

NEWS

Arrange Two Field Trips for Post-Convention Day

WITH something like 25 papers promised at press-time and two field trips scheduled, plans for the 25th fall meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society are beginning to take shape. The meeting will be held at the Edgewater Beach hotel in Chicago on October 8-10, 1951, with C. E. Morris of Armour and Company as general chairman. Field trips are being arranged for the 11th.



In attendance at a recent planning conference for the 1951 fall meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society at the Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago, October 8-10, were the following (left to right): Karl F. Mattil, program; A. R. Baldwin, advisory; R. R. Allen, for R. W. Bates, field trips; and A. A. Rodgehler, ticket sale; (standing) V. C. Mehlenbacher (left), advisory; and G. Norman Bruce, publicity.

Inquiries for exhibit space have been coming in, and the chairman, R. H. Rogers Jr., of Swift and Company, has prepared a mailing piece with prices and location and other information for distribution early in July.

Entertainment will include a social hour Sunday evening for early arrivals, a stag smoker on Monday, the 8th, and the banquet on the 9th in the Marine dining room, with J. L. Schille of Best Foods as chairman. Mrs. V. C. Mehlenbacher will serve as ladies' chairman.

A choice of field trips on Thursday morning, the 11th, is offered by R. W. Bates, of Armour and Company: a) the Food and Container Institute of the Quartermaster Corps, Chicago; and b) the new research laboratory of S. C. Johnson and Son Inc., Racine, Wis. Guides will be R. R. Allen and L. A. Goretta, both of Armour.

MEMBERS of the Society and others who have papers they wish to submit are asked to communicate with the proper person on the program committee, according to H. T. Spannuth of Wilson and Company, chairman. These are as follows: G. J. Stockmann, Wurster and Sanger Inc., for engineer-

ing and processing; E. W. Colt, Armour Auxiliaries, for soap and detergents; K. F. Mattil, Swift and Company, for nutrition and biochemistry; H. C. Black, Swift and Company, for drying oils; and Mr. Spannuth, for fat and oil uses and derivatives.

California Chemists Meet

AN enthusiastic group of 57 inaugurated the first dinner meeting of Northern California Oil Chemists in San Francisco on May 18th, for an informal discussion of the latest developments in the field of fats and oils. W. G. Rose of the Western Regional Laboratory reviewed the technical program of the New Orleans meeting of the A.O.C.S., which he had attended and was followed by W. S. Belden of Producers Cotton Oil Company, Fresno, who reported on current industrial trends and trade news.

In the second part of the program the group entered into a spirited discussion of the spectrophotometric determination of color. Different ones related their experiences with and expressed their opinions on the method in its present development. It seemed to be the consensus that a complete departure from the Lovibond system was greatly needed but that the spectro-method as it stands requires some modification to make it satisfactory for practical usage.

The final topic considered was the current status of safflower oil, the latest large-scale newcomer to the oil trade. From operations of the past two years it would appear that safflower holds promise of becoming an established crop in the West. In the first year of commercial growing farmers had insufficient knowledge of the best cultural practices for different strains of seed and had poor success in raising safflower, but this difficulty has since been overcome. It was brought out that safflower oil heat-bleaches to an almost water-white product with a Gardner color of 2.

The organization of Northern California Oil Chemists has been reduced to simplest terms: it has no officers, dues, constitution, or by-laws. A steering committee will operate for a year to arrange for semi-annual meetings after each A.O.C.S. convention, send out notices, and organize programs of discussion. Serving on the present committee are W. C. Wood of Newport Soap Company, J. A. Kneeland of Pacific Vegetable Oil Corporation, and E. B. Kester of Western Regional Research Laboratory.

E. B. KESTER

Drying Oil Check Samples

R. W. Bates, chairman of the Smalley Foundation Committee of the American Oil Chemists' Society, announces that the Drying Oil Check Sample program will be dropped for the 1951-52 season unless a chairman can be obtained for the sub-committee. The chairman should be in the drying oil field and free to handle distribution of samples and tabulation of results. Should any members care to volunteer, they are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bates.

A.O.C.S. CALENDAR

1951—Chicago, Edgewater Beach hotel, Oct. 8-10

1952—Houston, Shamrock hotel, April 28-30.

Cincinnati, Netherlands-Plaza hotel, Oct. 20-22