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New President,
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Mr. Dormitzer is a member of Tau Beta Pi, honorary Engineering Fraternity, also a member of Theta Xi and the American Chemical Society.

This Journal joins Mr. Dormitzer's many friends in wishing him a successful administration.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

By C. H. Cox

"When you elected me your President a year ago, I undertook the duties of the office with some concern. I did not know how I was going to direct the activities of this Society which has grown to such large proportions and which numbers in its membership the leading scientific men in the Oil and Soap industries. It loomed as a big task and one to which I was not accustomed. However, a glance at the program of this meeting and the Fall meeting held in Chicago will indicate that the activities of this Society are carried on largely by committees whose untiring efforts constitute a distinct contribution towards smooth running progress of the Society and continued improvement of our analytical methods.

"We have a right to feel proud of the chemical methods of The American Oil Chemists' Society. They are regarded as classics in the chemical world. These methods didn't just happen. They had very crude beginnings. They are the summary of the activities of your committees working in season and out, smoothing out details, and improving technique. As the reports of these committees are presented at this meeting, you will be impressed with the enormous amount of unselfish effort which has been performed during the year for the benefit of our profession as chemists and for the good of this Society. As your President, may I remind you of the obligation you owe to these members and their spokesmen, the committee chairmen, and urge your earnest attention to this thoughtfully prepared program.

"Some years ago a fortunate decision was made to hold two meetings a year — a Spring meeting in the South and a Fall meeting in the North or Middle-west. The effect of this policy on the growth of the Society has been most gratifying. It has brought about a large increase and diversification in our membership. The Spring meeting is devoted largely to reports of the Society's committees, business operations,

and finances. The reports of the technical committees deal largely with chemical methods of primary products whereas at the Fall meeting practically all of the subjects discussed deal with methods relating to processed or finished products. I urge our Southern members to make an extra effort to attend these Fall meetings, and we should endeavor to interest more of our Northern and Western members in the value of attending the Annual Spring meeting in the South. There is great benefit to be derived from the interchange of ideas and fellowships developed.

"The Fall meeting held in Chicago was a splendid success. The attendance record for all time was surpassed. The program which was arranged by Dr. R. C. Newton contained many very excellent papers. Several of these papers have already been published in OIL AND SOAP. The entertainment was most enjoyable and the whole convention arrangements splendidly and efficiently handled by general chairman John P. Harris. Not only was the meeting successful from both scientific and social standpoints, but financially as well. This was due largely to the sale of exhibit space at the headquarters hotel. A large number of chemical supply and apparatus houses and related business firms displayed their wares in a most creditable manner.

"While on the subject of finances, you will note from the report of the Secretary-Treasurer that the Society is in excellent financial condition. During the year a Government bond was purchased. This was in accordance with a resolution by the Governing Board limiting the officers to this type of investment for any of the Society's surplus funds.

"During the year the Secretary reported that the stock of Fuller's Earth, standard samples, and other supplies on hand was valued in excess of one thousand dollars. It seemed wise to cover this with fire insurance and the Governing Board authorized the placing of an adequate policy.

"Mr. W. R. Hoerner, a certified public accountant of this City, was employed to audit the books of the Society submitting to the annual meeting a report of its financial condition as of May 1st. As a matter of sound business administration, I recommend a continuance of this policy. The finances of the Society have grown too large for an auditing committee composed of members appointed during the meeting to make a satisfactory audit of the books and accounts.

"That the committee work for the year has been capably done is shown by the reports submitted for this meeting, and it is almost certain that some, at least, of the suggestions offered to the Uniform Methods Committee will meet with favorable action and become additions to, or changes in, our official methods.

"It is to the great credit of the Uniform Methods Committee that they have adopted and rigidly adhered to a conservative policy in the consideration of recommendations effecting changes in the methods. Any suggested change in methods which is not supported by authenticated data has little chance of receiving this Committee's favorable action. Such a policy is to be commended and heightens the respect with which the Society's methods are held.

"The difficult work of the standing committees is little understood and appreciated by members of the Society, but were it not for the continuous, painstaking efforts of the Membership, Advertising, and

Journal Committees, the Editorial and Referee Boards, this Society would soon go backward instead of forward. It could not continue to occupy its high position in the scientific field; its membership would dwindle and its publications deteriorate. Indeed, it would soon cease to exist.

"Two committees were dormant this year, the Paper & Ink Committee for which no chairman could be obtained, and the Stability Committee. Dr. Egbert Freyer, a member of this Committee previously, is presenting a paper at this meeting reviewing the work already done, and it is hoped that sufficient interest will be awakened to warrant reopening the work and developing the method of a point justifying its incorporation in the Society's official methods.

"During the year, a suggestion was offered that a material reduction be made in the number of working committees. A reorganization of the committee work into classifications with a general committee for each major class, and with the necessary subcommittees for special assignments. It is thought this would bring about better coordination of the work and elimination of conflicting, overlapping, and unnecessary duplication.

"The Oil and Ammonia results in the Smalley Foundation are highly gratifying. A few of the collaborators have reduced chemistry, at least as regards these two determinations, almost to an exact science.

"The moisture work leaves much to be desired. Much study and work has been done on the Method

and different types of ovens. The technique and apparatus appear to be satisfactory. Too often, perhaps, the determination is considered unimportant. The results suffer from carelessness. An award of a special certificate for moisture work would no doubt provide an incentive for more painstaking effort with a corresponding improvement in results.

"At the last annual meeting of the Governing Board a fund was authorized for providing of special speakers for the Fall and Spring meetings. Such excellent programs have been provided without the necessity of securing paid speakers that this appropriation is still unexpended.

"We will be privileged to hear a number of fine addresses at this meeting. Some of the speakers are not members of this Society. We are honored by their presence and to all who have a part in this program we are indebted for the time and effort they are contributing to the success of our meeting.

"In my year as President I have had the help and cooperation of many members of this Society. I want to take this opportunity to thank all who have cooperated for the good of the Society and especially the members of the Governing Board, Chairmen of standing and special committees, and all the members of these committees who have worked so diligently during the year. To the local committees who have prepared everything here in New Orleans for our comfort and pleasure, I want to say an especial 'thank you'."

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Given below is a tabulation of the results of the Golf Tournament. Rain interfered considerably with the play and a number of the contestants got a good soaking.

A new champion was crowned in the person of R. I. Carr, whose 78 score was a distinct surprise. It is said that the new champion claims his success was due simply to good luck. The score, however, looks imposing, considering the weather and condition of the grounds.

LOW GROSS: 18 HOLES:

WINNER	DONOR	PRIZE	SCORE
R. I. Carr	Industrial Chemi-cal sales Co.	Golf medal and fob.	78
R. M. McBride	Wilson & Bennett Mfg. Co.	Bridge set.	86
E. J. Bennett	American Can Co.	Electric clock	91

LOW NET: 18 HOLES

A. K. Schwartz	Sharples Corporation	Gold Wrist Watch
G. A. Crapple	Filtrol Corp.	Candid Camera
M. L. Sheely	Rufert Chemical Co.	Silver Service Set
H. C. Dormitzer	Laboratory Construction Co.	Lamp Desk Set
R. M. Simpson	Central Scientific Co.	Men's Traveling Set
H. H. Lament	Jung Hotel	Clock & Cig. Lighter
J. S. Abbott	X-act Products Co.	Traveling bag

LOW GROSS: 1st 9 HOLES:

WINNER	DONOR	PRIZE
L. B. Forbes	Foster-Wheeler Corp.	Dozen golf balls
H. E. Brownfield	Emulsol Corp.	Golf bag
J. I. Vollertsen	Bennett-Clark Co., Inc.	Val-Pak



E. H. Tenent, Woodson-Tenent Labs., Memphis, Tenn. Defending Champion and Holder of the Nuchar Trophy.

BLIND BOGEY:

WINNER	DONOR	PRIZE
C. H. Cox	H. Reeves Angel Co.	Radio
H. S. Mitchell	Dicalite Co.	Golf shoes
G. W. Agee	L. A. Salomon & Bro.	Wood golf clubs
O. H. Alderks	Milwhite Co.	Golf bag
H. A. Goldwynne	E. H. Sargent & Co.	Dozen golf balls
E. H. Tenent	Milwhite Co.	Dozen golf balls
R. R. King	Southern Cotton Oil Co.	Dozen golf balls
(Wettest Golfer)	Co.	Dozen golf balls
R. T. Doughtie, Jr.	Skelly Oil Co.	Dozen golf balls
(Inventer of Dipper Shot)		
H. O'Deen	McKesson Robbins, Inc.	Sparklet Syphon
(Lowest Scorer — 0)		

The Society wishes herewith to express its thanks to the donors of all the prizes. These donors are listed in the tabulation.