

Early History

Cincinnati Section American Association of Cereal Chemists

(1928–1931, 1933–1950)



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Interest in the organization of the cereal Chemists in the Cincinnati district had its beginning with the organization of the St. Louis & Central States Section in 1928. This Section covered a very large area for a local section, but most of its members consisted of the Cereal Chemists in and around St. Louis and Cincinnati. Then about 1931 the Cereal Chemists in the Cincinnati district began holding some meetings as the Cincinnati Division of the St, Louis & Central States Section.

In 1933 the Cincinnati Division of the St, Louis & Central States Section was definitely established, with an understanding that the Vice-Chairman of the St. Louis & Central States Section would be from the Cincinnati Division. Under this arrangement the Cincinnati Section had its beginning and hold meetings five or six times a year in the cities of its territory.

Officers for the year 1933-34

H. G. Walter: Chairman – St, Louis & Central States Section

C. O. Oppen: Vice-Chairman, – St, Louis and Central States Section and Chairman of the Cincinnati Division .

Edgar L. Ulrey: Secretary-Treasurer – Cincinnati Division only

Officers for the year 1934-35

C. O. Oppen: Chairman – St. Louis & Central States Section

Geo. Garnatz: Vice-Chairman – St. Louis & Central States Section and Chairman the Cincinnati Division

Walter Reiman: Secretary-Treasurer – Cincinnati Division only

It was during this year that the members of the Cincinnati Division began to consider the formation of a Section. The two divisions of the St. Louis & Central States Section were so widely separated that it was not possible to hold a meeting in which both divisions were well represented, The idea of a Cincinnati Section was probably first suggested in a conversation between Avery Dunn and George Garnatz at American Association of

Cereal Chemists convention in Louisville, Kentucky May 1931. The idea developed into a reality in four years.

In the spring of 1935, under the leadership of George Garnatz, the Cincinnati Division decided to petition the executive committee of the American Association of Cereal Chemists for a charter. The petition was presented to the Executive Committee at the 1935 Denver Convention of the American Association of Cereal Chemists, by George Garnatz. The following was taken from the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting at Denver on Monday, June 4, 1935:

“The Committee voted to separate the present St. Louis and Central States Section into two parts. One to retain the present name of St. Louis and Central States Section, the other to be known as the, Cincinnati Section, with headquarters at that City. Dr. R.C. Sherwood was appointed as a committee of one to arrange for a fair division of the members between the two sections.”

Officers for the year 1935–36

Edgar L. Ulrey: Chairman
Perie R. Pitts: Vice–Chairman
Lionel G. Brown: Secretary–Treasurer

The constitution and by–laws for the Cincinnati Section were adopted, at a meeting in Cincinnati,, Ohio, January 11th, 1936. The charter for the Cincinnati Section was granted by the executive Committee of the American Association of Cereal Chemists on March 10th, 1936.

The officers of the Association and members of the Executive Committee, who signed the Charter were:

Washington Platt: President

H.D. Liggitt, Jr.: Vice-President

H.W. Putnam: Secretary

M.D. Mize: Treasurer

Executive Committee:

R.C. Sherwood

George Garnatz

Mary M. Brooke

**The members of the Cincinnati Section, March 10th, 1936
(Charter Members)**

Active Members:

Alexander, George L. - Commercial Milling Co., Detroit, Michigan
Baker, Lewis - Mid-West laboratories, Columbus, Ohio
Bayfield, Dr. E.G. - Agr. Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio
Brown, Lionel G. - Noblesville Milling Co., Noblesville, Indiana
Brown, Miss Pearl - Perfection Biscuit Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.
Brownlee, W, E, - United Mills Co., Grafton, Ohio
Calacurico, Michael J, - Strietmann Biscuit Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
Coughlin, F.J - Procter & Gamble Co., Ivorydale, Ohio
Evert, C.F. - 318 W. South St. Fostoria, Ohio
Garnatz, George - Kroger Food Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio
Kelley, James -, Lyon & Greenleaf Co., Ligonier, Ind.
Kraybill, Dr. Henry R. - Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana
Loving, H. J. - Kroger Food Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mennel, Louis A., Jr. - Mennel Milling Co., Toledo, Ohio
Mendelsohn, Simon - Snow King Baking Powder Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
McKinstrie, H.N. - Allen & Wheeler, Troy, Ohio
Nader, W.E. - Box 284, Station G., Columbus, Ohio
Pearcy, Grant W. - 1218 W. Elliot St., Evansville, Indiana
Oppen, C.O. - Lawrenceburg Roller Mills, Lawrenceburg, Indiana
Pitts, P.R. - Evans Milling Co., Indianapolis, Indiana
Putnam, H.W. - Igleheart Bros., Inc., Evansville, Indiana
Reiman, Walter - Kroger Food Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio
Shiple, V. - National Milling Co., Toledo, Ohio
Simmons, H.M. - Mid-West Laboratories Co., Columbus, Ohio
Thomas, L.M. - Keever Starch Company, Columbus, Ohio
Ulrey, E.L. - Acme-Evans Company, Indianapolis, Indiana
Van Osdal, Max B. - Blish Milling Company, Seymour, Indiana

Whiteside, Robert – Kroger Food Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio
Whiting, L.D. – Ballard & Ballard Company, Louisville, Kentucky

Associate Members:

Armstrong, L. – Ballard & Ballard Company, Louisville, Kentucky
Auch, R.H. – American Products Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
Bohn, A.S. – Cincinnati Scientific Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
Flick, J.M. – 328 Fourth St., N.E. Apt. 3, Atlanta, Georgia
Johnson, Earl – Washburn Crosby Co., Louisville, Kentucky
Jones, C.V. – Mid-West Laboratories, Columbus, Ohio
Lommel, C.H. – Lawrenceburg Roller Mills Co., Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Officers for the year 1936–37

Howard M. Simmons: Chairman
Geo. L. Alexander: Vice –Chairman
Lewis Baker: Secretary–Treasurer

In the first part of this year the Cincinnati Section decided to start a research problem that would be of interest to a majority of its members. After considering several problems the chosen one was, “The shortener tolerance of soft wheat flours at different viscosity levels in the making of biscuits.”

Members of the Research Committee were:

Harry J. Loving (Chairman)
Clarence O. Oppen
Robert S. Whiteside

This committee carried on a very extensive, collaborative study of the problem with other members of the Section and made an interesting and comprehensive report. They found the problem too large to complete in one year and recommended that the work be continued.

Also this year Chairman Howard Simmons and George Garnatz worked to get the National Convention for Cincinnati in 1938. Their efforts were successful as the Executive Committee in their March meeting 1937 chose Cincinnati for the 1938 convention city.

Officers for the year 1937-38

Walter Reiman: Chairman

J.A. Shellenberger: Vice-Chairman

Frank Schwain: Secretary-Treasurer

The main activities of the Cincinnati section this year was in working out the plans and program for the National Convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 23rd to 26th, 1938. Walter Reiman was Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, and George Garnatz was Chairman, of the, Program Committee. The Convention was a success, not only from the standpoint of attendance, which was the largest to date, but was one of the finest programs the members of the Association had the privilege to attend. Its success was due to the untiring efforts of George Garnatz and Walter Reiman and their Committees. The high light of the Convention from the Cincinnati Section viewpoint was the election of George Garnatz, Vice-President of the American Association of Cereal Chemists.

Officers for the year 1938-39

George L. Alexander: Chairman

L.M. Thomas : Vice-Chairman

Perie R. Pitts: Secretary-Treasurer

The membership of the Cincinnati Section has been steadily growing since its organization, Attendance at the meetings is about 35 to 40 now, whereas, it was only around 15 to 20 three or four years ago.

The research problem which was postponed last year on account of the extra work of making arrangements for the National Convention, was

again delayed because so many Section members were working on Committees of the National Association. However, a study of the previous report was made by Harry J. Loving, L. A. Thomas, and Howard M Simmons. They made some definite recommendations to be taken up the next year,

The outstanding event of the year was the election of George Garnatz, President of the American Association of Cereal Chemists, at the Kansas City Convention in May 1939.

Officers for the year 1939-40

Perie R. Pitts: Chairman
J.A. Shellenberger: Vice-Chairman
Lowell Armstrong: Secretary-Treasurer

The work of the Research Committee was again started this year to carry out the recommendations of the previous committees.

The committee personnel were as follows:

Frank Schwain (Chairman)
L. W. Baker
C. F. Evert
Jay Heeding
J. Kelley
E. Forereach
J. A. Shellenberger
D. Wade

This committee like the 1936 Research Committee did a great deal of collaborative work on the problem, and the Chairman made a very complete report of Its Findings and some recommendations for the Section to follow.

The Section lost one of its most faithful and active members in the untimely passing of Lionel G. Brown on February 2nd, 1940. He was a Charter Member. Again the Cincinnati Section had one of its members elected to the office of President of the National Association. In March 1940 Claude F. Davis became a member of the section while holding the office of Vice-President and was elevated to the Presidency at the National Convention held at New York in May 1940.

Officers for the year 1940-1941

J.A. Shellenberger: Chairman

Lowell Armstrong: Vice-Chairman

Harry J. Loving: Secretary-Treasurer

Since the year is not complete we will not attempt to record the happenings of the year 1940-41,

Respectfully Submitted

Perie R. Pitts

History Committee, Cincinnati Section

March 1 1941.

Members In Service

(Please notify secretary of any changes or additions. We want this list up to date.)

Name	Rank	Address
Baker, C.E., Jr.		Chicago Quartermaster Depot, 1849 W. Pershine Road Chicago 9, Illinois
Bode, Charles Camp	Capt.	Station Hospital Chaffee, Arkansas
Gaston, J.M.		(Navy)
Groves, Forest C.W.S.	Pvt.	35423584, Co. C, 1st Trg. Regt. R.T.C. Camp Sibert, Alabama
Heizer, H.K. Sec.	S/Sgt.	35405303, Base Chem. Davis Montnan Field, Tucson, Arizona
Loving, H.J.	Lieut. Col,	(in Europe)
Martin, J.J. Regiment	1st Lieut.	Demonstration Armed Forces School Fort Knox, Kentucky
Neeland, Gene		

Robertson, Joe E.

Shade, E.H.
Service

Lieut. Col.

Chemical Warfare

Fort Hayes
Columbus, Ohio

Shune, Howard
Hdq. Co

Pvt.

35342552, Hdq. And

2nd C.W.S. Trg. Regt.
Camp Sibert, Alabama

Snow, Russell G.
Service

Chemical Warfare

Camp Sibert
Gadsen, Alabama

Officers 1941 - 1942

Lowell Armstrong: Chairman

Harry J. Loving: Vice-Chairman

Wilbur H. Hanson: Secretary-Treasurer

Officers 1942 - 1943

Wilbur H. Hanson: Chairman

Frank Schwain: Vice-Chairman

Grant W. Percy: Secretary-Treasurer

Officers 1943 - 1944

Frank Schwain: Chairman

Grant W. Percy: Vice-Chairman

Pearl Brown: Secretary-Treasurer

Officers 1944 - 1945

Grant W. Percy: Chairman

Pearl Brown: Vice-Chairman

Harry Johnson & C.A. Lamb: Secretary-Treasurer

Officers 1945 - 1946

Pearl Brown: Chairman

C.A. Lamb : Vice-Chairman

Paul W. Headler: Secretary-Treasurer

Officers 1946 - 1947

C.A. Lamb: Chairman

Paul W. Headler: Vice-Chairman

Clifford Nelson: Secretary-Treasurer

Officers 1947 - 1948

Paul W. Headler: Chairman

Clifford Nelson: Vice-Chairman

Kenneth M. Gaver: Secretary-Treasurer

Officers 1948 - 1949

Clifford Nelson: Chairman

Kenneth M. Gaver: Vice-Chairman

John W. Elling: Secretary-Treasurer

Officers 1949 - 1950

Kenneth M. Gaver: Chairman

John W. Elling: Vice-Chairman

Harry J. Loving: Secretary-Treasurer