

# NEWS

## Philadelphia Attracts Attendance of 613

AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, the 29th annual fall meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society in Philadelphia at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel proved to be brimful of good technical papers, social sparkle, and committee conferences. Attendance reached a total of 613, broken down into 320 members, 45 exhibitors, 49 non-members, 46 speakers, 72 ladies, 27 students, and one-day registrants: 19 members and 35 non-members. Besides Washington, D. C., there were representatives from 25 states and six foreign countries, Canada, Mexico, England, Germany, New Zealand, and South Africa.

Many compliments were paid to the Philadelphia convention committees, but the general chairman, P. E. Ronzone, said that the real thanks for a successful meeting should be given to the registrants, without whom, "even with the best preparation and organization, the convention would have fallen flat on its face."

With a succession of perfect fall days, clear, sunny, even warm, the ladies went out happily each day for a jaunt. On Monday, the 10th, they first enjoyed a continental breakfast in the North Garden Lounge of the Bellevue-Stratford hotel and later set forth on an historical tour of Philadelphia. After lunching at the Paoli Inn, they made the tour to Valley Forge, famous headquarters of the Revolutionary Army. Tuesday was devoted to the Longwood Garden tour and luncheon at the Red Rose Inn. Wednesday was free for sight-seeing and/or shopping.

Committee ladies were Mrs. F. H. Smith, chairman, and Meses. P. E. Ronzone, W. C. Ault, E. M. James, R. W. Riemenschneider, Allen Greenlaw, Frank Shea, Daniel Swern, and Otto Renner.

A TOTAL of 56 technical papers was presented, an account of which will be presented by Daniel Swern and A. J. Stirton in the December issue of the Journal. W. C. Ault was program chairman, assisted by B. F. Daubert, J. Fred Gerecht, F. W. Keith Jr., H. McGuine, R. W. Riemenschneider, and J. T. Scanlan. Students from Drexel Institute and Pennsylvania Military College attended a special session planned for them.

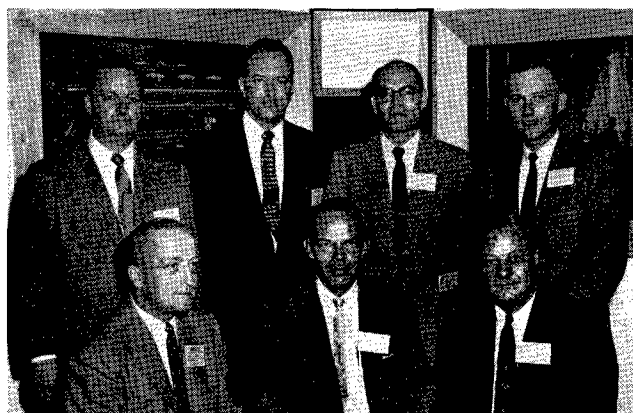


**PHILADELPHIA CHAIRMEN**—Four of the key personnel of the convention committee were bagged for this shot: Frederick H. Smith, chairman, hotel and registration; P. E. Ronzone, general chairman and exhibits chairman; Charles Ambler, treasurer; and Mrs. Smith, ladies' chairman.

## Hosts in Philadelphia



**SHARPLES**—On Sunday evening, October 9, members and guests of the American Oil Chemists' Society enjoyed a cocktail party and buffet supper sponsored by the Sharples Corporation. Among those who helped with arrangements are (first row, left to right): A. U. Ayres, W. H. Craig, J. T. Costigan, and H. H. LaMent; (second row) K. M. Hauser Jr., D. K. Hart, T. H. Little, and C. M. Ambler.



**DISTILLATION PRODUCTS**—On Monday evening, October 10, the cocktail party was sponsored by DPI, some of whose delegation are shown above: (seated) R. L. Edwards, N. D. Embree, and G. C. Mees; M. I. Van Graafeiland, W. J. Simecox, N. H. Kuhrt, and J. F. Hanrahan.

Under F. H. Smith, chairman of hotel and registration, L. D. Jones handled entertainment, A. U. Ayres, registration, J. T. Costigan, Sunday evening, Robert Edwards, Monday evening, T. H. Little, Tuesday banquet, John Preston, committee rooms, and Lee Sender, technical session facilities. Phyllis Blue and Irene Urb assisted with registration and Society details, through the courtesy of their bosses.

The courtesy parties sponsored by the Sharples Corporation and Distillation Products Industries, respectively, on Sunday and Monday evenings were crush affairs, barely penetrable by even a football scrimmage type of approach. And the banquet on Tuesday was a delightful blend of good food and entertainment, what with Bavarian folk dances in costume and props such as real axes, a saw, and a log, dancing to an excellent orchestra, and scintillating stunts by Peggy Alexander, an exotic combination of singer, dancer, and impresario. Her ability to remember names, couple names and faces, and direct more or less sedate chemists in fast-stepping antics was remarkable—and hilarious!

**EXHIBITORS** numbered 27: American Spirits Company, American Optical Company, V. D. Anderson Company, H. Reeve Angel and Company Inc., Atlas Powder Company (Darco), Bird Machine Company, Blaw-Knox Company, C. A. Brinkmann and Company, Commercial Filters Corporation, Curry and Paxton Inc., De Laval Separator Company, Distillation Products Industries, Girdler Company (Votator Division), Harshaw Chemical Company, Hercules Filter Corporation, Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., Industrial Chemical Sales, Kimble Glass Company, A. S. La Pine and Company, Moisture Register Com-



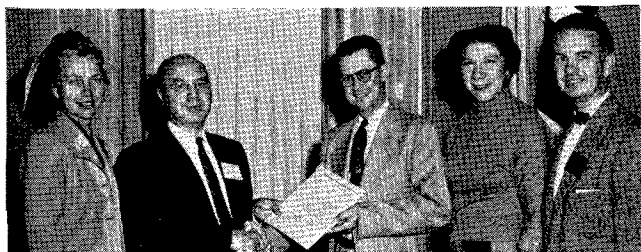
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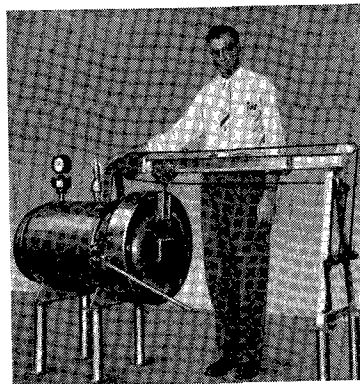
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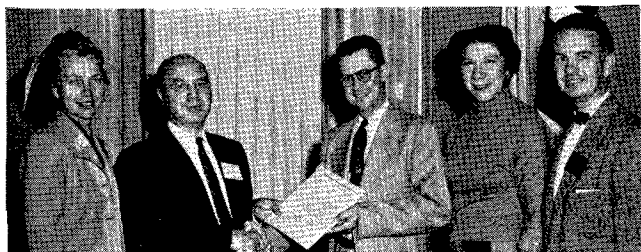
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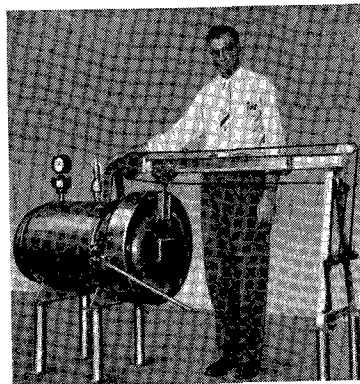
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