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The American Oil Chemists' Society Spring Meeting—May 31—June 1, New Orleans, La.

This being the quarter centennial meeting of The American Oil Chemists' Society (succeeding the group of "Cotton Products Analysts," who founded the Society and built up methods of analysis for a great industry), it seems quite fitting that a special celebration should be staged, and the local New Orleans Committee of the Society have entered into the spirit of the occasion, led by Chairman E. G. Williams with the assistance of our able secretary, J. C. P. Helm, so that entertainment in keeping with the occasion is certain.

Members of the Society will also be pleased to hear that there is an unusually large attendance expected at this meeting. We have received letters from a large number of members who have been unable to attend the last few meetings and who now are pleased to tell us that they will be on hand on this occasion. The very considerable increase in membership alone assures a good and unusual attendance, and it is particularly gratifying to note that many of the "new" members are reinstated old members who now find it possible to again become active.

All of the committees of the Society have been particularly active this year and some of the best presentations upon the program will be in the form of committee reports, reflecting, as they do, the fine work that has been carried on by the various committees.

In previous issues of OIL AND SOAP, we have already commented upon many of the original papers that will be presented, and in addition to those already announced, the following will be of great interest to the membership:

Pataua' Palm (*Oenocarpus bataue*, Mart) Oil, by Geo. S. Jamieson and R. S. McKinney.

The Influence of Storage on the Fatty Acid Content of Cod Liver Oil, by Dr. Arthur D. Holmes and Francis Tripp.

The Effect of Crude Bollie Cottonseed Oil upon the Color of Refined Oil from Stored Crude Cottonseed Oil, by Ralph H. Fash.

These, in addition to the previously announced papers, will assure everyone of an unusually constructive meeting.

Of course every one knows that the value of such a group meeting as this is not limited to the presentation and discussion of carefully prepared papers and committee reports. It goes far beyond that and includes the contacts with men possessed of the same background of technical training and imbued with the same purposes and whose activities are carried on in the same way.

Frequently, the solution to some problem will be determined by contacts around the luncheon table or on the golf links or in other of the many agreeable moments

of relaxation and entertainment that have come to mean so much to the members of the A. O. C. S.

If you have never dined and danced out at the Southern Yacht Club which lies right out on the famous Lake Ponchartrain, itself, you have missed a great deal, and coming so late in the season as the meeting does this year, it will be a particularly agreeable spot for the banquet, which marks the close of the convention.

We hope that every member who attends this year will actively enter into every part of the meeting, including the discussion of papers and every feature of entertainment, including the golf tournament (no matter whether he has ever played before or not, he can find others upon the links to match his experience). It is going to be a worthwhile meeting for everyone, so do not fail to be present.

Golf Tournament

Competition for the Nuchar Challenge Trophy has never been so keen as this year. For the first time in the history of the annual golf tournament of the American Oil Chemists' Society, the cup is in danger, because, if Prof. Williamson wins this year he will retain permanent possession of it. The cup has been previously won by G. Worthen Agee and Edw. Barrow of Memphis and L. B. Forbes of Little Rock.

Those who know Prof. Williamson realize that he is an exceedingly difficult man to defeat. He has the most remarkable competitive disposition of any technically trained golfer that we know of. He appears to be absolutely without nerves, under fire, and he plays his best game when the competition is keenest. The challenger, L. B. Forbes, will also be very difficult to beat this year. He has lost to Prof. Williamson twice by a very narrow margin, and the law of averages should bring him a winner this year. Forbes is good in every phase of the game. He gets away long drives, plays a good iron game, and is very steady on the greens.

Beyond these good players, we have the former winners Barrow and Agee from Memphis, who are always to be reckoned with and Irwin, who won the Chicago golf tournament, and Hamner and Hatter, as well as many others, who will push Williamson to the limit this year.

Outside of this group of "expert" golfers, we have a group who will play for the sheer joy of being out of doors on a New Orleans golf course on a summer day, in a climate that is perfect for outdoor relaxation and exercise. Possibly this latter group will get more actual fun out of the game, although they may not contribute so much to the actual sport itself. It is hoped that every member in attendance will participate. The success of the golf tournament is assured by having Albert F. Sanchez of New Orleans act as chairman of the Golf Committee, assisted by John J. Vollertsen of Chicago and N. C. Hamner of Dallas, who have so ably taken care of the Golf Tournament in previous years.