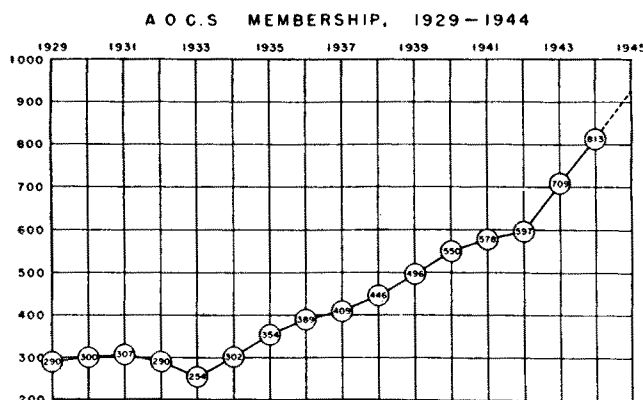


Report of the Membership Committee, 1943-44

ON MAY 12, 1944, at the time the 1943-44 Membership committee became inactive by virtue of the election of a new 1st vice-president, the paid-up membership of the American Oil Chemists' Society reached an all-time high of 813 including honorary members and members serving in the armed forces of the United States. During the 12-month period between the 1943 annual meeting and May 12, 1944, 158 new members were added to the rolls of the Society, which also represents an all-time high. The total paid membership of the Society for each year during the 15-year period 1929 to 1944 is reproduced in the graph appended to this report.



It is interesting to note that over the nine-year interval from 1933 to 1942, the Society experienced an almost constant growth amounting to approximately 38 members per year. During the fiscal year 1942-43, when 132 new members were added, the membership increased by 112, and during the above-mentioned 12-month period of 1943-44, when 158 new members were added, the membership increased by 104. Although the number of new members added was the largest in the history of the Society, the increase in total membership was not as large as last year owing to the large number of members who resigned or were dropped from membership for non-payment of dues.

The addition of 158 new members during the past 12-month period has been due primarily, but not entirely, to the untiring efforts of the individuals comprising the membership committee. The entire personnel of the committee was active and gave much time and effort to the solicitation of new members. The activity of Warren H. Goss of the Northern Regional Research Laboratory in this respect was most impressive. Through his efforts more new members were added to the rolls of the Society than through the combined efforts of the remainder of the committee.

Second in point of activity on the Membership committee was R. E. Bass, process superintendent, Lever Bros. Co., Edgewater, New Jersey. S. O. Sorensen and J. H. Kirby, second and third vice-presidents, respectively, and ex-officio members of the committee, were also responsible for an appreciable number of new members. A considerable number of new members were added through the voluntary activity of

members of the Society who were not members of the committee, and especially through the efforts of Dr. Lamar Kishlar.

The new members represent a diversity of occupations and branches of fat and oil chemistry and technology, especially the soybean industry, drying oil industry, soap industry, and process equipment industry. A surprising number of the new members are engaged in pure research, especially biological research in fats, oils, and related products. The number of new members occupying executive and managerial positions was likewise especially notable.

The diversity of occupations and industries represented by this addition of more than 35 per cent of the membership of the Society in two years is a reflection of the importance and influence which the Society, its publications, and its general activity is producing in American science and technology.

As chairman of the Membership committee I want to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation of every member of the committee at a time when everyone has been carrying immensely heavy burdens arising from the unrelenting demands for more and more production in connection with the country's war effort.

I also want to thank all the other members of the Society who have been thoughtful enough to suggest to the committee the names of prospective members or who have obtained new members through their own efforts.

Without the generous help and the hard work on the part of these individuals we would not have been able to add 158 new members to the rolls of the Society in so short a period of time.

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WALDO C. AULT	ex. off.
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HENRY ODEEN	ex. off.

SMALLEY FOUNDATION COLLABORATIVE SAMPLES

THE collaborative series of 30 check samples for the determination of nitrogen and oils is sent out by the Society each year, beginning the first week in September.

Participation in this is limited to members, upon payment of \$15 to cover the expense of preparing and mailing samples. This work is handled by the Smalley Foundation Committee, and anyone interested may obtain further information by writing to J. J. Vollertsen, Armour and Company, U. S. Yards, Chicago 9, Illinois.