

Twenty-six States Represented In New Orleans Attendance

GOOD weather, a fine program, excellent golf, and other factors combined to make the 38th annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society on May 20-22, 1947, in New Orleans, La., one of the finest ever held in the opinion of those who have a long convention background. The registration was 328, a little less than was expected, but gratifying in quality and interest. Col. H. P. Newton of the Southern Regional Research Laboratory was local chairman, assisted by a fine staff of committee workers, and S. O. Sorensen of the Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Minneapolis, was the presiding officer for business sessions of the Society.

As usual, the famous attractions of New Orleans as to food, antiques, river-front, parks, and general sight-seeing and night-clubbing were popular with members and guests, and the courteous manner of taxi-cab drivers, waiters, and others who met the public did much to make visitors feel hospitably received.

A break-down of the 247 (omitting the registration of ladies) shows the following geographical statistics:

Louisiana.....	43
Illinois.....	43
Texas.....	32
New York.....	22
Tennessee.....	13
Ohio.....	12
Pennsylvania.....	8
Kentucky and New Jersey (7 ea.).....	14
Ga., Minn., and Okla (6 ea.).....	18
Foreign, incl. Canada.....	5
Iowa.....	5
California.....	4
Ala., Ark., Mich., Mo., S. C. (3 ea.).....	15
Conn., Del., D.C., Miss., Neb. (2 ea.).....	10
Kans., Mass., Wis. (1 ea.).....	3

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New Orleans newspapers gave the Society gathering very fine publicity through arrangements made by James A. Kime of the local committee, and Journal photographs were taken by C. H. Billett, of the Southern Regional Research Laboratory, and golf snapshots by A. E. McGee of the Skelly Oil Company, Kansas City, Mo.

Coverage of various events was handled by members of the Society and others, and their stories follow. The program summary is presented elsewhere in this issue.

PAST PRESIDENT'S DINNER

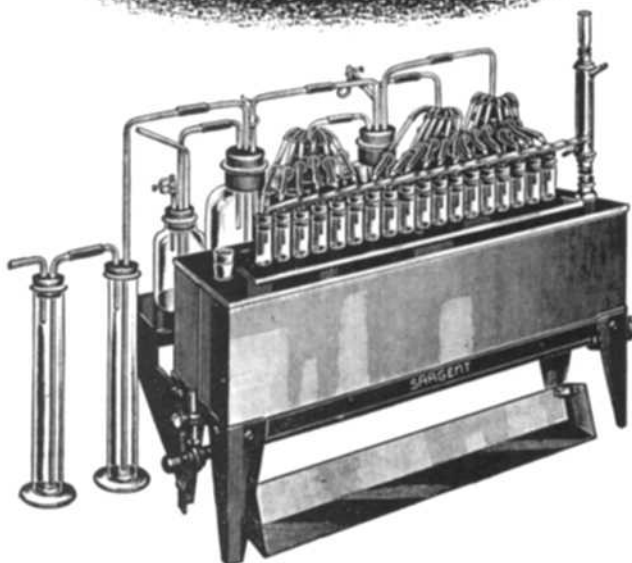
IN accordance with the pleasant custom which is becoming a tradition of the Society a Past Presidents' dinner was held in connection with the 38th annual meeting. On the evening of Wednesday, May 21, 1947, 14 past presidents, the incumbent president, and the president-elect met in a dining room of Arnaud's restaurant, New Orleans, with all the arrangements made by the permanent secretary of the group, Dr. K. S. Markley. The group, after assembling, sent the following telegram to three missing past presidents, E. R. Barrow, N. C. Hamner, and T. C. Law: "Sixteen past presidents at Arnaud's missed you. Hope you will be able to be with us next year." W. D. Hutchins, who was unable to attend last year's gathering, was present.

Each past president addressed the group, with gravity or seriousness, humor or stories to illustrate his remarks. Everyone emphasized his association with the Society and pledged again his interest in its welfare and his devotion and loyalty to it. List of attendance:

Name	Succession	Term of Office
Felix Paquin.....	First	1909-10
Felix Paquin.....	Second	1910-11
G. Worthen Agee.....	Sixth	1914-15
J. J. Vollertsen.....	17th	1925-26
R. H. Fash.....	18th	1926-27
W. R. Stryker.....	21st	1929-30
J. P. Harris.....	25th	1933-34
W. D. Hutchins.....	26th	1934-35
A. A. Robinson.....	27th	1935-36
M. L. Sheely.....	29th	1937-38
H. C. Dormitzer.....	31st	1939-40
H. S. Mitchell.....	34th	1942-43
Lamar Kishlar.....	35th	1943-44
K. S. Markley.....	36th	1944-45
R. R. King.....	37th	1945-46
S. O. Sorensen.....	38th	1946-47
R. T. Milner (Elect).....	39th	1947-48

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