



Speakers, students, and committee are lined up for the photographer, in front of the Student Memorial Center at Texas A & M College, where the 1953 Short Course of the American Oil Chemists' Society was held July 27-31 under the chairmanship of J. D. Lindsay.

Success Marks 1953 Short Course at Texas A. M. College

THE fifth Short Course of the American Oil Chemists' Society was held July 27-31, 1953, in the cool and comfortable Memorial Student Center at A & M College of Texas, College Station, Texas. It was attended by approximately 110 enrollees and speakers. Procter Thomson, president of the Society, attended and helped to make the course a success.

Emphasis of the course was on the engineering aspects of processing edible oils. Starting with a general discussion of the "Processing of Edible Oil Suds and Edible Oils" by H. D. Fincher, Anderson, Clayton, and Company, the various steps in processing from oil suds to finished products were discussed in detail by various authorities.

Extraction processes were described by G. H. Hickox, University of Tennessee; John W. Dunning, V. D. Anderson Company; R. P. Hutchins, French Oil Mill Machinery Company; Keator McCubbin, Blaw-Knox Company; and Hunt Moore, consulting engineer. Refining procedures were described by B. H. Thurman, consulting engineer, and Thomas W. Pratt, M. W. Kellogg Company. Jim Hughes, Mrs. Tucker's Products, gave the fundamentals of hydrogenation; and F. B. White, Foster Wheeler Corporation, talked on "Deodorizing and High Vacuum Techniques."

An excellent discussion on the plasticizing of shortening and margarine by N. T. Joyner, Votator Division, Girdler Corporation, emphasized the importance of that subject. Other talks were given on the subjects of "Instrumentation," "Statistical Methods and Quality Control," "Heat Transfer," "Safety," "Process and Boiler Water Treatment," "Materials Handling," "Corrosion and Plant Maintenance," "Filtration," and "Pumping." At the conclusion of the paper on "Safety" by Dick Free, there was considerable discussion on the possibility of a safety code for solvent extraction plants and what such a code should contain.

In the evenings there were two technical movies and "bull sessions" headed by "Doc" Fincher. The latter permitted more and freer discussions than possible in the formal meetings.

On the lighter side of the program there was a trip around the campus, a Southern barbecue, a banquet, and a golf tournament. Those at the banquet were highly entertained by the philosophy and anecdotes of Cayce Moore, a barber from Hearne, Texas.

Twenty-six participated in the golf tournament, and all the players received prizes because of the generosity of many supply companies. Odel J. (Slug) Jones, Western Cottonoil Company, had low score, which gave him first prize.

The meeting closed with a panel discussion which provided answers to many individual questions.

Golf Tournament

THE golf tournament held in conjunction with the 1953 A.O.C.S. Short Course was held July 29 on the A & M College of Texas golf course. O. J. (Slug) Jones was low gross winner and received a Frywell electric fryer, donated by the Houston Laboratories. A total of 26 players participated. The winners, prizes, and names of the firms donating the prizes are as follows:

Low Gross

Position Winner, Prize, and Donor

1. (82)—O. J. Jones, Frywell, Houston Laboratories
2. (83)—W. D. Harris, Toaster, H. Reeve Angel & Co.
3. tie (92)—Kimball Smart, Dozen golf balls, Skelly Oil Co.
3. tie (92)—T. H. Yost, Stainless steel skillet, D. R. Sperry & Co.

Low Net

- 1.—T. J. Barlow, Dozen golf balls, V. D. Anderson Co.
- 2.—W. T. Coleman, Wedge iron, De Laval Separator Co.
- 3.—W. R. Harrington, Scotch cooler, Greene Brothers Supply Co.
- 4.—E. W. Sordelet, Outdoor-Indoor thermometer, W. H. Curtin & Co.
- 5.—G. H. Shipley, Baroguide, Rufert Chemical Div., Harshaw Chemical Co.
- 6.—L. M. Wright, Putter, Sharples Corporation
- 7.—J. D. Ross, Salad bowl, D. R. Sperry & Co.
- 8.—B. I. Thorngren, Hygrometer-Thermometer, Fisher Scientific Co.
- 9.—F. B. White, Serving tray, De Laval Separator Co.
- 10.—T. I. Kennedy, 3 golf balls, De Laval Separator Co.
- 11.—R. A. Stewart, Canasta set, Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.; Ball point pen, Foster D. Snell Inc.
- 12.—O. L. Williams, 3 golf balls, De Laval Separator Co.
- 13.—B. P. Neil, Canasta set, Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.
- 14.—M. H. Bonfanti, Canasta set, Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.
- 15.—W. F. Phillips, Canasta set, Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.
- 16.—R. C. Mathera, 3 golf balls, De Laval Separator Co.

- 17.—Ray F. MacGee, 3 golf balls, De Laval Separator Co.
- 18.—H. E. Klotz, Filter, Sparkler Mfg. Co.
- 19.—J. K. Sikes, Gasoline filter, Sparkler Mfg. Co.
- 20.—W. P. Stadig, Ball point pen, Foster D. Snell Inc.
- 21.—Bill L. Shaw, Ball point pen, Foster D. Snell Inc.
- 22.—Allen Smith, Gasoline filter, Sparkler Mfg. Co.

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Names of students who registered after the August issue of the Journal went to press are as follows:

Jerome M. Crockin, Lukens Steel Company, Coatesville, Pa.
 Victor P. Hoff, Filtrol Corporation, Los Angeles, Calif.
 O. J. Jones, Western Cotton Oil Company, Lubbock, Tex.
 Morris Mattikow, Refining Unine., New York City
 Bentley H. Page, Western Cotton Oil Company, Lubbock, Tex.
 James D. Ross Jr., Lukens Steel Company, Coatesville, Pa.
 Billy Shaw, Western Cotton Oil Company, Abilene, Tex.
 H. L. Tamborini, California Cotton Oil Corporation, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Orville Williams, Western Cotton Oil Company, Abilene, Tex.

PAPERS presented at the 1953 Short Course on July 27-31 at Texas A & M College will be published in a fall issue of the Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society. Bound reprints will be available later, at a price to be set.

This course was the fifth sponsored by the Society, having been preceded by two at the University of Illinois in 1948 and 1949 on edible oils; one at the University of Minnesota, 1950, on drying oils; and one at Rutgers University, 1952, on soaps and detergents. Reprints of the proceedings for these are available as follows: Edible Oils, 1949, \$2; Drying Oils, 1950, \$3; and Soaps and Detergents, 1952, \$3.

Fatty Acids Drop Off

The Association of American Soap and Glycerine Producers Inc. reports that the production of fatty acids in June 1953 totalled 32.7 million pounds, somewhat below the May level, and slightly higher than last year's June figure. Total disposition was 33 million pounds, slightly below the May total, but above last June's 30.6 million level. Stocks increased over the May level to somewhat more than 36 million pounds.



1953 Short Course students gather at the tap for a bit of refreshment.

Classroom Scenes at Short Course



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