

Registration of 584 Marks 25th Fall Meeting in Chicago

PLEASANT, stimulating, informative are adjectives being applied to the 25th annual fall meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society, held October 8-10, 1951 at the Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago, and followed by field trips on the 11th. Registration, while below the 662 of 1949 for the last Chicago meeting, amounted to 584, exclusive of ladies and exhibitors also in attendance. Italy and England sent one each, Norway two, Canada 13, and Washington, D. C., 5. In addition, 27 states were represented, including 289 from Illinois, 39 each from New York and Ohio, 28 from Indiana, 22 from Minnesota, 21 from Texas, 19 from Pennsylvania, and 18 from Delaware

Sunday, October 7, attracted not only the Governing Board but also an unusually large number of technical committees for both afternoon and evening conferences, interrupted by the social hour from 5 to 7 p. m. in the Michigan room. Tuesday noon there was a planning group meeting, comprising key chairmen from the Chicago, Houston, and Cincinnati convention committees, with C. E. Morris presiding, to discuss procedures for the 1952 semi-annual meetings. Wednesday morning the Advertising Committee met with the advertising and editorial staffs, at the call of the new chairman, A. E. MacGed who had invited Vice President E. M. James to sit in. The Nominating and Election Committee, of which J. R. Mays Jr. is chairman, met briefly on Tuesday afternoon.

Traditional events like the stag smoker and the banquet in the Marine dining room went off in their usual enjoyable fashion, and the latter function was marked by an innovation in that Chairman Morris introduced from the dance floor the chairmen of the convention committees.

Field trips were divided into two groups, one for the Food and Container Institute, Quartermaster Corps, Chicago, and the other for S. C. Johnson and Son Inc., Racine, Wis. The former revealed the splendid equipment and products of the government and the latter the factory layout on the one hand and the ingenious new Frank Lloyd Wright research laboratory with its seven floors built around a steel and concrete core, on the other hand.

WITH Mrs. V. C. Mehlenbacher as ladies' chairman, entertainment for the wives of members proceeded smoothly and pleasantly also. Monday was marked by a tour of Bonwit-Teller, view of the city from the Wrigley building, and smorgasbord at the Kungsholm, at which five surprise gifts from the store were handed out, each a novelty bracelet with a grain of mustard seed in a plastic drop and the appropriate scriptural quotation to go with it. Afterward the women attended the WGN-TV show, "Miss U. S. Television."

Tuesday there were several highlights also: a visit to the Technological Institute of Northwestern University in Evanston, bus trip along the north shore to view the fall foliage and exclusive suburbs, and luncheon at the Hotel Moraine on Lake Michigan in Highland Park. The visit was arranged by Dr. P. K. Summerbell of the Chemistry department, to include an introduction to Dr. Vladimir Ipatieff, Russian scientist who pioneered in the research and development of high octane gasoline, and such sights as the Ipatieff high pressure catalytic laboratory, the Baldwin-Southwark million-pound press, and the high voltage laboratory.

Wednesday was divided into two parts: luncheon and fashion show at Marshall Field and Company, Chicago, and attendance at "South Pacific," popular stage play.

Board Transacts Business

REVIEW of 1951 budget, adoption of 1952 budget, authorization of 1952 directory, and report of the Education Committee on plans for the 1952 short course on detergents were among the subjects discussed at the meeting of the Gov-

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C. P. Long reported on the findings of the Special Committee on Glycerine Analysis, and the Board authorized it to continue in existence and aid the Glycerine Analysis Committee. V. C. Mehlenbacher, as a member of the International Commission on Fats and Oils, indicated that an international book of methods will be published in English and in format to match the AOCS book. The next meeting will be in Oxford, England, in 1952.

The president was asked to appoint a committee to study the establishment of local sections and bring in a report at the spring meeting in Houston.

It was suggested that resolutions in memory of Felix Paquin, first president, and other members who have died recently should be presented at the annual meeting next spring.

New Literature

Scientific Apparatus Makers Association has published a new directory, listing the companies which are members of the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association, a general summary of the products they make or distribute, and the persons they have named as contacts with their national organization.

Photovolt Corporation has issued Bulletin No. 495 on its new interference-filter colorimeters for the measurement of color of vegetable oils.

The current issue of The Laboratory, Volume 21, No. 1, has just been issued by the Fisher Scientific Company. It contains descriptions of new apparatus, instruments, and equipment for the laboratory and laboratory furniture.

PERSONALITIES

- 1. ATLAS POWDER in the person of T. M. Rinehart plays host to G. J. Stockmann, Chicago; Wales Newby, Opelousas, La.; and F. D. Fincher, Houston, Tex.
- LADIES' CHAIRMAN, Mrs. V. C. Mehlenbacher, describes entertainment plans to (left to right) Mmes. R. L. Edwards, Rochester, N. Y.; T. L. Harrocks, Maplewood, N. J.; N. L. Dickinson, Basking Ridge, N. J.; and A. E. Bailey, Memphis, Tenn.
- 3. EXHIBITS CHAIRMAN, R. H. Rogers Jr., stops by for a word with Seymour Weinstein of Niagara Filter.
- 4. DRYING OILS spokesman, Francis Scofield, is flanked on the left by J. C. Konen, Minneapolis, D. S. Bolley, Bayonne, N. J., and W. O. Lundberg, Austin, Minn., and on the right by P. O. Powers, Clairton, Pa., A. E. Elm, Standard Varnish Company, Chicago, Ill., and Paul S. Hess, Kearny, N. J.
- F. K. KAWAHARA'S paper from the Northern Regional Research Laboratory interests Paul Soderdahl of Chicago.
- 6. ADVERTISING COMMITTEE poses for the photographer before going to work: (first row) N. A. Ruston, E. M. James, guest, A. E. MacGee, chairman, Joan Goodwillie, Journal advertising staff, Betty Evers and Lucy R. Hawkins, Journal editorial staff; (second row) J. P. Harris, E. H. Chapin, Harley L. Ward, advertising manager, R. J. Vander Wal, H. W. Vahlteich, Journal Committee, and R. H. Rogers Jr.
- 7. ARMOUR MEN on convention duty include (seated) E. F. Binkerd, Victor Conquest, C. E. Morris, chairman, and J. J. Vollertsen, treasurer; (standing) C. W. Hoerr, J. V. Kelly Jr., and R. W. Bates. Mr. Conquest gave the address of welcome at the opening session.
- 8. DEEP IN DISCUSSION are C. A. Rossiter of LaPine (left) and V. J. Muckerheide of Emery Industries, Cincinnati.
- PRESIDENT A. E. BAILEY (left) pairs off with Ralph A. Marmor, Pillsbury Mills, to confer with R. L. Conney of Schaar and Company.