MEMORIAL HELGE SHIPSTEAD

Helge Shipstead, retired research chemist, died August 27 in Los Angeles, California at the age of 88. A native of Norway, he received a Doctor of Engineering degree in 1917 from the Institute of Technology, Berlin, Germany. He was a research chemist for two years with Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester, NY before coming to Syracuse where he was a research chemist with Merrell-Soule Co. (the Borden Co.), beginning his position in 1926. In 1936 and 1937 he directed the new research laboratory at Freia Chocolate Co. in Oslo, Norway. He returned to the Borden Co. and six years later became head of the research laboratory. He was recognized by the US Quartermaster Corps for his work in World War II with the preparation of whole milk and egg powder. His methods for packing these products still are used by many manufacturers. In 1946, Shipstead was appointed research professor, Dairy Industry Department, at the University of California at Davis. He is the author of numerous technical articles and research reports. He retired in 1959 and was appointed professor emeritus. Shipstead is listed in American Men of Science and was a member of the American Dairy Science Association, Institute of Food Technology, Sigma Xi, and American Chemical Society. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Olive Shipstead; a son, Claf Shipstead of Granada Hills, CA; a daughter, Inga Dubay of Portland, OR; and seven grandchildren. The Dr. Helge Shipstead Memorial Fund has been established in his memory at the Department of Food Science and Technology, University of California, Davis.