

Oil Chemists' Banquet

Convention Closes With Most Enjoyable
Cabaret-Dinner Where Fellowship Prevails.

AT the conclusion of the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the American Oil Chemists' Society, the Annual Subscription Banquet was held Tuesday evening, May 24th, in the Hotel Peabody, under the auspices of the Memphis Committee of the Society, Mr. E. R. Barrow, Chairman. At the speakers' table, ably presided over by Mr. Barrow, Toastmaster, were seated Messrs. R. H. Fash, retiring President; H. P. Trevithick, newly elected President; Mr. F. N. Bridgers and Hon. Christie Benet, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Interstate Association; Dr. H. B. Battle, Donor of the Smalley Foundation Cup; G. Worthen Agee; Louis M. Geldert, Manager and Editor The Cotton Oil Press; Alan Porter Lee, Manager and Editor OIL AND FAT INDUSTRIES; Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Agee, Mrs. Hamner and Mrs. Geldert.

The festivities were inaugurated with a synthetic concoction pronounced by all present to be worthy of at least equal rank with Dr. Wesson's famous Croquettes Creole of Cottonseed "Beefsteak."

The members and their guests then attacked the serious business of a substantial, tastefully served dinner, but were handicapped by the necessity of giving first attention to the cabaret entertainment furnished by Chairman Barrow and his Memphis committee. No, the committee did not perform, but it certainly picked the performers, And How. The songs were excellent, the dances delightful, and the dancers knew *all* the steps.

At the conclusion of the performances, Mr. Barrow, acting as Toastmaster, introduced the speakers of the evening who included Mr. Bridgers, Hon. Christie Benet, Retiring President Fash, President Trevithick, Dr. Battle and Mr. Louis Geldert.

The keynote of all the speakers was the growing dependence of Industry generally and the Oil Industries particularly, upon Chemists and Chemical Engineers; the great progress of the past few years and the brilliant future ahead of the American Oil Chemists' Society, based upon the friendly co-operation and enthusiasm which is so evident among all its members.

Dr. Battle presented to the Society the beautiful silver loving cup donated by him for the winner of the Smalley Foundation Ammonia Check-Meal work.

The members present all expressed their delight and appreciation of the exceptionally fine entertainment programme prepared for the visiting members and ladies by the Memphis committee, particularly in view of the fact that the convention was transferred from New Orleans on such short notice. The thanks of the Society are due to all the Memphis members, who put their shoulders to the wheel and made the convention an outstanding success.

The gathering broke up with the unanimous expression that the Eighteenth Convention of the American Oil Chemists' Society had been the most successful and enjoyable in the history of the Society, from its foundation.