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FOREWORD

The papers and discussions included in this volume were presented as a Symposium on Recent Developments in the Evaluation of Natural Rubber. The Symposium was held during the Twenty-seventh Session on June 26, 1952, in the Statler Hotel, New York, N. Y., during the Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting of the American Society for Testing Materials.

When the plans were being made for the Fiftieth Anniversary of ASTM, Committee D-11 was asked to consider having a symposium so that we might contribute to the activities of the session. The decision to participate resulted in the present Symposium.

Two years ago the need for a new subcommittee on crude rubber was recognized. Some time prior to this, the American Chemical Society had a crude rubber committee, and in keeping with the policy of the two Societies to cooperate, the A.C.S. Rubber Division was asked if it intended to revive the crude rubber committee. On receiving advice from the Rubber Division of A.C.S. that there was no intention of reviving the committee, Committee D-11 decided to proceed with the organization of a crude rubber committee since the industry felt that there was ample need for work on the standardization of test methods on crude rubber.

Norman Bekkedahl of the National Bureau of Standards was asked to take on the chairmanship of that new subcommittee and as such served as the chairman of the following Symposium Committee:

J. J. Allen, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.
C. W. Carlson, General Tire and Rubber Co.
S. Collier, Johns-Manville Corp.
A. E. Juve, B. F. Goodrich Research Center
W. N. Keen, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
D. C. Scott, Scott Testers, Inc.
R. G. Seaman, *India Rubber World*
R. F. Tener, National Bureau of Standards

The co-chairmen of the session at the Annual Meeting were Simon Collier and Norman Bekkedahl.

SIMON COLLIER
Chairman, Committee D-11 on
Rubber and Rubber-Like Materials

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