

Industry Mourns Two Veterans

The rendering industry recently lost two men who were instrumental in their industry.

Bill Tarpley, former president of HRR Enterprises, passed away in late January at the age of 83. After serving in World War II, Tarpley began building rail cars for Wilson and Company. In the late 1950s, he was given the responsibility of starting up an edible rendering plant, South Omaha Packing, in the meat packing district of Omaha, NE. He ran the business for 20 years, during which he developed an edible proteins market. Before then, all proteins from edible rendering went for pet food and were sold as inedible products.



Bill Tarpley

In 1974, Tarpley transferred to Chicago, IL, and was put in charge of the Inolex Division of Wilson and Company, where he ran four plants: edible rendering, inedible rendering, spray blood drying, and a hydrolyzed protein system. It was

during this time he became involved with the National Renderers Association (NRA), beginning as secretary of the then fifth region before moving through chairs as vice president and president. Tarpley also served many years on the NRA board of directors and was involved in the consolidation of the numerous numbered regions into three geographical regions – eastern, central, and western – that still exist today.

Tarpley ran the Wilson Chicago plants until the company was sold to Darling International in the late 1970s. Shortly thereafter, he went to work for Kane Miller Corporation, which was looking to begin an edible rendering plant to service its beef harvest operations. Kane Miller bought an existing small rendering plant, HRR Enterprises, in Chicago and put Tarpley in charge of the operation. He ran the facility long after Kane Miller sold its beef harvest plants, finding raw material in and around Chicago. Tarpley semi-retired from HRR in 1994 and officially retired in 1996; however, he continued to offer his expertise to the rendering industry as a consultant.

HRR Enterprises is still in operation today in LaPorte, IN, and run by Tarpley's son, Dan. Tarpley is also survived by a daughter, Rita Schneider, a second son, Gary, a brother, a sister, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

On the West Coast, the industry is mourning the passing of John Serafino Ottone, 82, of Salinas Tallow Company, Salinas, CA, on February 21, 2011.

Ottone worked at Salinas Tallow, the family business, for 52 years and was an active member of the Pacific Coast Renderers Association. He began his career in the 1940s and helped bring the family's one plant operation to a modern day rendering facility. Ottone was a dedicated plant manager who could build or fix anything. Even in retirement he remained involved maintaining and repairing equipment at various local restaurants owned by his son Patrick, and maintaining the machinery at North State Rendering in Chico, CA, owned by his son Chris.

Ottone is survived by his two sons, daughters Joan and Kay, two brothers, two sisters, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



John Ottone

Perdue, Keystone Win Clean Water Awards

Perdue Farms, Inc., Perry, GA, and Keystone Foods, LLC, Gadsden, AL, are winners of U.S. Poultry and Egg Association's 2011 Clean Water Awards. American Proteins, Cuthbert, GA, received an honorable mention. Presented annually, the awards recognize excellence in the operation of wastewater treatment plants in the poultry industry.

Perdue Farms was selected as the winner for full treatment for their slaughter and further processing operations, after being runner-ups last year. Perdue Farms received the award for its community service and electromagnetic treatment of dissolved air flotation (DAF) flow that reduces chemicals. The water treatment process uses a three-polymer system in a DAF unit and a programmable logic controller system to control polymer dosing. The system enhances effluent quality and streamlines management control. The facility is located on 700 rural acres, with approximately 350 acres set aside for wildlife habitat conservation.

Keystone Foods' Gadsden facility was recognized for its pretreatment of wastewater with integrated aerobic and anoxic zones and secondary DAF for clarification. The facility was designed with the latest safety and energy savings technologies.

American Proteins received honorable mention in the full treatment category. The renderer operates on an Environmental Management System with a formal set of procedures and policies. A cover over their anaerobic lagoon reduces odor emissions and provides for the recovery and reuse of biogas for use in boilers. Through an aggressive water conservation program, 30 million gallons of water are recycled every day. Situated on 600 acres, the facility uses 100 acres, leaving 500 acres for wildlife habitat.

JBS Appoints CEO

The JBS S.A. Board of Directors has appointed Joesley Batista as chairman and Wesley Batista as president and chief executive officer (CEO).

After five years leading the growth and internationalization of the company, as well as advancing the modernization of its corporate governance structure, Joesley Batista, who has been serving in both the chairman and CEO positions, appointed Wesley Batista to replace him as CEO. With 22 years company experience, Wesley initially ran the JBS South American beef business before transferring to the United States four years ago to become CEO of JBS USA, where he focused on the restructuring, expansion, and integration of the North American and Australia operations.

Chicken Council Selects President

The new president of the National Chicken Council (NCC) is Mike Brown, who was previously senior vice president for legislative affairs at the American Meat



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Institute (AMI). Brown joined NCC in March to succeed George Watts, who retired after 38 years as president.

Brown joined AMI in May 1995 and most recently represented the group to Congress and the administration on governmental matters. He also served as the treasurer of AMI's Political Action Committee. Prior to joining AMI, he served eight years as a legislative assistant for former Senator John Warner (R-VA), focusing on agriculture, food safety, labor, immigration, environment, and international trade issues. Brown also previously worked as a legal publication specialist for the *Federal Register*, where he was responsible for providing information to Congress, federal agencies, trade associations, and others on federal regulations and office programs and publications.

Livestock Groups Select Leaders

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has elected Bill Donald, a third generation Melville, MT, rancher, as president; J.D. Alexander, Pilger, NE, as president-elect; and Scott George, Cody, WY, as vice president.

The National Meat Association's Board of Directors elected officers to serve one year beginning July 1, 2011. Robert Rebholtz, Agri Beef, was elected board chairman; Larry Vad, Ideal Meat and Provisions, was chosen as president; and Marty Evanson, Jobbers Meat Packing Co., will serve as vice president. Elected as secretary was Mike Hesse, BPI Products, and treasurer will be Brian Coehlo, Central Valley Meat. Don Clift, Preferred Beef Group, will serve as director at large.

The U.S. Poultry and Egg Association's Board of Directors has elected Gary Cooper, Cooper Farms, as chairman after he previously served as vice chairman. Other officers elected were Mark Waller, Ingram Farms, vice chairman; James Adams, Wenger's Feed Mill, treasurer; and Elton Maddox, Wayne Farms, secretary. Steve Willardsen, Cargill Value Added Meats, became immediate past chairman.

Travis Acquires Everlite Alumatech Assets

Travis Body and Trailer, Inc., of Houston, TX, has acquired the assets of Everlite, Inc., the former manufacturer of the Alumatech trailer product line. The purchase included all of the manufacturing assets, intellectual property, drawings, extrusion dies, and all production and sales records. The transaction did not include the real property located in Longview, TX.

The assets were relocated to Travis' 17 acre, 100,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Houston where trailer and body production will take

place. The product line will be called Alumatech and bear a Travis vehicle identification number plate.

Travis will build virtually the same trailers and bodies as were produced by Everlite, which will include aluminum end dumps in frameless, quarter-frame, and frame-type configurations, and the all-aluminum Alumatech dump body. Distribution will be done through a combination of Travis' existing independent dealer network and by adding dealer relationships with several former Everlite dealers.

Renderer Receives Funds for SRM Process

Sanimax ACI, Inc., has received a federal loan of just over \$7.7 million (Canadian) so the company can purchase and install, in its rendering facilities in Lévis, QB, Canada, an innovative process allowing the removal of specified risk materials (SRMs) in a sustainable way. SRMs are the nervous-system tissues known to carry the prions that cause bovine spongiform encephalopathy. In Canada, these tissues are prohibited from use in food, feed, and fertilizer, and must be processed and/or disposed of separately from other animal by-products.



The proposed project is an ultra-modern biomass boiler designed to dispose of SRMs while producing energy in the form of steam. The process could replace nearly 30 percent of the fossil fuel needs of the plant in Lévis and enable Sanimax to generate a new source of income by marketing the ashes as a fertilizer.

The repayable contribution is being made available under Canada's Slaughter Waste Innovation Program, which allows the Government of Canada to invest up to \$40 million to support the study, development, and adoption of innovative technologies or processes that help reduce processing costs or generate profits through the use or elimination of SRMs. The funding is subject to the signing of a contribution agreement relative to the project.