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## JANUARY MEETING

Dr. Wilhelm Hirschkind will address the Section on the subject: "Fixation of Atmospheric Nitrogen--A Historical Review." Dr. Hirschkind is Research Director of the Great Western Division of the Dow Chemical Company. His talk will cover all phases of nitrogen fixation, including the arc and cyanamid processes. The main emphasis will be on the development of synthetic ammonia, whose origin he witnessed personally in Haber's Laboratory.

The meeting will be held at Room 140 Bagley Hall at 8 P.M., Wednesday, January 17. DINNER. Those who attended the enthusiastic dinner turnout in November will want an opportunity to visit with their chemistry friends again. Accordingly, we shall have dinner at the Hotel Meany at 6:30, preceding the meeting. The charge is \$2 a plate. If you plan to attend, please send your reservations by the enclosed post card to reach us Tuesday morning. If you do not plan to come, please indicate "no reservations" in the space provided, along with the other questions.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to complete the records of the Section, we are asking each member to return the enclosed questionnaire. The necessity of brevity has restricted the wording on several points. A word or two of explanation might be in place here. Under the heading of "Special Scientific Interest," please indicate any special field that might hold your interest or that you may have followed in the past. For instance, it is quite possible that an expert on spectrophotometry may be now working as an organic chemist. In answering "The Choice of Subjects Desired," bear in mind that many qualified individuals in our Section might, by reasons of modesty or otherwise, not reveal their special abilities. Accordingly we would hope that some of you will tell us about them. Items on the questionnaire will be helpful to our Program Committee in obtaining local speakers and will aid in compiling a membership list, which will be sent to all members of the Section in the near future.

## MEMBERSHIP Council of Engineering and Technical Societies

The official count of members in the Section was 206 as of the first of the year. This represents an 18 per cent increase during the year and entitles the Section to a third councilor. The new councilor will be elected at the forthcoming meeting.

While the above growth is very gratifying, there is no reason why it cannot be exceeded this year. It may be in place to inform all the members that the Section receives a commission of \$2.50 for each new application sent through the Secretary or through the membership committee. The personnel of the membership committee will be announced soon.

## ELECTION

At the November 24th meeting, the following members were elected to serve as officers of the Puget Sound Section for 1945: Chairman, V. Sivertz; Vice-chairman, W. R. Gailey; Secretary, Joseph L. McCarthy; Councilors, G. W. Burchard and S. G.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Speakers for February and March meetings are being obtained. In April, Dr. Zscheile of the University of Chicago, will speak on "Spectrophotometry in the Study of Plant Pigments".

Replies have thus far been received. To those who have not yet returned this Questionnaire, there is now being sent another postcard. It is hoped that a reply will be received from each member so that the membership directory can be completed in the near future.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

March Meeting (March 23, 1945) Dr. Walter J. Murphy, Editor of Industrial and Engineering Magazine, "The Chemist's Responsibility in War and Peace".

April Meeting (To be held on April 1, 1945) Dr. V.P. Zscheile, University of Chicago, "Spectrophotometry in the Study of Plant Pigments".