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SMALLEY FOUNDATION COÖPERATIVE ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

CHECK MEAL SAMPLES FOR 1924-1925

By H. C. Moore, Chairman, Ammonia Committee

The cooperative analytical work, formerly known as "check meal" work, started some years ago by the late Dr. Frank N. Smalley, needs no introduction to most of the members of the American Oil Chemists Society. The possible exception to this may be some of the newly elected members. This work has become of such importance and the results so satisfactory, that in gratitude to its founder, it has been officially named the "Smalley Foundation."

In brief, this collaborative program includes sending out once each week to all members enrolled, a sample of some vegetable meal (last year and the year before, 78 members were enrolled) for determination of Moisture, Ammonia and Oil. The Ammonia determination is made by all collaborators, although not all are interested in the Oil determination.

The order of this work follows a definite schedule. On a fixed date all reports on a given sample must be received by the Chairman, who calculates the accepted average by an established method, and on the following day printed reports are mailed to all collaborators. The form of these printed reports is $3^3/4'' \times 6^3/4''$ perforated sheets, the same size as used for Lefax data. Each collaborator is assigned a number and the printed reports do not show the names of the collaborators, simply their number and results.

The series this year starts in September; the report on the first sample must be received by the Chairman by September 22nd. The same grand prize award and certificates of merit will be issued for the best results, as heretofore.

This collaborative work is open to all members of the American Oil Chemists Society. The charge for the full set of samples, which this year may possibly be reduced to 28 or 29 instead of 30 as heretofore, is \$15.00.

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Federal and State chemists are invited to participate, and will be furnished the samples and reports without charge.

All the members who wish to participate in this work and have not sent in their applications are requested to do so at once, mailing this to Mr. Thomas B. Caldwell, Sec., c/o Law and Co., Wilmington, N. C., accompanied by their check for \$15.00.

Any additional information relative to these samples and the work contemplated, will be cheerfully supplied upon request.

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