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Phoenix-like, perhaps as a forerunner of reconversion, the Puget Sound Chemist rears its (we hope not ugly) head. The Section must admit of a greatly curtailed program of late. In this connection the Committee tenders apologies to those who have newly arrived; explanation to those who have been too busy to observe the fact and an invitation to all to join in a revival.

OCTOBER MEETING

Dr. Earl A. Evans, Jr., Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry, University of Chicago, has generously offered to make a western tour. He will speak on "The Oxidation of Carbohydrates in Animal Tissues." The meeting will be at 8 P.M. Wednesday, October 18, in Room 140, Bagley Hall, University of Washington. Although no general dinner is planned, Dr. Evans will be the guest of the Section at a no-host dinner at the Hotel Edmond Meany. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M.

THE SECTION COMES OF AGE

The Puget Sound Section, the largest north of San Francisco and west of Minneapolis, is displaying a steady growth. We now have close to 200 members, widely scattered it is true, but many newly-arrived and representing many chemical activities. Moreover, half of these are in Seattle. What should the activities of the Section be? Should we know each other better? Are we simply a geographical classification of the 40,000 members of the ACS, or do we have things in common as chemists and uniquely in common as Northwest Chemists? Could we sponsor a national post-war convention? What about post-war planning for the Northwest? These are a few questions that occur to the writer--your retiring secretary-treasurer, by the way.

Five years ago this sheet was initiated as a medium of announcement and activation with the frail but sincere hope that it might contribute to those ends better than post card notification. Perhaps it has. The author has had no way of telling. The hopes also included the possibility of an editor (not the secretary) taking over the writing. That hope still exists and herewith is thrown out as a suggestion to relieve the succeeding secretary. It is further suggested that a Section of this size and importance should be organized to enlarge the scope of its activities. That the work involved be spread among more members, among more committees. That the Section come of age.

ELECTION YEAR

A nominating committee will report on the slate of officers for the coming year at the next meeting. The nominating committee is simply acting in an expedient manner to solve a difficult problem; that of choosing the best qualified and most available to fill the various offices. Assistance in this direction can be rendered in two ways. First, by drawing to the attention of the Section the names of qualified persons the committee may have overlooked. Nominations may be made from the floor. Second, by a willingness to accept an office when requested.

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Northwest chemistry lost one of its best known and best beloved members with the passing of Warren L. Beuschlein, Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Washington. Professor Beuschlein died suddenly following a stroke while at his regular work on September 15. He died in harness. He had been on the Faculty since 1922. From 1922 until 1930 he was secretary and secretary-treasurer of the Section. He was chairman of the Section during the year 1942, contemporaneous with the assumption of his tremendous civilian defense work. The City of Seattle owes him a debt of gratitude for that work and all who worked with him realize how completely and unsparingly he gave himself. He will be greatly missed.