A. O. C. S. Commentary

# THE PAUL BUNYAN MEETING

YOUR Society will hold its 28th Fall Meeting in Minneapolis on October 11, 12, and 13. This first visit of the A.O.C.S. to the Land of the Sky Blue Waters has been planned to make history—by offering a technical and entertainment program unsurpassed by any previous convention. Our Society draws its strength from a membership spread over 43 countries. We feel sure that many of our illustrious foreign colleagues will be able to join us in October. May they all consider this a personal invitation! Certainly to facilitate the interchange of knowledge between peoples is to promote goodwill among all men.



Minnesota's legendary hero and native son has been chosen as the theme for this convention. Lumberjacks insist that PAUL BUNYAN was the greatest American who ever lived, as well as the mightiest and the biggest. You can be sure that the PAUL BUNYAN MEETING will be the greatest in the annals of your Society. So swears the committee by their collective BUNYAN beards.

The technical program is by far the most ambitious ever presented. This could easily have been a five-day convention. It is regrettable that time does not permit the presentation of all the fine papers submitted. By use of concurrent sessions a record high of 80 to 90 papers will be given. Adequate allowance for discussion periods is being made. Highlights of the technical program will be the four symposia of invited speakers, all eminent authorities in their respective fields. The symposia alone are worth the trip. They are entitled: New Analytical Methods for Fats and Oils, Applied Research on the Utilization of Surfactants, Drying Oils, and Pollution and Waste Disposal. General papers will cover detergents, oil refining, edible oil technology,

oxidative and heat polymerization, cereal lipids, phosphatides, antioxidants, epoxidation, market studies, and a variety of other subjects. Trophies will be awarded for the best papers in the general sessions and in the symposia. It is hoped that this innovation will induce speakers to prepare carefully and to exert not merely herculean but BUNYAN efforts.

CLOSELY integrated with the technical program are two conducted field trips. One is to the new \$3,000,000 research laboratory of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company. The other is to the new combination prepressing-solvent extraction plant of the Minnesota Linseed Oil Company. If you are so inclined, you may also visit such places as the Grain Exchange, one of the many flour mills, or some of the fine research laboratories or industrial establishments in the area. Particularly recommended for those who drive is the Hormel Institute of the University of Minnesota at Austin.

Adjacent to the meeting halls will be 32 booths of commercial exhibits. Companies from all over the nation will show the latest in tools, techniques, and material. Here is the chance for you to look over the latest time- and labor-saving devices.

The women's activities are being planned by Mrs. S. O. Sorensen and her able court of assistants. Among other things, plans call for a trip through the famous Betty Crocker Kitchens, a tour of the beautiful Lake Minnetonka area and the great estates surrounding it, a tea at the International House in St. Paul, and a luncheon at Charlie's Cafe Exceptionale, said to be the nation's best. Yes, bring your wife to the PAUL BUNYAN MEETING.

We're emphasizing the technical aspects of the convention, but you can be sure that the entertainment will be the best available. And the food will be the best obtainable anywhere. For early arrivals there will be an Archer-Daniels-Midland Company-sponsored Sunday night buffet supper with its customary scientific and pseudo-scientific bull-sessions. And then Monday night we'll get together at the biggest smorgasbord this side of Stockholm. Best of all, it's part of our registration so we'll all be there. Tuesday night the traditional banquet and dance will be held.

Because of the heavy registration expected, it is advisable to get your hotel reservation early. The convention hotel is the Radisson. Space has also been reserved at the Curtis and the Learnington. Preregistration by mail is planned as a convenience to you. A form will be mailed to all members. It is also printed elsewhere in this issue. You can designate the functions you wish to attend, and a packet will await your arrival. Your cooperation in advance registration will help us to plan a smoothly running convention and will save you time and annoyance upon arrival.

THE opportunists among you will plan to come early or stay late and enjoy as much as possible of this great state. The sightseer may thrill to the multi-colored bluffs of the Mississippi, the valley of the St. Croix, the ageless grandeur of the incomparable North Shore and the immortal Gitche Gumee. The sportsman may partake of the fish of the 10,000 lakes or the grouse of the wood. The really rugged may, like the voyageurs of yesteryear, venture far amongst the island forests primeval of the roadless Arrowhead and the Canadian Quetico. We will be glad to help you plan your route

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if you come by automobile. Just write, and we will send a marked map.

We on the committee are sure that the PAUL BUNYAN MEETING will be the best in the history of our Society. But only you can help us make it a success. Come to our beautiful City of Lakes in the autumnal glory of the Indian summer. Join your colleagues from the world over. Be inspired by their wisdom and let them be inspired by yours. Be refreshed by the multitude of things new, by visions of scientific frontiers to be opened and explored, and by the natural wonder that is this Northland. Yes, come and bring your friends. And bring your wife, too. She deserves that vacation.

You'll be glad you came.

JAMES C. KONEN General Chairman.

## Congratulations!

Two issues of the new Egyptian publication, Oil and Soap, have been received by the national headquarters of the American Oil Chemists' Society. Some of the editorial text is printed in English. Editor is M. El Moallim; and president of the Egyptian Oil and Soap Technological Association is Issa A. El Sherbini. The latter is with the Egyptian Salt and Soda Company of Alexandria.

#### Greetings to New French Revue

THE monthly information bulletin of the Institut des Corps Gras of Paris, France, has been replaced by a revue called Revue Francaise des Corps Gras, according to word received recently from P. Merat, director. Greetings to the new Revue have been sent by the president of the American Oil Chemists' Society, C. E. Morris, who is with Armour and Company, Chicago, Ill.

## Publish List of Inventions

A volume listing 775 government-owned inventions in the field of instrumentation, with a brief description of each, is announced by Archie M. Palmer, chairman of the Government Patents Board, Washington, D. C. These inventions are ordinarily available to the public on a royalty-free license basis. Each listing bears the patent number, title of invention, name of inventor, and name of government agency administering the patent.

