

NEWS

Historic San Antonio Offers Many Pleasant Attractions

MEMBERS, their ladies, and guests will find many pleasant surprises awaiting them when they attend the 45th Annual Meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society on April 11-14, 1954, in San Antonio, Texas. Convention headquarters are located in the air-conditioned Plaza hotel, whose manager, Tom Powell, has placed several newly decorated meeting rooms at the disposition of the Society in addition to several hundred remodeled sleeping and studio rooms.

Visitors who arrive early on Sunday may want to stroll along the banks of the San Antonio river, which languidly winds its way through the downtown heart of the city. A beautiful river-level promenade permits walking among the many colorful and lush subtropical plants that will be in full bloom at that time. The next week San Antonio will celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto. At this battle the Texans completely destroyed the Mexican Army in 1836 and insured the freedom of Texas. The city will be gaily decorated in preparation for that important event. Those who can stay longer will be amply repaid by seeing the many picturesque parades, colorful costumes, and general decorations.

Facilities for convention registration will be open after 2 p.m. on Sunday as well as during the sessions. A limited number of guides will be available, also information concerning the various A.O.C.S. functions and places of interest in the area. A complimentary dinner and entertainment in the graceful Mexican manner is provided for Sunday evening. Located in LaVillita, which is an actual village surviving from the times when San Antonio was the capital of a Mexican state, a representative Mexican dinner will be served amid a typical colonial atmosphere, and the evening hours will be made more pleasant by a small group of Mariachis or strolling musicians.

THE three days of business and technical sessions will provide ample opportunity for sociability and informal discussions. Each day the ladies will be invited to participate in some event such as style show, shopping tour, or social luncheon that will be of general interest. Dinners have been arranged for the evenings.

Monday's dinner will be held in the Pearl Corral and will be an old-fashioned, Texas-style barbecue dinner. Entertainment will be provided that carries the diners back to the country pleasures of a Mexican hacienda. An outstanding group of local performers is being engaged to furnish a full evening of dances, songs, and specialty numbers that cannot be seen in any other city of the United States. The Pearl Corral itself is of curious interest. Originally the stable of a brewery, it has been completely reworked and transformed with the ranch-type of decorations into one



MISSION SAN JOSE is outstanding among the old buildings in San Antonio which link the modern city with its glamorous past. It is one of four such historic missions, in addition to the Alamo, which was originally a mission.

of the finest rooms for group entertainment in San Antonio.

On Tuesday the dinner and dance will be held, probably in the Roof Garden of the Plaza hotel, from which an excellent view of the city and its lights is obtained. Tuesday is also the day of the annual golf tournament. Bill Argue is organizing this feature to provide both pleasure and profit to the participants. The Oak Hills Country club has kindly permitted use of their excellent course, clubhouse, and general facilities. Luncheon also may be obtained there before playing begins in the afternoon.

TWO inspection trips, one industrial and the other historic, are being arranged. The industrial trip is through the Southwest Research Institute. This new organization, only six years old, is already the leading scientific research organization in the Southwest. Although figures are no real guide to the true value of the work being performed there, the fact that it employs over 450 people is impressive. Located on a 4,000-acre ranch, a few miles outside the city limits, its scientists and engineers are engaged in almost a hundred separate projects for sponsors located not only in all parts of the United States but also in Mexico and other foreign countries.

Those on the historic trip will visit several of the old missions, which were built by the Spanish padres as part of their program to convert the Indians to Christianity more than 200 years ago. These mission buildings show the type of culture and architecture employed in those days and contain some of the outstanding ornamental sculpture found in this part of Spanish America. The trip will end at the Alamo (only a few blocks from the Plaza hotel), where the participants can see the actual site of that heroic defense by 200 volunteers against the 15,000-man Mexican Army.

After the technical session on Wednesday morning the Award luncheon will be held, at which the Smalley awards and others will be given. The afternoon technical session will close the formal sessions although many will linger on to see more of the city, or to start on other informal trips throughout the state of Texas or Northern Mexico. Local travel representatives will be available to help with these plans, or arrangements can be made before leaving home. The colorful border cities of Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo, and others in Old Mexico are only a few hours away by automobile, train, or plane.

PLEASE NOTE!

A tourist permit (obtainable at any Mexican Consulate for \$3) is necessary to visit the interior of Mexico, and persons who pass more than 15 miles beyond the border must have been vaccinated within three years in order to re-enter the United States. No permit or vaccination is necessary to visit the border cities.

The San Antonio Committee is mailing out cards to all members so that they may indicate which events they will attend, thus permitting the committee to know what arrangements to make. Also, if they choose to pay their fees at this time, it will save time at the registration desk.

Concurrent Sessions to Mark Spring Meeting Program

TECHNICAL papers to the number of about 40, requiring concurrent sessions for the first time in spring meeting history, will make the program for the 45th annual meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society the largest to date. The meeting will be held at the Plaza hotel, San Antonio, Tex., on April 12-14, with committee meetings and a social event on Sunday, April 11. The Governing Board will meet Sunday afternoon with Procter Thomson, outgoing president, in the chair, and again at the close of the three-day technical sessions, with C. E. Morris, incoming president, presiding.

The meeting is in charge of J. S. Swearingen of the Southwest Research Institute, who is assisted by an Institute staff man, C. E. Balleisen, as conference secretary.

W. D. Harris of Texas A & M College is program chairman, assisted by H. D. Fincher of Anderson, Clayton; C. M. Lyman, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; and A. C. Wamble, Texas Engineering Experiment Station. They have been fortunate in obtaining a number of process papers. Titles for the tentative program, as supplied by Dr. Harris, are as follows:

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Monday, April 12

Session A, 1:45 p. m.

1. Technical Developments in the Vegetable Oil Industry, by William Argue and J. W. Hughes, Anderson Clayton and Company, Houston, Tex.
2. Economic Status of the Fats and Oils Industry, by Robert M. Walsh, Market Development Branch, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C.
3. Prepress-Solvent Extraction of Cottonseed. Processing Conditions and Characteristics of Products, by Walter A.



SPANISH GOVERNORS' PALACE is located on the west side of the Military Plaza in San Antonio. Its keystone bears the Hapsburg coat-of-arms and the date 1479. Inside the inner patio are flowering shrubs and a wishing well.

Pons Jr., F. H. Thurber, and Carroll L. Hoffpauir, Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans, La.

4. Solvent Extraction of Granular Cottonseed Cake, by Earl T. Anderson and Keator McCubbin, Blaw-Knox Company, Chicago, Ill.
5. The Extraction of Oil from Sesame Seed, by J. W. Dunning, V. D. Anderson Company, Cleveland, O.
6. Solvent Extraction of Cottonseed Meats, by L. K. Arnold and W. G. Juhl, Iowa State College, Ames, Ia.

Session B, 2:50 p. m.

7. Synthetic Detergents from Animal Fats. The Sulfation of Tallow Alcohols, by J. K. Weil, A. J. Stirton, and R. G. Bistline Jr., Eastern Regional Research Laboratory, Philadelphia, Pa.
8. Reactions of Fatty Materials with Oxygen. XVI. Relation of Hydroperoxide and Chemical Peroxide Content to Total Oxygen Absorbed in Autoxidation of Methyl Oleate, by D. H. Saunders, C. Ricciuti, and Daniel Swern, E.R.R.L., Philadelphia, Pa.
9. Analysis of Fat Acid Oxidation Products by Counter-current Distribution Methods. V. Low Temperature Decomposition of Methyl Linoleate Hydroperoxide, by K. T. Zileh, J. A. Cannon, E. H. Melvin, and H. J. Dutton, Northern Regional Research Laboratory, Peoria, Ill.
10. Displacement Chromatographic Separation of Glycerides, James G. Hamilton and Ralph T. Holman, Texas A & M College, College Station, Tex.

Tuesday, April 13

Session A, 9 a. m.

11. Production and Processing of Molecular-Modified Lard, by E. W. Sordelet, W. G. Reece, and R. J. Vander Wal, Armour and Company, Chicago, Ill.
12. Composition and Products of a Rearranged Lard, by Francis E. Luddy, Steward G. Morris, Paul Magidman, and R. W. Riemenschneider, E.R.R.L., Philadelphia, Pa.
13. Effect of Agitation on Stability of Hydrogenated Soybean Oil, by R. E. Beal and E. B. Lancaster, N.R.R.L., Peoria, Ill.
14. Isomerization During Hydrogenation. I. Oleic Acid, by R. R. Allen and A. A. Kiess, Armour and Company, Chicago, Ill.
15. Sonic and Ultrasonic Cavitation in Vegetable Oil Processing, by B. F. Teasdale, Canada Packers Ltd. and the Separon Corporation.
16. Pigments of Crude Cottonseed Oils and the Inhibition of Color Reversion in These Oils, by J. M. Dechary, R. P. Kupperman, F. H. Thurber, and R. T. O'Connor, S.R.R.L., New Orleans, La.
17. Effect of pH During Cooking of Cottonseed on the Properties of Meals and Oils, by W. H. King, L. T. Wolford,