

Welcome to Chicago

THE Chicago Convention Committee, on the 44th anniversary of the A.O.C.S., has the pleasure of being host to the 27th Annual Fall Meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society, November 2-5, 1953. We wish to extend an invitation to all members, their wives, and guests to join us in making this an outstanding event in the history of the Society.

In reminiscing over the Society's early records, we find that the first two Chicago conventions were held back in 1913 and 1921 and were annual meetings while the third came in 1930 and was the first Fall meeting to be held in Chicago. The headquarters for all three conventions was the Congress hotel.



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As the 1913 records are rather incomplete, we presume that attendance at this first meeting must have been rather small. The 1921 meeting showed an attendance of 75 registrants. During the 1921 convention both F. N. Smalley and T. B. Caldwell obtained some local publicity as their picture appeared in one of Chicago's newspapers because they were the only ones present at a ball game wearing straw hats. Also of interest was the display of the new stationery which Dr. Wesson had designed for the Society.

The 1930 convention drew a total of 125 registrants, and its general chairman was the Society's obedient servant, John Vollertsen. Jack Harris, incidentally, assumed the duties of bowling chairman at this meeting. The outcome of the bowling tournament shows that the Swift Premium Team won the American Oil Chemists' Championship cup, which was donated by A. Daigger and Company, and the American Maize Products Company bowlers walked away with the Nuchar Trophy cup.

In the years that have followed 19 other conventions have been held in Chicago, at which attendance has steadily increased until a record high of 662 was set in 1949. This number did not include any of the ladies and exhibitors present. This record meeting was held at the Edgewater Beach hotel, and its chairman was none other than the Society's present vice president, Charlie

Morris. On this 44th anniversary we are preparing for and striving to break that attendance record.

THE convention this fall will be held in the newly remodeled Sherman hotel, located in the heart of Chicago's Loop. The local committee promises that there will be much to see and do as friends meet and participate in the interesting technical and social program. We sincerely believe that all those who attend will find this convention both stimulating and rewarding.

From the technical angle at this meeting will be presented a record high of 78 papers, obtained from many of our country's leading industrial plants, equipment manufacturers, and outstanding research laboratories. The opening session will be of timely interest as it relates to economic factors in present-day industry. In keeping with the rapid technological developments in solvent extraction, a symposium covering the latest information on this subject will be presented. For those interested in animal nutrition the symposium on the addition of fats to animal feeds is particularly timely as there appears to be a definite need for re-evaluation of this subject. Another symposium to be offered will cover the latest developments on the phenomenon of fat stability as well as other subjects, such as soap, synthetic detergents, drying oils, and derivatives of fats and fatty acids. Also, for the second time [the first was in Houston in 1952] the Society has planned a special student session for the purpose of interesting and helping students in planning for a career in the many and varied industries encompassed by the A.O.C.S. More complete details of this program will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

FROM the social viewpoint a "Cocktail Get-Together" has been arranged for early comers on Sunday evening in the Crystal room of the Sherman hotel. For Monday evening the traditional stag dinner-smoker is planned. During the smoker a constantly changing colored panorama of views of old Chicago will be shown on the walls of the Bal Tabarin room revealing the city's historical highlights. On Tuesday night the dinner-dance will also be held in the beautiful Bal Tabarin room. After dinner dancing will follow till the wee hours.

The ladies' committee, not to be outdone by the men, has planned an interesting and pleasant visit for all ladies attending. One of the unusual events planned will be dinner at the fabulous Pump room of the Ambassador East hotel, located on Chicago's "Magnificent Mile." Also not to be missed will be the all-day bus trip through Chicago's colorful western suburbs, which will end at the world-famous Little Traveler, a quaint country tearoom and shopping nook where luncheon will be served.

The Chicago Convention Committee and all local Society members look forward to meeting you and helping you to enjoy your visit this coming month. Please send your hotel reservation in early, direct to the Sherman hotel, Chicago. Don't forget to mention, when making your reservation, that it is for the American Oil Chemists' Society meeting.

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