, Ohio; A. R. Knight, manager, Euston Lead Co., Scranton, Pa.; A. M. Callis, general sales manager, Federated Metals Division, American Smelting and Refining Co., New York; and H. A. Harvey, vice president, Auto-Lite Battery Corp., Niagara Falls, N. Y. and president, Association of American Battery Manufacturers, Inc.

The following plants of member companies were visited on Saturday, April 9, Federated Metals Division of the American Smelting and Refining Co., at Whiting, Ind., and the U.S.S. Lead Refinery at East Chicago, Indiana.

Government Has Problem in Flaxseed Holdings

Officials of the Production and Marketing Administration of the Department of Agriculture met April 8 with representatives of flaxseed growers and crushers and consumers of linseed oil to discuss the policy to be followed in disposing of the government's holdings of linseed oil and flaxseed.

Currently, the Government is holding approximately 200,000,000 pounds of linseed oil and some 18,000,000 bushels of flaxseed, the latter representing something over a third of the 1948 crop, acquired under last year's support program of \$6 per bushel for seed and 26.7 cents per pound for oil.

The Government faces a big problem in the disposition of these holdings without tremendous injury to industrial holdings or great loss to the Treasury. The situation is complicated by the fact that farmers have indicated an intention of planting about 55 per cent more acreage in flaxseed than has been set up as the goal for this year, which the Government has agreed to support at \$3.99 per bushel.

Discussion of the problem ran all day, and at the close of the meeting department officials said they could give no indication as to when a decision would be reached, but promised it would be forthcoming before June 30. This would be in line with a statement made some weeks ago that the administration would not dispose of any of its holdings at less than acquisition cost before midyear.

In the Building Field

Walter H. Ferguson, formerly executive vice president of the National Manufacturing Corp., Tonawanda, N. Y., is heading a new company for the manufacture of insulated asphalt siding in Buffalo, N. Y., known as Weatherpanel Sidings, Inc. The firm is capitalized at \$100,000.

Frank P. Connolly Chosen of N. Y. Club Nominators

The Nominating Committee of the New York Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Assn. has submitted its choice of candidates for the club offices as follows: For President, Frank P. Connolly; Vice President, Harry C. Soffer; Secretary, C. Ernest Seghers, Jr.; and



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for Treasurer, Hendrick E. Hendrickson. For members of the Executive Committee, Lester Arnstein, L. G. Cannella and J. P. Dunphy.

Nominations of thirty delegates and thirty alternates to the Atlantic City Convention in November were also made. The Nominating Committee was made up as follows: Augustus R. DeVos, Gustave Klinkenstein, Leo Roon, Renshaw Smith, Jr., and Leon Davis Eldot, Chairman.

Otto Hense New President Cincinnati Paint Golfers

Meeting at the Cincinnati Club, April 5, twenty-four members of the Cincinnati Paint Golf Club elected Otto P. Hense, Sales Manager, Pigment Division, the Eagle-Picher Company, as the new president, succeeding Elmer Bulthaup, local representative of United States Industrial Chemicals, Inc. Other officers elected were Harold Magee, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., vice president, and E. J. Shannon, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

The club plans to open its playing season at the Terrace Park Country Club, April 12. Elected to membership was Clem Surman, sales manager, Cincinnati branch of the National Lead Co. He succeeds Walter Lessman, who was Cincinnati sales manager for the lead company, but has been transferred to the company's office in St. Louis, Mo.