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## "FEEDING THE WORLD"

- Speaker: Mr. Albert F. Plant  
Chemical & Engineering News,  
Editor
- Date: Wednesday, March 17, 1976
- Place: North Carolina State University  
Raleigh, North Carolina
- Time: 5:30 Happy Hour  
North Carolina State  
Faculty Club
- 6:30 Dinner (from the Menu, \$3-6)  
NCSU Faculty Club
- 8:00 Lecture  
Room 124, Dabney  
North Carolina State University

Albert F. Plant graduated from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1954 with a B.S. degree in Chemistry. After his degree, he joined the Shell Chemical Corporation in Houston, Texas, as a research chemist.

In 1960, he joined the Development Department of Fisher Scientific Company, and moved back north to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In this position, he was involved in developing and designing analytical instrumentation, primarily in the chemical field. At Fisher he won an I.R. 100 Award for the design of an automatic photometric titrator.

Al moved to Kontes Glass Company, in 1965, as Director of Research for their new Research and Product Development Department which he organized. The major emphasis in this department was in instrumentation and apparatus for chemical, biomedical and biochemical research.

He joined INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH magazine in 1968 as Assistant Editor, advancing through a number of editorial positions until he became the Editor, in 1972. In June of 1974, he joined CHEMICAL & ENGINEERING NEWS as its Editor.

During the period of association with Fisher Scientific Co., Mr. Plant obtained his second degree, a B.S., in Industrial Management, also from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie-Mellon University).

He is a long-time member of the American Chemical Society having joined the Society in the early 1950s while at Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Al presently lives in Fairfax, Virginia, with his wife Bernice and his five children. He has a variety of hobbies (his wife says, "Too many!"), which include hunting, painting, antique collecting, writing.....

**"FEEDING THE WORLD"**

Many countries of the world have severe food production and distribution problems caused by a variety of factors including population, politics, economics, and geography. Energy economics have aggravated this situation. These problems will be discussed and possible solutions advanced. The fertilizer problem and its solution will receive some special emphasis. Current chemical research efforts into synthetic foods, improved plant strains, and a variety of other options to improving the world food situation will be discussed.

**\*\*\*\*\* REMINDERS \*\*\*\*\***

MEETING-IN-MINIATURE: The Central North Carolina Section of ACS in the Greensboro, Winston-Salem area will join the North Carolina Section this year in our annual Meeting-in-Miniature program. The Plenary speaker is Dr. Ted Benfey of Guilford College and Editor of Chemistry. The February issue of TARHELIUM included an application for presentation of a paper at the meeting which is to be held on the NCSU campus on April 22. The Deadline is near so don't delay! Contact Dr. Suzanne T. Purrington for info.

CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: The North Carolina Section of the ACS as noted in the last issue of TARHELIUM is providing \$750 for a scholarship award to a graduate or professional school student within the section. The deadline for the application is near (March 15). Contact Dr. Robert G. Lewis at the Health Effects Research Laboratory at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park.

BYLAWS: The changes in the bylaws for the North Carolina Section which were published in the January issue of TARHELIUM were voted on at the February meeting of the Section and passed.

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